

## **Family Learners of the Year Award Winner**

### **The Graham Family, Lancashire**

Lisa Graham – I was put in care when I was 18 months old, when I left care at 17 I was in quite a lot of trouble, I was taking drugs.

Caroline Hesford (Lancashire Adult Learning) – She had two children and went into prison for a while and then she came out and tried to re-build her life and had another child.

Lisa Graham – Through all this I always tried to be a good mum to Danielle and Lee, my two older children but I know I wasn't being a good mum because of what I was using.

Dorothy Roe (Home Start) – Everybody expects them to be able to parent and they don't necessarily know how to, where were their role models.

Caroline Hesford (Lancashire Adult Learning) – She has had to learn all her parenting skills from coming to classes like this.

Lisa Graham – It was the best move I ever made in my life because the support I've had since I've been coming has been amazing. There's always been someone there. I've just finished a jewellery making course.

Caroline Hesford (Lancashire Adult Learning) – Elliah is a very much more confident child, very very capable and she wants to try everything in the room.

Lisa Graham – Its not just seeing myself changing, I feel so much better, I feel like before I hated myself.

Caroline Hesford (Lancashire Adult Learning) – She feels confident enough now to go onto a numeracy and literacy course.

Lisa Graham – I'd like to be a volunteer to put a bit back into the Home Start, like all the things that they've helped me do.