

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

### **TO THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

(Accompanying Receipts and Payments Accounts for Financial Year ending 31/12/23)

#### *1. Administrative Details*

**Charity Name:** Within Reach

**Charity Commission Registration No:** 1058433

**Charity's Principal Address:** 8 Clifton Way

Retford

Notts DN22 7YE

**Names of Trustees:** Jennifer Jones (Deceased June 2024)

Sian Kingsbury

Mary Rewers (Director)

#### *2. Structure, Governance, Management*

**Governing Document:** Trust Deed, 03/06/1996

Supplemental Deed, 17/09/1996

**Trustee Selection Method:** New trustees are appointed by consensus of the Trustees

#### *3. Child Safeguarding*

A Child Safeguarding Policy is in place.

#### *4. Objectives and Activities*

##### **Objects of the charity:**

- To relieve children and young adults who have learning difficulties or special needs or who have physical or mental disabilities by assisting in the provision of educational and recreational activities.
- The advancement of health in children and young adults who have learning difficulties or special needs or who have physical or mental disabilities by assisting in the provision of items and services including medical treatment, care and physiotherapy.
- The relief of those in need by reason of disability through the provision of equipment including wheelchairs and splints, or accommodation.

##### **Activities**

Within Reach supports the work of The Sheepfold Home and Day Centre in Beit

Sahour, Bethlehem, West Bank, whose activities include:

- ☐ The day centre which provides special education classes for children and young people with learning difficulties and physical disabilities; and developmental activities for children and young people with profound and multiple handicaps;
- ☐ Residential care for one or two severely physically disabled young people where day care cannot meet the need, usually due to neglect or severe disability;
- ☐ Providing subsidised transportation (free for the most needy) for the day children to enable them to come on a regular basis; and
- ☐ Providing physiotherapy; humanitarian and medical aid for needy disabled children and young people at the Sheepfold and their families; as well as helping to provide rehabilitation aids, eg wheelchairs for them.

### **ACHIEVEMENT PERFORMANCE 2023**

Within Reach supports The Sheepfold's work with disadvantaged children and young people with disabilities in the Bethlehem area, West Bank.

By the grace of God we have been able to continue the humanitarian aid and rehabilitation programme by providing monthly aid in the form of medications, disposable nappies, medical expenses to a number of children and young people; physiotherapy, and also residential care costs for a severely disabled young lady.

Humanitarian and Rehabilitation Aid Programme It was a joy and privilege to be able to continue helping needy children and their families in this way. The humanitarian aid includes medications, medical expenses and diapers; and the rehabilitation aid provides physiotherapy, wheelchairs and other aids as needed.

A number of severely disabled children/young people were helped in 2023 on a monthly basis through the provision of diapers, medications and medical expenses, according to need. Two children were provided with physiotherapy in their homes. All of those helped come from very poor families.

In addition, occasional help with medications, medical fees/expenses, and other essentials were provided to others of the Sheepfold's disadvantaged children and their families.

October 23 The day centre was closed due to the military closure of Bethlehem following the war in Gaza. Physiotherapy in children's homes continued along with the monthly supply of medications and diapers to needy children and young people in the Sheepfold's care.

## **Finances**

Income 2023: In 2023 £42,984 was received. The annual income was boosted by a legacy donation of £18,300 from Jenny Thomas, a dear friend and long-time trustee and supporter of the Sheepfold.

Expenditure: In 2023 expenditure totalled £15,659, and a balance of £27,325 was carried forward to the 2024 account.

## **Sources of Income**

Most long-term supporters/sources of support continued. The First Century

Foundations Charity in Canada very generously donated towards the humanitarian/rehabilitation aid program; ABCD

(Action around Bethlehem for Children with Disabilities) now donates quarterly; a number of churches donated once or twice in the year; and our faithful individual supporters continued their vital, generous support.

Thank God that despite these very challenging times, the Sheepfold was able to carry on its outreach through humanitarian and rehabilitation aid to disadvantaged and disabled children and young people in the Bethlehem area, touching and transforming their lives and giving them dignity, value and hope.

## WITHIN REACH

Supporting The Sheepfold's Ministry to Children & Young People with Special Needs, Bethlehem

### Income and Expenditure Account 2023

#### Expenditure

Transport	£ 2,490.01
Vehicle Expenses	£ 339.37
Day Centre Expenses	£ -
Office/Admin	£ 514.15
Utilities	£ 1,070.19
Household	£ 14.91
Renovations	£ -
Maintenance	£ 127.53
Wages/Allowance	£ 7,259.05
Giving	£ 464.00
Humanitarian & Rehabilitation aid	£ 3,380.07
End of Service Pay	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£ 15,659.29</u></b>

#### Income

Balance B/F from 2022	£ 4,838.07
General Donations	£ 26,072.41
ABCD @£1000 quarterly	£ 4,000.00
First Century Foundations	£ 5,349.00
St Richard's, Hanworth	£ 1,225.00
St Botolph's	£ 1,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£ 42,984.48</u></b>

### Balance Sheet 2023

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Total Expenditure	- £ 15,659.29
	<b><u>£ 27,325.19</u></b>

**Therefore a balance of £27,325.19 was carried forward to the 2024 account**

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*Akram Abu Zuhair*

21.09.2024

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

**Report on the accounts of Within Reach, charity registration No 1058433, for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, which are attached**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name:

Akam Abu Zuluf

Signed:

Akam Abu Zuluf

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Address:

Beit Sahour

Date:

21.09.2024

