

# CRY IN THE DARK

England & Wales - Charity number 1071517

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1998-09-14

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO RELIEVE CHILDREN AND ADULTS WORLD-WIDE, PARTICULARLY IN ROMANIA AND EASTERN EUROPE, BY THE PROVISION OF SUCH FACULTIES AND SERVICES AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE.

**Activities:** The primary beneficiaries are 22 young adults with special needs at Casa Lumina Romania. For whom this is their home. It is a model in the region for the care of those with special needs. Children's Hospice Lumina for children with terminal or life limiting illness and base for community palliative care services in the Bacau region Romania. Working in Ukraine helping those displaced by the war

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Accommodation/housing, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WORLD-WIDE, PARTICULARLY IN ROMANIA AND EASTERN EUROPE
- Romania
- Ukraine

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£325,807	£244,116	-	-
2024-03-31	£192,098	£181,325	-	-
2023-03-31	£183,000	£242,000	-	-
2022-03-31	£235,787	£213,156	-	-
2021-03-31	£214,907	£168,172	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Catherine Lasky		2022-11-19
Dr Louise Chanarin		2016-11-19
ELAINE LINDA CORNWALL NNEB		2015-11-21
Stanley Harrison		2019-01-12

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# Accounts

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**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**Charity registration number 1071517**

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*We are a Christian charity whose desire is to help all regardless of colour, creed or faith.  
We operate using Christian principles, which means sharing the love of Jesus through action and words wherever it is  
needed and sought.*

**Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these".  
Luke 18 v 16 (NIV) Paraphrased**

**CRY IN THE DARK****CHARITY INFORMATION****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Charity registration number: 1071517

Governed by trust deed dated 18 May 1998 (as subsequently amended).

Objects:

The objective of the charity as set out in the constitution is:

To relieve children and adults worldwide in need, particularly in Romania and Eastern Europe, by the provision of such facilities and services as the trustees shall from time to time decide.

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Trustees during the year ended 31 March 2024:

Bernie Andrews (Chair of Trustees)  
Elaine Cornwall (Secretary)  
Louise Chanarin  
Stanley Harrison  
Catherine Lasky

Further details of trustees serving at the date of this report and recent changes are shown separately on page 2.

CEO and Founder:

Steve Cooper

Independent examiner

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Organisations benefiting from grants during the period ended 31 March 2024:

Asociatia Lumina  
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Website: [www.asociatialumina.eu](http://www.asociatialumina.eu)

**CRY IN THE DARK****TRUSTEES SERVING AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF  
THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 2025**

**Bernie Andrews:** Appointed. Charity Chair of Trustees

**Elaine Cornwall:** Appointed November, 2015. Charity Secretary

**Stanley Harrison:** Appointed

**Louise Chanarin:** Appointed

**Catherine Lasky:** Appointed November 2023. Charity Secretary

**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies on page 9 and comply with the charity's constitution, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

**Organisational structure**

The trustees determine the overall policy of the charity with the day-to-day management delegated to the CEO Steven Cooper and Charity Manager Beth Frimpong.

The trustees meet on a two monthly basis or more often if activity shall so require. The trustees determine the level of grants payable.

Trustees serving during the period to 31 March 2025 are shown on page 1. Trustees are elected by the members. Details of trustees serving at the date of this report are shown on pages 1 and 2.

Trustees provided their services free of charge.

**Statement on risks**

The trustees actively review the major risks that the charity faces on a regular basis in three areas:

- Operational performance.
- Achievement of aims and objectives.
- Meeting expectations of our beneficiaries and supporters.

Further work is being undertaken to ensure that appropriate controls are in place to mitigate significant risks.

**The Charity's Aims**

To relieve the suffering of children and adults worldwide, particularly in Romania, by the provision of such facilities and services as the Trustees shall decide.

**Objects**

- To operate a home for life (Casa Lumina) for 22 orphaned special needs young adults in Comanesti Romania.
- To operate a multi-disciplinary palliative care service for Children and adults (Hospice Lumina).
- To operate a volunteer and out -reach programme to the poor in the region utilising (Casa Albert) as its operational base in Bacau, for project "Hope".

Cry in the Dark is a UK based Christian charity founded in September 1998 to provide life-long care for 24 orphaned special needs Romanian children, through the project Casa Lumina. In 2005 the vision for Cry in the Dark was expanded to offer medical and social care to other children and young people in the region suffering from life-limiting illness and support to their families – project Hospice Lumina.

Cry in the Dark currently works directly in Romania, through the local charity Asociatia Lumina of which Steven Cooper, Cry in the Dark's CEO is a board member. Through this partnership, Cry in the dark has established and maintained both projects with purpose-built accommodation operated by local professional staff.

The charity is characterised by a small highly motivated staff in the UK, raising awareness and funding for the charity, as well as spending up to four months a year in Romania, working directly with all three projects plus, giving part time administrative support. In addition, a critical aspect to the on-going success and sustainability of this work has been the willingness of UK volunteers to fund trips to all three projects and engage in direct work with the children and young people and helping construction and maintenance at the project sites.

### Review of the year

This has been a good year for Cry in the Dark; however, it has not been without its challenges. We have maintained and sustained the activities we provide in Romania while strengthening our relationship with supporters here in the United Kingdom.

We have been blessed with faithful supporters and significant grants, which, along with the Romanian fundraising operation, have enabled our work to continue in Romania and Ukraine.

Due to the economic situation in the UK and the war in Ukraine, our operations and work have been impacted. As a charity, our primary objects remained the same, with both projects continuing to provide efficient and effective care throughout this challenging year. Namely Casa Lumina and Hospice Lumina:

- **Casa Lumina** our residential home for life for 23 special needs young adults in Comanesti Romania.

We are pleased that Casa Lumina continues to maintain high levels of individualised care and development.

- **Hospice Lumina** the multi-disciplinary hospice/palliative care service for children and young adults in Bacau, Romania. This project serves, Bacau County and the three surrounding counties of Vasalui, Neamt and Vrancea and provides for 120 children and young adults each month. Throughout the year ending 31 March 2025, there has been continued provision, in line with the Romanian health service guidance and laws.

The need for such services continues to grow in this region and beyond and we hope to expand the services further in the near future with the help of our Romanian partner Asociatia Lumina. Their director, Mihaela Dumitrache has secured grants for innovative work at the hospice and within the community of Bacau. Creative projects for children and their parents and some local community campaigns about disability.

- **Casa Albert** has become a base for supporters and volunteers from the UK to visit and participate in the activities of the charity and this has been essential in providing valuable income as well as, a powerful experience of the compassionate care that is at the heart of Cry in The Dark's objectives. Volunteers throughout the year have also helped with the Ukrainian summer camp, which welcomed 2 groups of Ukrainian children to participate in our summer holiday camp in Romania.

The UK Christmas volunteers who stayed at Casa Albert helped distribute over 500 Christmas shoeboxes in Romania and provided essential aid to a Ukrainian orphanage.

- **Project Hope** is our outreach project to a rural Roma village in Bacau County and is home to over 1000 children and around 200 families.

We have been working there for over ten years and have established a strong working relationship with the children and the adults in this community. This Christmas, we enjoyed a wonderful morning of Christmas activities with the children and their families.

- **Cycling event**. In March 2025, Cry in the Dark ran a fundraising event in the USA, which saw 12 volunteers cycle from Los Angeles to Las Vegas, via Death Valley. This was a hugely successful event for Cry in the Dark, and we are so grateful for the support the riders received.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees can I express our deep appreciation to our supporters and friends, to the staff teams in Romania, to Beth Frimpong our charity manager/coordinator of volunteers, and to Steve Cooper CEO who continue to passionately be at the heart of all the work that happens at Cry in the Dark.

## **Cry in the Dark Partner Organisations**

### **Asociatia Lumina, Romania**

Asociatia Lumina is an independently constituted charity existing and regulated under the relevant statutes governing non-government organisations in Romania and reporting to its own Board of Trustees.

Beth Frimpong, Cry in The Dark's manager is a board member of Asociatia Lumina.

Representation on Asociatia Lumina's Board of Trustees enables Cry in The Dark to oversee and participate in key decisions in relation to how the grant monies it provides are used and disbursed on the designated projects. Asociatia Lumina remains however an autonomous entity able to raise funds in its own right and to pursue its own independent objectives.

None of the trustees of Cry in The Dark receives remuneration or other financial reward or benefit in kind from Cry in The Dark's connections with Asociatia Lumina.

The charity has been Cry in The Dark's principal partner in Romania since inception and the two charities share a common ethos and faith-based principles.

Asociatia Lumina is responsible for the on the ground management and delivery of the following projects for which Cry in The Dark is the main grant provider:

- Case Lumina – a residential home for special needs young people in Comanesti.
- Casa Albert - facilities for education and accommodation for volunteers.
- Hospice Lumina – Providing in-patient respite and terminal care for children and providing a Hospice community service to children and their families in Bacau and the surrounding counties.

From October 2006, Cry in The Dark together with Asociatia Lumina began to collaborate with Hospices of Hope UK and its partner organisation in Romania, Asociatia Speranti to establish a community palliative care team that would support children, young people and their families in the Bacau area.

No conflicts of interest have arisen between Cry in The Dark and Asociatia Lumina over the period under review and no disputes exist between the two organisations.

Each year, in compliance with the applicable local regulations, Asociatia Lumina produces statements showing its financial results for the preceding 12 months and a balance sheet as at 31 December which it submits to the Romanian Ministry of Public Finance. These reports are published in Romania.

### **Investment policy**

As in previous years, the policy of the charity was to keep surplus liquid funds in short term deposits that can be accessed easily to be in a position to respond to needs as they arise. The policy is regularly reviewed depending on the level of reserves.

### **Reserves and assets**

The trustees continued to review the charity's reserves policy and it was agreed that a policy of operating on the basis of maintaining a level of unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover at least working capital requirements on day-to-day activities for six months may be prudently adopted.

To monitor financial performance trustee's review 6 -12 months cash flow projections for anticipated income and expenditure on a rolling monthly basis and were satisfied that all things being equal at the date of this report reserves were sufficient to sustain the operations of the charity to March 2025 and beyond.

The Charity's policy of not entering into contractual commitments that exceed its then available resources is unchanged.

**Grant making policy**

The charity achieves its objectives partly through making grants to local partner organisations. Grants are awarded at the discretion of the trustees and are monitored on a regular basis.

**Trustees' responsibilities for the financial statements**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the report of the trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 1993, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

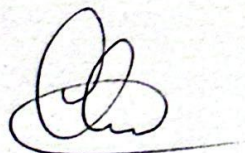
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by: -

Trustee.



Date.....10/1/26.....



**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

**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 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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.

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Date : 15/12/2025

**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

		<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Note</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>2024/2025</i>	<i>2023/2024</i>
				<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
<i>Voluntary income</i>					
Donations	2	154,810	580	155,390	157,350
Legacies	2	69,315	-	69,315	432
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>					
Income from fundraising activities	2	67,509	-	67,509	18,268
Investment income: interest receivable		628	-	628	767
<i>Other income</i>					
Other income (HMRC Grants)		32,965		32,965	15,281
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>325,228</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>325,808</b>	<b>192,098</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>					
Cost of generating funds (including donations), fundraising and publicity		68,355	-	68,355	34,501
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Provision of services to children in Romania		159,092	12,120	171,212	144,827
Governance costs		4,549	-	4,549	1,996
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>231,996</b>	<b>12,120</b>	<b>244,116</b>	<b>181,324</b>
<b>Net outgoing resources</b>		<b>93,231</b>	<b>(11,540)</b>	<b>81,691</b>	<b>10,774</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>139,312</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>139,312</b>	<b>128,538</b>
<b>Prior Year adjustment</b>				<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>232,543</b>	<b>(11,540)</b>	<b>221,003</b>	<b>139,312</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	2024/2025		2023/2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	6		-		-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	3,827		3,827	
Payroll prepayments		-		277	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>226,611</u>		<u>136,891</u>	
		230,438		140,995	
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	<u>(9,436)</u>		<u>(1,684)</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>221,002</u>		<u>139,311</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>221,002</u>		<u>139,311</u>
<b>CHARITABLE FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	9		232,543		127,673
Restricted funds	9		<u>(11,540)</u>		<u>11,638</u>
			<u>221,003</u>		<u>139,311</u>

Approved by the trustees on 12/1/26 and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee



Trustee



**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), The Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

**Incoming resources**

Donations and other incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the SOFA when receivable.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from tax claims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
- Incoming resources from fundraising are reported gross in the SOFA.

**Resources expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs are those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include accountants' fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

**Funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for the use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general activities of the charity.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate.

**Foreign currency**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All exchange differences are taken to the SOFA.

**Fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life as follows:

Office equipment            3 years

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2. INCOMING RESOURCES	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
			<i>2024/2025</i>	<i>2023/2024</i>
	£	£	£	£
<i>Donations:</i>				
Cry Partner, Prieten Donations, Gift aid	80,251	580	80,831	82,310
Other donations	74,558	-	74,558	75,040
Legacies	69,315	-	69,315	432
	<b>224,125</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>224,705</b>	<b>157,782</b>
Income from fundraising activities	67,509		67,509	18,268
HMRC Grants received	32,965		32,965	15,281
Bank Interest Received	628		628	767
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>325,228</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>325,808</b>	<b>192,098</b>
3. RESOURCES EXPENDED	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
			<i>2024/2025</i>	<i>2023/2024</i>
	£	£	£	£
<i>Fundraising and publicity</i>				
Wages, pension contributions and National Insurance	17,489	-	17,489	9,945
Fundraising expenses	50,866	-	50,866	24,556
	<b>68,355</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68,355</b>	<b>34,501</b>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

<i>Provision of services to children in Romania</i>	-	-	-	-
Casa Albert hospice project costs	17,466	-	17,466	6,957
Casa Lumina project running costs	89,729	-	89,729	82,636
Ukraine project running costs including salaries apportionmer	-	12,120	12,120	11,493
Travel and subsistence	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous purchases	-	-	-	-
Office expenses	8,626	-	8,626	7,359
Wages, pension contributions and National Insurance	42,484	-	42,484	36,131
Bank charges	787	-	787	251
Exchange difference	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-
	<b>159,092</b>	<b>12,120</b>	<b>171,212</b>	<b>144,827</b>
<i>Governance costs</i>				
Wages, pension contributions and National Insurance	83	-	83	143
Annual General Meeting/Governance Training costs	241	-	241	354
Independent examination/Profesional fees	2,388	-	2,388	1,499
Other Expenses (Wings of Victory, Sundry exp)	1,837	-	1,837	-
	<b>4,549</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,549</b>	<b>1,996</b>
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>231,996</b>	<b>12,120</b>	<b>244,116</b>	<b>181,324</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			<b>325,808</b>	
<b>LESS</b>				
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			<b>(244,116)</b>	
<b>NET INCOME THIS YEAR</b>			<b>81,691</b>	

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

## 4. GRANTS PAYABLE

During the period, regular grants totalling £3,326 (2024: £2,575) were paid to Asociatia Lumina in Romania to support the running costs of the Casa Lumina children's orphanage in Comanesti. In addition, further grants and expenses totalling £57,100 (2024: £56,640) were made on behalf of the same organisation towards the legal, professional, foundation and construction costs of a children's hospice in Luncani, Bacau County, Romania - "Casa Albert".

## 5. STAFF COSTS

	2024/2025	2023/2024
	£	£
The charity has two full-time employees. Total staff costs in the period were as follows:		
Wages and salaries	79,702	79,702
Employer's National Insurance	8,352	8,352
Government NIC allowance	(5,000)	(5,000)
Employer's pension contributions	4,230	4,230
Wages adjustment	-	-
	87,283	87,284

No member of the board of trustees received any remuneration in respect of their services during the year (2024: nil).

## 6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment £
<b>Cost:</b>	
As at 1 April 2014	15,028
Additions	-
As at 31 March 2015	15,028
<b>Accumulated depreciation:</b>	
As at 1 April 2020	15,028
Charge for the period	-
As at 31 March 2021	15,028
<b>Net book value:</b>	
As at 31 March 2025	-
As at 31 March 2024	-

**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	<i>2024/2025</i>	<i>2023/2024</i>		
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
<b>7. DEBTORS</b>				
HMRC claims Gift Aid due	-	-		
Reconciliation Differences	-	-		
Unpaid donations	3,827	-		
Prepayments	-	-		
	3,827	-		
	3,827	-		
<b>8. CREDITORS</b>				
Trade creditors	0	-		
Accruals A/cs fee	1,000	1,000		
Nest Pensions due	-	364		
Credit Cards	8,436	320		
	9,436	1,684		
	9,436	1,684		
<b>9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>				
	<i>Fixed Assets</i>	<i>Current Assets</i>	<i>Current Liabilities</i>	<i>Net Assets</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Unrestricted fund	-	230,438	(9,436)	221,002
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-
	-	230,438	(9,436)	221,002
	-	230,438	(9,436)	221,002
<b>10. ANALYSIS OF INCOMING AND EXPENDED RESOURCES</b>				
	<i>Opening balance</i>	<i>Incoming resources</i>	<i>Resources expended</i>	<i>Closing balance</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Unrestricted fund	139,312	325,228	(231,996)	232,543
Restricted funds	-	580	(12,120)	(11,540)
	139,312	325,808	(244,116)	221,003
	139,312	325,808	(244,116)	221,003

**CRY IN THE DARK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1071517

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# Accounts

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**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**Charity registration number 1071517**

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*We are a Christian charity whose desire is to help all regardless of colour, creed or faith.  
We operate using Christian principles, which means sharing the love of Jesus through action and words wherever it is  
needed and sought.*

**Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these".  
Luke 18 v 16 (NIV) Paraphrased**

**CRY IN THE DARK****CHARITY INFORMATION****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Charity registration number: 1071517

Governed by trust deed dated 18 May 1998 (as subsequently amended).

**Objects:** The objective of the charity as set out in the constitution is:

To relieve children and adults worldwide in need, particularly in Romania and Eastern Europe, by the provision of such facilities and services as the trustees shall from time to time decide.

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 Essex CO7 7FG

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**Website address:** [www.cryinthedark.org](http://www.cryinthedark.org)

**Trustees during the year ended 31 March 2024:** Bernie Andrews (Chair of Trustees)  
 Elaine Cornwall (Secretary)  
 Louise Chanarin  
 Stanley Harrison  
 Catherine Lasky

Further details of trustees serving at the date of this report and recent changes are shown separately on page 2.

**CEO and Founder:** Steve Cooper

**Independent examiner** PS Book-Keeping & Accountancy  
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 43 High Street  
 Sutton, Surrey SM1 1DR

The Royal Bank of Scotland  
 London Streatham Branch  
 59 Streatham High Road  
 London SW16 1PN

**Organisations benefiting from grants during the period ended 31 March 2024:** Asociatia Lumina  
 Str, Capitan Ernest Tartescu, Nr 5, Bacau, Romania  
 Tel / Fax: 0234 / 374399  
 Website: [www.asociatialumina.eu](http://www.asociatialumina.eu)

**CRY IN THE DARK****TRUSTEES SERVING AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF  
THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 2024**

**Bernie Andrews:** Appointed. Charity Chair of Trustees

**Elaine Cornwall:** Appointed November, 2015. Charity Secretary

**Stanley Harrison:** Appointed

**Louise Chanarin:** Appointed

**Catherine Lasky:** Appointed

**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies on page 9 and comply with the charity's constitution, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

**Organisational structure**

The trustees determine the overall policy of the charity with the day-to-day management delegated to the CEO Steven Cooper and Charity Manager Beth Frimpong.

The trustees meet on a two monthly basis or more often if activity shall so require. The trustees determine the level of grants payable.

Trustees serving during the period to 31 March 2024 are shown on page 1. Trustees are elected by the members. Details of trustees serving at the date of this report are shown on pages 1 and 2.

Trustees provided their services free of charge.

**Statement on risks**

The trustees actively review the major risks that the charity faces on a regular basis in three areas:

- Operational performance.
- Achievement of aims and objectives.
- Meeting expectations of our beneficiaries and supporters.

Further work is being undertaken to ensure that appropriate controls are in place to mitigate significant risks.

**The Charity's Aims**

To relieve the suffering of children and adults worldwide, particularly in Romania, by the provision of such facilities and services as the Trustees shall decide.

**Objects**

- To operate a home for life (Casa Lumina) for 22 orphaned special needs young adults in Comanesti Romania.
- To operate a multi-disciplinary palliative care service for Children and adults (Hospice Lumina).
- To operate a volunteer and out-reach programme to the poor in the region utilising (Casa Albert) as its operational base in Bacau, for project "Hope".

Cry in the Dark is a UK based Christian charity founded in September 1998 to provide life-long care for 24 orphaned special needs Romanian children – project Casa Lumina. In 2005 the vision for Cry in the Dark was expanded to offer medical and social care to other children and young people in the region suffering from life-limiting illness and support to their families – project Hospice Lumina.

Cry in the Dark currently works directly in Romania, through the local charity Asociatia Lumina of which Steven Cooper, Cry in the Dark's CEO is a board member. Through this partnership, Cry in the dark has established and maintained both projects with purpose-built accommodation operated by local professional staff.

The charity is characterised by a small highly motivated staff in the UK, raising awareness and funding for the charity, as well as spending up to 4 months a year in Romania, working directly with all three projects plus, giving part time administrative support. In addition, a critical aspect to the on-going success and sustainability of this work has been the willingness of UK volunteers to fund trips to all three projects and engage in direct work with the children and young people and helping construction and maintenance at the project sites.

### Review of the year

This has been a challenging year for Cry in The Dark, maintaining and sustaining the activities we provide in Romania whilst strengthening the relationship with supporters here in the United Kingdom.

We have been blessed with faithful supporters and some important grants which together with the Romanian fundraising operation has allowed all our work to continue in Romania.

Due to the economic situation in the UK and the war in Ukraine, our operations and work have been impacted. As a charity our primary objects remained the same, with both projects continuing to provide efficient and effective care throughout this difficult year. Namely Casa Lumina and Hospice Lumina:

• **Casa Lumina** our residential home for life for 23 special needs young adults in Comanesti Romania.

We are pleased that Casa Lumina continues to maintain high levels of individualised care and development.

• **Hospice Lumina** the multi-disciplinary hospice/palliative care service for children and young adults in Bacau, Romania. This project serves, Bacau County and the three surrounding counties of Vasaluj, Neamts and Vrancea and provides for 120 children and young adults each month. Throughout the year ending 31 March 2024, there has been continued provision, in line with the Romanian health service guidance and laws.

The need for such services continues to grow in this region and beyond and we hope to expand the services further in the near future with the help of our Romanian partner Asociatia Lumina. Their director, Mihaela Dumitrache has secured grants for innovative work at the hospice and within the community of Bacau. Creative projects for children and their parents and some local community campaigns about disability.

• **Casa Albert** has become a base for supporters and volunteers from the UK to visit and participate in the activities of the charity and this has been essential in providing valuable income as well as, a powerful experience of the compassionate care that is at the heart of Cry in The Dark's objectives.

Volunteers throughout the year have also helped with Ukrainian refugees who were staying at Casa Albert, which had become a registered refugee home.

The summer saw us welcome a group of Ukrainian children to participate in our summer holiday camp. The Christmas volunteers from the UK that stayed at Casa Albert helped distribute over 500 Christmas shoeboxes and essential aid to a Ukrainian orphanage.

• **Project Hope** is our outreach project to a rural Roma village in Bacau County and is home to over 1000 children and around 200 families.

We have been working there for over 10 years and have built up a good working relationship with the children and the adults in this community.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees can I express our deep appreciation to our supporters and friends, to the staff teams in Romania, to Beth Frimpong our charity manager/coordinator of volunteers, and to Steve Cooper CEO who continue to passionately be at the heart of all the work that happens at Cry in the Dark.

### Cry in the Dark Partner Organisations

#### Asociatia Lumina, Romania

Asociatia Lumina is an independently constituted charity existing and regulated under the relevant statutes governing non-government organisations in Romania and reporting to its own Board of Trustees.

Steven Cooper, Cry in The Dark's CEO is the President of the Board of Trustees and Beth Frimpong is also a board member.

Representation on Asociația Lumina's Board of Trustees enables Cry in The Dark to oversee and participate in key decisions in relation to how the grant monies it provides are used and disbursed on the designated projects. Asociația Lumina remains however an autonomous entity able to raise funds in its own right and to pursue its own independent objectives.

None of the trustees of Cry in The Dark receives remuneration or other financial reward or benefit in kind from Cry in The Dark's connections with Asociația Lumina.

The charity has been Cry in The Dark's principal partner in Romania since inception and the two charities share a common ethos and faith-based principles.

Asociația Lumina is responsible for the on the ground management and delivery of the following projects for which Cry in The Dark is the main grant provider:

- Case Lumina – a residential home for special needs young people in Comanesti.
- Casa Albert - facilities for education and accommodation for volunteers.
- Hospice Lumina – Providing in -patient respite and terminal care for children and providing a Hospice community service to children and their families in Bacau and the surrounding counties.

From October 2006, Cry in The Dark together with Asociația Lumina began to collaborate with Hospices of Hope UK and its partner organisation in Romania, Asociația Speranți to establish a community palliative care team that would support children, young people and their families in the Bacau area.

No conflicts of interest have arisen between Cry in The Dark and Asociația Lumina over the period under review and no disputes exist between the two organisations.

Each year, in compliance with the applicable local regulations, Asociația Lumina produces statements showing its financial results for the preceding 12 months and a balance sheet as at 31 December which it submits to the Romanian Ministry of Public Finance. These reports are published in Romania.

#### **Investment policy**

As in previous years, the policy of the charity was to keep surplus liquid funds in short term deposits that can be accessed easily to be in a position to respond to needs as they arise. The policy is regularly reviewed depending on the level of reserves.

#### **Reserves and assets**

The trustees continued to review the charity's reserves policy and it was agreed that a policy of operating on the basis of maintaining a level of unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover at least working capital requirements on day-to-day activities for six months may be prudently adopted.

To monitor financial performance trustee's review 6 -12 months cash flow projections for anticipated income and expenditure on a rolling monthly basis and were satisfied that all things being equal at the date of this report reserves were sufficient to sustain the operations of the charity to March 2024 and beyond.

The Charity's policy of not entering into contractual commitments that exceed its then available resources is unchanged.

#### **Grant making policy**

The charity achieves its objectives partly through making grants to local partner organisations. Grants are awarded at the discretion of the trustees and are monitored on a regular basis.

### Trustees' responsibilities for the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the report of the trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 1993, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to


- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.


The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by: -

Trustee.

Date 30/11/2024

  
CHAIRMAN

 Treasurer 30/11/24

**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

**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 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

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Date : 13/11/2024

**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

		<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Note</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>2023/2024</i>	<i>2022/2023</i>
				<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
<i>Voluntary income</i>					
Donations	2	156,850	500	157,350	152,532
Legacies	2	432	-	432	1,155
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>					
Income from fundraising activities	2	18,268	-	18,268	17,962
Investment income: interest receivable		767	-	767	294
<i>Other income</i>					
Other income (HMRC Grants)		15,281	-	15,281	11,500
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>191,598</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>192,098</b>	<b>183,443</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>					
Cost of generating funds (including donations), fundraising and publicity		34,501	-	34,501	43,973
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Provision of services to children in Romania		133,334	11,493	144,827	196,036
Governance costs		1,997	-	1,997	2,217
<b>Total resources expended</b>	3	<b>169,832</b>	<b>11,493</b>	<b>181,325</b>	<b>242,226</b>
<b>Net outgoing resources</b>		<b>21,766</b>	<b>(10,993)</b>	<b>10,773</b>	<b>(58,783)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>105,907</b>	<b>22,631</b>	<b>128,538</b>	<b>166,294</b>
<b>Prior Year adjustment</b>				<b>-</b>	<b>(1,604)</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	9	<b>127,673</b>	<b>11,638</b>	<b>139,311</b>	<b>105,907</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	2023/2024		2022/2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	6		-		-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	3,827		3,827	
Payroll prepayments		277		391	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>136,891</u>		<u>126,310</u>	
		140,995		130,528	
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	<u>(1,684)</u>		<u>(1,990)</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>139,311</u>		<u>128,538</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>139,311</u>		<u>128,538</u>
<b>CHARITABLE FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	9		127,673		128,538
Restricted funds	9		<u>11,638</u>		<u>-</u>
			<u>139,311</u>		<u>128,538</u>

Approved by the trustees on ..... and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee



30/11/24

Trustee



30/11/2024

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), The Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

**Incoming resources**

Donations and other incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the SOFA when receivable.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from tax claims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
- Incoming resources from fundraising are reported gross in the SOFA.

**Resources expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs are those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include accountants' fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

**Funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for the use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general activities of the charity.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate.

**Foreign currency**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All exchange differences are taken to the SOFA.

**Fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life as follows:

Office equipment            3 years

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted		Restricted		Total	
	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023
<b>2. INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Donations:</i>						
CRY Partner and Pritren Donations	81,810	500	82,310	92,861		
Other donations	75,040	-	75,040	59,671		
Legades	432	-	432	1,135		
	157,282	500	157,782	153,687		
Income from fundraising activities	18,268		18,268	17,962		
HMRC JRS Grants received	15,281		15,281	11,500		
Bank Interest Received	767		767	294		
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	191,598	500	192,098	183,443		
<b>3. RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total		
	£	£	2023/2024	2022/2023		
	£	£	£	£		
<i>Fundraising and publicity</i>						
Wages, pension contributions and National Insurance	9,945	-	9,945	15,932		
Fundraising expenses	24,556	-	24,556	28,041		
	34,501	-	34,501	43,973		
<i>Provision of services to children in Romania</i>						
Casa Albert hospice project costs	6,957	-	6,957	8,556		
Casa Lumina project running costs	82,636	-	82,636	125,653		
Ukraine project running costs including salaries apportionmen	-	11,493	11,493	51,870		
Travel and subsistence	-	-	-	-		
Other	-	-	-	51		
Miscellaneous purchases	-	-	-	902		
Office expenses	7,359	-	7,359	8,606		
Wages, pension contributions and National Insurance	36,131	-	36,131	-		
Bank charges	251	-	251	-		
Exchange difference	-	-	-	-		
Depreciation	-	-	-	398		
	133,334	11,493	144,827	196,036		
<i>Governance costs</i>						
Wages, pension contributions and National Insurance	143	-	143	144		
Annual General Meeting/Governance Training costs	354	-	354	254		
Independent examination	1,499	-	1,499	1,819		
	1,997	-	1,997	2,217		
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	169,832	11,493	181,325	242,226		
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				192,098		
<b>LESS</b>				(181,325)		
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				10,773		
<b>NET INCOME THIS YEAR</b>				10,773		

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**4. GRANTS PAYABLE**

During the period, regular grants totalling £2,575 (2023: £2,455) were paid to Asociatia Lumina in Romania to support the running costs of the Casa Lumina children's orphanage in Comanesti. In addition, further grants and expenses totalling £36,640 (2023: £77,127) were made on behalf of the same organisation towards the legal, professional,

**5. STAFF COSTS**

The charity has two full-time employees. Total staff costs in the period were as follows:

	2024/2024	2023/2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	69,020	74,962
Employer's National Insurance	7,541	8,248
Government NIC allowance	(5,000)	(5,000)
Employer's pension contributions	1,870	1,875
Wages adjustment	-	-
	<u>73,431</u>	<u>80,085</u>

No member of the board of trustees received any remuneration in respect of their services during the year (2023: nil).

**6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Office equipment
	£
Cost:	
As at 1 April 2014	15,028
Additions	-
As at 31 March 2015	<u>15,028</u>
Accumulated depreciation:	
As at 1 April 2020	15,028
Charge for the period	-
As at 31 March 2021	<u>15,028</u>
Net book value:	
As at 31 March 2024	-
As at 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>

**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	2023/2024	2022/2023
	£	£
<b>7. DEBTORS</b>		
HMRC claims Gift Aid due	-	-
Reconciliation Differences	-	-
Unpaid donations	3,827	-
Prepayments	-	-
	<u>3,827</u>	<u>-</u>

<b>8. CREDITORS</b>		
Trade creditors	0	-
Accruals A/cs fee	1,000	1,000
Nest Pensions due	364	-
Credit Cards	320	-
	<u>1,684</u>	<u>1,000</u>

		Fixed Assets		Current Assets		Current Liabilities		Net Assets
		£		£		£		£
<b>9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>								
Unrestricted fund		-		140,995		(1,684)		139,311
Restricted funds		-		-		-		-
Total funds		<u>-</u>		<u>140,995</u>		<u>(1,684)</u>		<u>139,311</u>

		Opening balance		Incoming resources		Resources expended		Closing balance
		£		£		£		£
<b>10. ANALYSIS OF INCOMING AND EXPENDED RESOURCES</b>								
Unrestricted fund		105,907		191,598		(169,832)		127,673
Restricted funds		-		500		(11,493)		11,638
		<u>105,907</u>		<u>192,098</u>		<u>(181,325)</u>		<u>139,311</u>

**CRY IN THE DARK**

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# Accounts

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## CRY IN THE DARK

## CHARITY INFORMATION

## YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Charity registration number: 1071517

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TRUSTEES SERVING AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF  
THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 2023

**Bernie Andrews:** Appointed. Charity Chair of Trustees

**Elaine Cornwall:** Appointed November, 2015. Charity Secretary

**John Bricklebank:** Appointed. Charity Treasurer

**Stanley Harrison:** Appointed

**Susan Bricklebank:** Appointed

**Louise Chanarin:** Appointed

**Catherine Lasky:** Appointed

**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies on page 9 and comply with the charity's constitution, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

**Organisational structure**

The trustees determine the overall policy of the charity with the day-to-day management delegated to the CEO Steven Cooper and Charity Manager Beth Frimpong.

The trustees meet on a two monthly basis or more often if activity shall so require. The trustees determine the level of grants payable.

Trustees serving during the period to 31 March 2023 are shown on page 1. Trustees are elected by the members. Details of trustees serving at the date of this report are shown on pages 1 and 2.

Trustees provided their services free of charge.

**Statement on risks**

The trustees actively review the major risks that the charity faces on a regular basis in three areas:

- Operational performance.
- Achievement of aims and objectives.
- Meeting expectations of our beneficiaries and supporters.

Further work is being undertaken to ensure that appropriate controls are in place to mitigate significant risks.

**The Charity's Aims**

To relieve the suffering of children and adults worldwide, particularly in Romania, by the provision of such facilities and services as the Trustees shall decide.

**Objects**

- To operate a home for life (Casa Lumina) for 22 orphaned special needs young adults in Comanesti Romania.
- To operate a multi-disciplinary palliative care service for Children and adults (Hospice Lumina).
- To operate a volunteer and out-reach programme to the poor in the region utilising (Casa Albert) as its operational base in Bacau, for project "Hope".

Cry in the Dark is a UK based Christian charity founded in September 1998 to provide life-long care for 24 orphaned special needs Romanian children – project Casa Lumina. In 2005 the vision for Cry in the Dark was expanded to offer medical and social care to other children and young people in the region suffering from life-limiting illness and support to their families – project Hospice Lumina.

Cry in the Dark currently works directly in Romania, through the local charity Asociatia Lumina of which Steven Cooper, Cry in the Dark's CEO is a board member. Through this partnership, Cry in the dark has established and maintained both projects with purpose-built accommodation operated by local professional staff.

The charity is characterised by a small highly motivated staff in the UK, raising awareness and funding for the charity, as well as spending up to 4 months a year in Romania, working directly with all three projects plus, giving part time administrative support. In addition, a critical aspect to the on-going success and sustainability of this work has been the willingness of UK

volunteers to fund trips to all three projects and engage in direct work with the children and young people and helping construction and maintenance at the project sites.

### Review of the year

This has been a challenging year for Cry in The Dark, maintaining and sustaining the activities we provide in Romania whilst strengthening the relationship with supporters here in the United Kingdom.

We have been blessed with faithful supporters and some important grants which together with the Romanian fundraising operation has allowed all our work to continue in Romania. Due to the economic situation in the UK and the war in Ukraine, our operations and work have been impacted. As a charity our primary objects remained the same, with both projects continuing to provide efficient and effective care throughout this difficult year. Namely Casa Lumina and Hospice Lumina:

- **Casa Lumina** our residential home for life for 22 special needs young adults in Comanesti Romania. At Casa Lumina, we have had restructuring of management and we are pleased that Casa Lumina continues to maintain high levels of individualised care and development.

- **Hospice Lumina** the multi-disciplinary hospice/palliative care service for children and young adults in Bacau, Romania. This project serves, Bacau County and the three surrounding counties of Vasalui, Neamt and Vrancea and provides for 120 children and young adults each month. Throughout the year ending 31 March 2023, there has been continued provision, in line with the Romanian health service guidance and laws.

The need for such services continues to grow in this region and beyond and we hope to expand the services further in the near future with the help of our Romanian partner Asociatia Lumina. Their director, Mihaela Dumitrache has secured grants for innovative work at the hospice and within the community of Bacau. Creative projects for children and their parents and some local community campaigns about disability.

- **Casa Albert** has become a base for supporters and volunteers from the UK to visit and participate in the activities of the charity and this has been essential in providing valuable income as well as, a powerful experience of the compassionate care that is at the heart of Cry in The Dark's objectives. Volunteers throughout the year have also helped with Ukrainian refugees who were staying at Casa Albert, which had become a registered refugee home; 30 refugees who had fled Ukraine and the war were housed here last year.

The summer saw us welcome a group of Ukrainian children to participate in our summer holiday camp. The Christmas volunteers from the UK that stayed at Casa Albert helped distribute over 500 Christmas shoeboxes and 200 food parcels trip making this trip a great success.

- **Project Hope** is our outreach project to a rural Roma village in Bacau County and is home to over 1000 children and around 200 families.

We have been working there for 10 years and have built up a good working relationship with the children and the adults in this community.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I can express our deep appreciation to our supporters and friends, to the staff teams in Romania, to Beth Frimpong our charity manager/coordinator of volunteers, and to Steve Cooper CEO who continue to passionately be at the heart of all the work that happens at Cry in the Dark.

### Cry in the Dark Partner Organisations

#### Asociatia Lumina, Romania

Asociatia Lumina is an independently constituted charity existing and regulated under the relevant statutes governing non-government organisations in Romania and reporting to its own Board of Trustees.

Steven Cooper, Cry in The Dark's CEO is the President of the Board of Trustees and Beth Frimpong is also a board member.

Representation on Asociatia Lumina's Board of Trustees enables Cry in The Dark to oversee and participate in key decisions in relation to how the grant monies it provides are used and disbursed on the designated projects. Asociatia Lumina remains however an autonomous entity able to raise funds in its own right and to pursue its own independent objectives.

None of the trustees of Cry in The Dark receives remuneration or other financial reward or benefit in kind from Cry in The Dark's connections with Asociatia Lumina.

The charity has been Cry in The Dark's principal partner in Romania since inception and the two charities share a common ethos and faith-based principles.

Asociatia Lumina is responsible for the on the ground management and delivery of the following projects for which Cry in The Dark is the main grant provider:

- Case Lumina – a residential home for special needs young people in Comanesti.
- Casa Albert - facilities for education and accommodation for volunteers.
- Hospice Lumina – Providing in-patient respite and terminal care for children and providing a Hospice community service to children and their families in Bacau and the surrounding counties.

From October 2006, Cry in The Dark together with Asociatia Lumina began to collaborate with Hospices of Hope UK and its partner organisation in Romania, Asociatia Speranti to establish a community palliative care team that would support children, young people and their families in the Bacau area.

No conflicts of interest have arisen between Cry in The Dark and Asociatia Lumina over the period under review and no disputes exist between the two organisations.

Each year, in compliance with the applicable local regulations, Asociatia Lumina produces statements showing its financial results for the preceding 12 months and a balance sheet as at 31 December which it submits to the Romanian Ministry of Public Finance. These reports are published in Romania.

#### **Investment policy**

As in previous years, the policy of the charity was to keep surplus liquid funds in short term deposits that can be accessed easily to be in a position to respond to needs as they arise. The policy is regularly reviewed depending on the level of reserves.

#### **Reserves and assets**

The trustees continued to review the charity's reserves policy and it was agreed that a policy of operating on the basis of maintaining a level of unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover at least working capital requirements on day-to-day activities for six months may be prudently adopted.

To monitor financial performance trustee's review 6 -12 months cash flow projections for anticipated income and expenditure on a rolling monthly basis and were satisfied that all things being equal at the date of this report reserves were sufficient to sustain the operations of the charity to March 2023 and beyond.

The Charity's policy of not entering into contractual commitments that exceed its then available resources is unchanged.

#### **Grant making policy**

The charity achieves its objectives partly through making grants to local partner organisations. Grants are awarded at the discretion of the trustees and are monitored on a regular basis.

### Trustees' responsibilities for the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the report of the trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

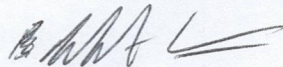
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 1993, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

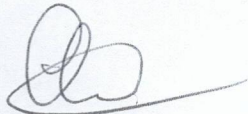
Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by: -

Trustee.



BRIAN ANDREW  
CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Date..... 2/12/2023 .....



LOUISE CHANNON

TREASURER

2/12/23

**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

**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 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

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Date : .....

**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

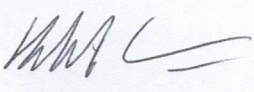
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<i>Note</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>Total</i> 2022/2023 £	<i>Total</i> 2021/2022 £
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
<i>Voluntary income</i>					
Donations	2	132,900	19,631	152,532	185,623
Legacies	2	1,155	-	1,155	500
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>					
Income from fundraising activities	2	17,962	-	17,962	24,122
Investment income: interest receivable		294	-	294	41
<i>Other income</i>					
Other income (HMRC Grants)		11,500	-	11,500	25,500
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>163,812</b>	<b>19,631</b>	<b>183,443</b>	<b>235,786</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>					
Cost of generating funds (including donations), fundraising and publicity		43,973	-	43,973	28,114
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Provision of services to children in Romania		144,166	51,870	196,036	180,383
<b>Governance costs</b>		<b>2,217</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,217</b>	<b>4,658</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>190,356</b>	<b>51,870</b>	<b>242,226</b>	<b>213,155</b>
<b>Net outgoing resources</b>		<b>(26,544)</b>	<b>(32,238)</b>	<b>(58,783)</b>	<b>22,631</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		187,321	-	187,321	166,294
Prior Year adjustment		-	-	-	(1,604)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>160,777</b>	<b>(32,238)</b>	<b>128,538</b>	<b>187,321</b>


The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

		2022/2023		2021/2022	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	6		-		-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	3,827		12,410	
Payroll prepayments		391		1,321	
Cash at bank and in hand		126,310		174,211	
		130,528		187,942	
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	(1,990)		(621)	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			128,538		187,321
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			128,538		187,321
<b>CHARITABLE FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	9		160,777		187,321
Restricted funds	9		(32,238)		-
			128,538		187,321

Approved by the trustees on 21/12/2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee BERNIE ANDREW  
  
 CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Trustee LOUISE CHANARON  
  
 TREASURER

**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), The Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

**Incoming resources**

Donations and other incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the SOFA when receivable.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from tax claims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
- Incoming resources from fundraising are reported gross in the SOFA.

**Resources expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs are those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include accountants' fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

**Funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for the use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general activities of the charity.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate.

**Foreign currency**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All exchange differences are taken to the SOFA.

**Fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life as follows:

Office equipment            3 years

## CRY IN THE DARK

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022/2023	Total 2021/2022
	£	£	£	£
<i>Donations:</i>				
Cry Partner and Prieten Donations	73,230	19,631	92,861	135,890
Other donations	59,671	-	59,671	49,733
Legacies	1,155	-	1,155	500
	<u>134,055</u>	<u>19,631</u>	<u>153,687</u>	<u>186,123</u>
Income from fundraising activities	17,962		17,962	24,122
HMRC JRS Grants received (furlough wages)	11,500		11,500	25,500
Bank Interest Received	294		294	41
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<u>163,812</u>	<u>19,631</u>	<u>183,443</u>	<u>235,786</u>
3. RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022/2023	Total 2021/2022
	£	£	£	£
<i>Fundraising and publicity</i>				
Wages, pension contributions and National Insurance	15,932	-	15,932	13,306
Fundraising expenses	28,041	-	28,041	14,808
	<u>43,973</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,973</u>	<u>28,114</u>
<i>Provision of services to children in Romania</i>				
Casa Albert hospice project costs	8,556	-	8,556	46,206
Casa Lumina project running costs	125,653	-	125,653	104,662
Ukraine project running costs including salaries apportionment	-	51,870	51,870	5,467
Travel and subsistence	-	-	-	-
Other	51	-	51	550
Miscellaneous purchases	902	-	902	3,119
Office expenses	8,606	-	8,606	11,885
Wages, pension contributions and National Insurance	-	-	-	8,494
Bank charges	-	-	-	-
Exchange difference	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	398	-	398	-
	<u>144,166</u>	<u>51,870</u>	<u>196,036</u>	<u>180,383</u>
<i>Governance costs</i>				
Wages, pension contributions and National Insurance	144	-	144	283
Annual General Meeting/Governance Training costs	254	-	254	1,000
Independent examination	1,819	-	1,819	3,375
	<u>2,217</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,217</u>	<u>4,658</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>190,356</u>	<u>51,870</u>	<u>242,226</u>	<u>213,155</u>

**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**  
**CRY IN THE DARK**

**4. GRANTS PAYABLE**

During the period, regular grants totalling £2,455 (2022: £11,589) were paid to Asociatia Lumina in Romania to support the running costs of the Casa Lumina children's orphanage in Comanesti. In addition, further grants and expenses totalling £77,127 (2022: £70,044) were made on behalf of the same organisation towards the legal,

**5. STAFF COSTS**

	2022/2023	2021/2022
	£	£

The charity has two full-time employees. Total staff costs in the period were as follows:

Wages and salaries	74,962	73,642
Employer's National Insurance	8,248	7,906
Government NIC allowance	(5,000)	(4,000)
Employer's pension contributions	1,875	1,875
Wages adjustment	-	-
	80,085	79,423

No member of the board of trustees received any remuneration in respect of their services during the year (2023: nil).

**6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

*Office  
equipment*  
£

**Cost:**

As at 1 April 2014		15,028
Additions	-	-
As at 31 March 2015		15,028

**Accumulated depreciation:**

As at 1 April 2020		15,028
Charge for the period	-	-
As at 31 March 2021		15,028

**Net book value:**

As at 31 March 2022		-
As at 31 March 2023		-

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2022/2023	2021/2022		
	£	£		
<b>7. DEBTORS</b>				
HMRC claims Gift Aid due	-	12,410		
Reconciliation Differences	-	-		
Unpaid donations	3,827	-		
Prepayments	-	-		
	<u>3,827</u>	<u>12,410</u>		
<b>8. CREDITORS</b>				
Trade creditors	0	-		
Accruals A/cs fee	1,000	1,000		
Nest Pensions due	364	-		
Credit Cards	626	-		
	<u>1,990</u>	<u>1,000</u>		
<b>9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>				
	<i>Fixed</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Net</i>
	<i>Assets</i>	<i>Assets</i>	<i>Liabilities</i>	<i>Assets</i>
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund	-	130,528	(1,990)	128,538
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-
Total funds	<u>-</u>	<u>130,528</u>	<u>(1,990)</u>	<u>128,538</u>
<b>10. ANALYSIS OF INCOMING AND EXPENDED RESOURCES</b>				
	<i>Opening</i>	<i>Incoming</i>	<i>Resources</i>	<i>Closing</i>
	<i>balance</i>	<i>resources</i>	<i>expended</i>	<i>balance</i>
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund	187,321	163,812	(190,356)	160,777
Restricted funds	-	19,631	(51,870)	(32,238)
	<u>187,321</u>	<u>183,443</u>	<u>(242,226)</u>	<u>128,538</u>

**CRY IN THE DARK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1071517

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# Accounts

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**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

**Charity registration number 1071517**

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**CRY IN THE DARK**

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*We are a Christian charity whose desire is to help all regardless of colour, creed or faith.  
We operate using Christian principles, which means sharing the love of Jesus through action and words wherever it is  
needed and sought.*

**Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these".  
Luke 18 v 16 (NIV) Paraphrased**

**CRY IN THE DARK****CHARITY INFORMATION****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Charity registration number: 1071517

Governed by trust deed dated 18 May 1998 (as subsequently amended).

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**CRY IN THE DARK****TRUSTEES SERVING AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF  
THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 2022**

**Bernie Andrews:** Appointed. Charity Chair of Trustees

**Elaine Cornwall:** Appointed November, 2015. Charity Secretary

**John Bricklebank:** Appointed. Charity Treasurer

**Stanley Harrison:** Appointed

**Susan Bricklebank:** Appointed

**Louise Chanarin:** Appointed

**Catherine Lasky:** Appointed

**Steven Cooper:** Appointed November, 2015. Charity CEO

## CRY IN THE DARK

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies on page 9 and comply with the charity's constitution, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

#### **Organisational structure**

The trustees determine the overall policy of the charity with the day-to-day management delegated to the CEO Steven Cooper and Charity Manager Beth Frimpong.

The trustees meet on a two monthly basis or more often if activity shall so require. The trustees determine the level of grants payable.

Trustees serving during the period to 31 March 2022 are shown on page 1. Trustees are elected by the members. Details of trustees serving at the date of this report are shown on pages 1 and 2.

Trustees provided their services free of charge.

#### **Statement on risks**

The trustees actively review the major risks that the charity faces on a regular basis in three areas:

- Operational performance.
- Achievement of aims and objectives.
- Meeting expectations of our beneficiaries and supporters.

Further work is being undertaken to ensure that appropriate controls are in place to mitigate significant risks.

#### **The Charity's Aims**

To relieve the suffering of children and adults worldwide, particularly in Romania, by the provision of such facilities and services as the Trustees shall decide.

#### **Objects**

- To operate a home for life (Casa Lumina) for 22 orphaned special needs young adults in Comanesti Romania.
- To operate a multi-disciplinary palliative care service for Children and adults (Hospice Lumina).
- To operate a volunteer and out-reach programme to the poor in the region utilising (Casa Albert) as its operational base in Bacau, for project "Hope".

Cry in the Dark is a UK based Christian charity founded in September 1998 to provide life-long care for 24 orphaned special needs Romanian children – project Casa Lumina. In 2005 the vision for Cry in the Dark was expanded to offer medical and social care to other children and young people in the region suffering from life-limiting illness and support to their families – project Hospice Lumina.

Cry in the Dark currently works directly in Romania, through the local charity Asocatia Lumina of which Steven Cooper, Cry in the Dark's CEO is a board member. Through this partnership, Cry in the Dark has established and maintained both projects with purpose-built accommodation operated by local professional staff.

The charity is characterised by a small highly motivated staff in the UK, raising awareness and funding for the charity, as well as spending up to 4 months a year in Romania, working directly with all three projects plus, giving part time administrative support. In addition, a critical aspect to the on-going success and sustainability of this

work has been the willingness of UK volunteers to fund trips to all three projects and engage in direct work with the children and young people and helping construction and maintenance at the project sites.

## Review of the year

This has been a challenging year for Cry in The Dark mainly maintaining and sustaining its activities in Romania and strengthening its relationship with supporters here in the UK. This has been a time of great economic uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have been blessed with faithful supporters and some important grants, and this together with the Romanian fundraising operation, and the UK government's furlough payment scheme has ensured all our work in Romania continues.

Our operations here in the UK over the twelve months have been somewhat curtailed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cry in the Dark along with other organisations and the public were under lock down up and till October 2021. Steven Cooper and Beth Frimpong were furloughed throughout the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. During that time working between them 5 days a month.

As a charity our primary objects remained the same. Our Residential home for life (Casa Lumina) for 22 special needs young adults in Comanesti and the multi-disciplinary Hospice/palliative care service for children and young adults (Hospice Lumina) in Bacau, and to this end both projects continued to provide efficient and effective care throughout this difficult the year.

Hospice Lumina' our dedicated paediatric in-patient hospice unit and Community Palliative care service, located in Bacau city, serving Bacau County and the three surrounding counties of Vaslui, Neamt and Vrancea continued to provide palliative care services throughout the year ending 31 March 2022. Observing the Romanian health service guidance and laws.

Our community Hospice service serves around 120 children and young adults every month all based at the new building, Hospice lumina. The need for such services continues to grow in this region and beyond and we hope to expand the services in the future with the help of our Romanian partner Asociația Lumina.

The director, Mihaela Dumitrache has secured a few grants for innovative work at the Hospice and within Bacau, creative projects for children and their parents as well as some local community campaigns about disability.

Casa Albert continues to be a base for supporters and volunteers from the UK to visit and participate in the activities of the charity and has been essential, providing valuable income and, as importantly, a powerful experience of the compassionate care that is at the heart of Cry in The Dark's objectives.

Project Hope is our outreach project to a rural Roma village in Bacau County and is home to over 1500 children and around 200 families.

We have been working there for 11 years and have built up a good relationship with the children and the adults in this community.

The regular summer volunteer trips were all cancelled to Project Hope, Casa Lumina, and Hospice Lumina due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In October 2021 a group of volunteers came out to Romania for a week to help renovate Casa Albert

The Christmas visit of UK volunteers to deliver Christmas shoeboxes to our beneficiaries was curtailed somewhat as the COVID-19 rules changed in Romania and our volunteers that had flown in to help had to go into quarantine. They were asked to pack the food parcel instead, which Steve Cooper and Beth Frimpong delivered over two days between them, to the families at the Roma village, just before Christmas.

March 2022 in response to the conflict in the Ukraine we opened up Casa Albert as a refugee centre which at that time became home to 32 Ukrainian refugees that were fleeing from the conflict. 28 of whom were profoundly deaf.

We provided a safe environment for the refugees through our provision of transport, shelter, food, clothes and sanitary products.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees can I express our deep appreciation to our supporters and friends, to the staff teams in Romania, to Beth Frimpong our Charity manager/Coordinator of volunteers, and to Steve Cooper CEO who continue to be at the heart of all that happens through Cry In the Dark.

## **Cry in the Dark Partner Organisations**

### **Asociatia Lumina, Romania**

Asociatia Lumina is an independently constituted charity existing and regulated under the relevant statutes governing non-government organisations in Romania and reporting to its own Board of Trustees.

Steven Cooper, Cry In The Dark's CEO is a member of the Romanian board of Trustees and Beth Frimpong is also a board member.

Representation on Asociatia Lumina's Board of Trustees enables Cry In The Dark to oversee and participate in key decisions in relation to how the grant monies it provides are used and disbursed on the designated projects. Asociatia Lumina remains however an autonomous entity able to raise funds and to pursue its own independent objectives.

None of the trustees of Cry In The Dark receives remuneration or other financial reward or benefit in kind from Cry In The Dark's connections with Asociatia Lumina.

The charity has been Cry In The Dark's principal partner in Romania since inception and the two charities share a common ethos and faith-based principles.

Asociatia Lumina is responsible for the on the ground management and delivery of the following projects for which Cry In The Dark is the main grant provider\*

- \*Case Lumina – a residential home for special needs young people in Comanesti.
- \*Casa Albert - facilities for education and accommodation for volunteers.
- Hospice Lumina – Providing in -patient respite and terminal care for children and providing a Hospice community service to children and their families in Bacau and the surrounding counties.

From October 2006, Cry In The Dark together with Asociatia Lumina began to collaborate with Hospices of Hope UK and its partner organisation in Romania, Asociatia Speranti to establish a community palliative care team that would support children, young people and their families in the Bacau area.

No conflicts of interest have arisen between Cry In The Dark and Asociatia Lumina over the period under review and no disputes exist between the two organisations.

Each year, in compliance with the applicable local regulations, Asociatia Lumina produces statements showing its financial results for the preceding 12 months and a balance sheet as of 31 December which it submits to the Romanian Ministry of Public Finance. These reports are published in Romania.

### **Investment policy**

As in previous years, the policy of the charity was to keep surplus liquid funds in short term deposits that can be accessed easily to be in a position to respond to needs as they arise. The policy is regularly reviewed depending on the level of reserves.

### Reserves and assets

The trustees continued to review the charity's reserves policy and it was agreed that a policy of operating on the basis of maintaining a level of unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover at least working capital requirements on day-to-day activities for six months may be prudently adopted.

To monitor financial performance trustee's review 6 -12 months cash flow projections for anticipated Income and expenditure on a rolling monthly basis and were satisfied that all things being equal at the date of this report reserves were sufficient to sustain the operations of the charity to March 2022 and beyond.

The Charity's policy of not entering contractual commitments that exceed its then available resources is unchanged.

### Grant making policy

The charity achieves its objectives partly through making grants to local partner organisations. Grants are awarded at the discretion of the trustees and are monitored on a regular basis.

### Trustees' responsibilities for the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the report of the trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 1993, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

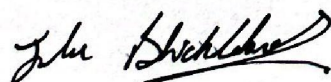
Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by: -

Trustee.



CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

JOHN BRICKLEBANK



TREASURER

Date.....19/11/2022.....

**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

**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 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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.

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Date :10/11/2022

**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<i>Note</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>Total</i> <i>2021/2022</i> £	<i>Total</i> <i>2020/2021</i> £
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
<i>Voluntary income</i>					
Donations	2	142,502	43,122	185,623	194,631
Legacies	2	500	-	500	2,676
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>					
Income from fundraising activities	2	24,122	-	24,122	24,490
Investment income: Interest receivable		41	-	-	-
<i>Other income</i>					
Other income (HMRC Grants)		25,500	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>192,665</b>	<b>43,122</b>	<b>210,246</b>	<b>221,797</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>					
Cost of generating funds (including donations), fundraising and publicity		28,114	-	28,114	23,237
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Provision of services to children in Romania		174,916	5,467	180,383	147,373
<b>Governance costs</b>					
		4,658	-	4,658	1,824
<b>Total resources expended</b>	3	<b>207,688</b>	<b>5,467</b>	<b>213,156</b>	<b>172,433</b>
<b>Net outgoing resources</b>		<b>(15,023)</b>	<b>37,654</b>	<b>22,631</b>	<b>49,364</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		166,294	-	166,294	116,930
Prior Year adjustment		(1,605)	-	-	-
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	9	<b>149,666</b>	<b>37,654</b>	<b>188,925</b>	<b>166,294</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

		2021/2022		2020/2021	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	6		-		-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	12,410		11,374	
Payroll prepayments		1,321			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>174,211</u>		<u>156,971</u>	
		187,941		168,345	
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	<u>(621)</u>		<u>(1,680)</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			187,320		166,665
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>187,320</u>		<u>166,665</u>
<b>CHARITABLE FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	9		149,666		166,665
Restricted funds	9		<u>37,654</u>		<u>-</u>
			<u>187,320</u>		<u>166,665</u>

Approved by the trustees on 19/04/2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee



Trustee



**CRY IN THE DARK****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), The Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

**Incoming resources**

Donations and other incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the SOFA when receivable.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from tax claims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
- Incoming resources from fundraising are reported gross in the SOFA.

**Resources expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs are those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include accountants' fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

**Funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for the use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general activities of the charity.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate.

**Foreign currency**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All exchange differences are taken to the SOFA.

**Fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life as follows:

Office equipment            3 years

## CRY IN THE DARK

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

2. INCOMING RESOURCES	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	£	£	2021/2022 £	2020/2021 £
<i>Donations:</i>				
Cry Partner and Priten Donations	92,769	43,122	135,890	90,939
Other donations	49,733	-	49,733	103,692
Legacies	500	-	500	2,676
	<u>143,002</u>	<u>43,122</u>	<u>186,123</u>	<u>197,307</u>
Income from fundraising activities	24,122		24,122	24,490
HMRC JRS Grants received (furlough wages)	25,500		25,500	
Bank Interest Received	41			
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<u>192,665</u>	<u>43,122</u>	<u>235,746</u>	
<b>3. RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	£	£	2021/2022 £	2020/2021 £
<i>Fundraising and publicity</i>				
Wages, pension contributions and National Insurance	13,306	-	13,306	13,754
Fundraising expenses	14,808	-	14,808	9,483
	<u>28,114</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,114</u>	<u>23,237</u>
<i>Provision of services to children in Romania</i>				
Casa Albert hospice project costs	46,206	-	46,206	41,229
Casa Lumina project running costs	104,662	-	104,662	90,594
Ukraine project running costs	-	5,467	5,467	
Travel and subsistence	-	-	-	-
Other	550	-	550	
Miscellaneous purchases	3,119	-	3,119	
Office expenses	11,885	-	11,885	6,515
Wages, pension contributions and National Insurance	8,494	-	8,494	8,780
Bank charges	-	-	-	-
Exchange difference	-	-	-	255
Depreciation	-	-	-	-
	<u>174,916</u>	<u>5,467</u>	<u>180,383</u>	<u>147,373</u>
<i>Governance costs</i>				
Wages, pension contributions and National Insurance	283	-	283	293
Annual General Meeting/Governance Training costs	1,000	-	1,000	-
Independent examination	3,375	-	3,375	1,532
	<u>4,658</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,658</u>	<u>1,824</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>207,688</u>	<u>5,467</u>	<u>213,156</u>	<u>172,433</u>

## CRY IN THE DARK

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

## 4. GRANTS PAYABLE

During the period, regular grants totalling £11,589 (2021: £10,245) were paid to Asociatia Lumina in Romania to support the running costs of the Casa Lumina children's orphanage in Comanesti. In addition, further grants and expenses totalling £70,044 (2021: £59,900) were made on behalf of the same organisation towards the legal,

## 5. STAFF COSTS

The charity has two full-time employees. Total staff costs in the period were as follows:

	2021/2022	2020/2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	73,642	75,258
Employer's National Insurance	7,906	7,965
Government NIC allowance	(4,000)	(3,000)
Employer's pension contributions	1,875	1,880
Wages adjustment	-	-
	<u>79,422</u>	<u>82,103</u>

No member of the board of trustees received any remuneration in respect of their services during the year (2021: nil).

## 6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	<i>Office equipment</i>
	£
<b>Cost:</b>	
As at 1 April 2014	15,028
Additions	-
As at 31 March 2015	<u>15,028</u>
<b>Accumulated depreciation:</b>	
As at 1 April 2020	15,028
Charge for the period	-
As at 31 March 2021	<u>15,028</u>
<b>Net book value:</b>	
As at 31 March 2021	-
As at 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>

## CRY IN THE DARK

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	<i>2021/2022</i>	<i>2020/2021</i>		
	£	£		
<b>7. DEBTORS</b>				
HMRC claims Gift Aid due	12,410	7,780		
Reconciliation Differences	-	(296)		
Unpaid donations	-	890		
Prepayments	-	-		
	<b>12,410</b>	<b>8,374</b>		
<b>8. CREDITORS</b>				
Trade creditors	0	1,680		
Accruals A/cs fee	1,000	-		
Nest Pensions due	(379)	-		
Deferred income	-	-		
	<b>621</b>	<b>1,680</b>		
<b>9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>				
	<i>Fixed Assets</i>	<i>Current Assets</i>	<i>Current Liabilities</i>	<i>Net Assets</i>
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund	-	187,941	(621)	187,320
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-
Total funds	-	187,941	(621)	187,320
<b>10. ANALYSIS OF INCOMING AND EXPENDED RESOURCES</b>				
	<i>Opening balance</i>	<i>Incoming resources</i>	<i>Resources expended</i>	<i>Closing balance</i>
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund	166,294	192,665	(207,688)	151,271
Restricted funds	-	43,122	(5,467)	37,654
	<b>166,294</b>	<b>235,787</b>	<b>(213,156)</b>	<b>188,925</b>

**CRY IN THE DARK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1071517

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# Accounts

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**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

**Charity registration number 1071517**

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CRY IN THE DARK

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*We are a Christian charity whose desire is to help all regardless of colour, creed or faith.  
We operate using Christian principles, which means sharing the love of Jesus through action and words wherever it is  
needed and sought.*

Jesus said, "**Let the little children come to me, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these**".  
Luke 18 v 16 (NIV) Paraphrased

**CRY IN THE DARK****CHARITY INFORMATION****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

Charity registration number: 1071517

Governed by trust deed dated 18 May 1998 (as subsequently amended).

Objects: The objective of the charity as set out in the constitution is:

To relieve children and adults worldwide in need, particularly in Romania and Eastern Europe, by the provision of such facilities and services as the trustees shall from time to time decide.

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Trustees during the year ended 31 March 2021: Bernie Andrews (Chair of Trustees)  
 Elaine Cornwall (Secretary)  
 Rhianna Mitchell (Treasurer)  
 Louise Chanarin  
 Stanley Harrison  
 Jack Davies

Further details of trustees serving at the date of this report and recent changes are shown separately on page 2.

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**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**TRUSTEES SERVING AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF**  
**THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 2021**

**Bernie Andrews:** Appointed. Charity Chair of Trustees

**Elaine Cornwall:** Appointed. Charity Secretary

**John Bricklebank:** Appointed. Charity Treasurer

**Stanley Harrison:** Appointed

**Susan Bricklebank:** Appointed

**Louise Chanarin:** Appointed November, 2016

## CRY IN THE DARK

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies on page 9 and comply with the charity's constitution, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

#### Organisational structure

The trustees determine the overall policy of the charity with the day-to-day management delegated to the CEO Steven Cooper and Charity Manager Beth Frimpong.

The trustees meet on a two monthly basis or more often if activity shall so require. The trustees determine the level of grants payable.

Trustees serving during the period to 31 March 2021 are shown on page 1. Trustees are elected by the members. Details of trustees serving at the date of this report are shown on pages 1 and 2.

Trustees provided their services free of charge.

#### Statement on risks

The trustees actively review the major risks that the charity faces on a regular basis in three areas:

- Operational performance.
- Achievement of aims and objectives.
- Meeting expectations of our beneficiaries and supporters.

Further work is being undertaken to ensure that appropriate controls are in place to mitigate significant risks.

#### The Charity's Aims

To relieve the suffering of children and adults worldwide, particularly in Romania, by the provision of such facilities and services as the Trustees shall decide.

#### Objects

- To operate a home for life (Casa Lumina) for 22 orphaned special needs young adults in Comanesti Romania.
- To operate a multi-disciplinary palliative care service for Children and adults (Hospice Lumina).
- To operate a volunteer and out-reach programme to the poor in the region utilising (Casa Albert) as its operational base in Bacau, for project "Hope".

Cry in the Dark is a UK based Christian charity founded in September 1998 to provide life-long care for 24 orphaned special needs Romanian children – project Casa Lumina. In 2005 the vision for Cry in the Dark was expanded to offer medical and social care to other children and young people in the region suffering from life-limiting illness and support to their families – project Hospice Lumina.

Cry in the Dark currently works directly in Romania, through the local charity Asociatia Lumina of which Steven Cooper, Cry in the Dark's CEO is President. Through this partnership, Cry in the dark has established and maintained both projects with purpose-built accommodation operated by local professional staff.

The charity is characterised by a small highly motivated staff in the UK, raising awareness and funding for the charity, as well as spending up to 4 months a year in Romania, working directly with all three projects plus, giving part time administrative support. In addition, a critical aspect to the on-going success and sustainability of this work has been the willingness of UK volunteers to fund trips to all three projects and engage in direct work with the children and young people and helping construction and maintenance at the project sites.

## Review of the year

This has been a challenging year for Cry in The Dark mainly maintaining and sustaining its activities in Romania and strengthening its relationship with supporters here in the UK. This has been a time of great economic uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have been blessed with faithful supporters and some important grants, and this together with the Romanian fundraising operation, and the UK governments furlough payment scheme has ensured all our work in Romania continues.

Our operations here in the UK over the twelve months have been somewhat curtailed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Cry in the Dark along with other organisations and the public were under lock down and Steven Cooper and Beth Frimpong were furloughed throughout the year ending 31 March 2021. Working between them 5 days a month.

As a charity our primary objects remained the same. Our Residential home for life (Casa Lumina) for 22 special needs young adults in Comanesti and the multi-disciplinary Hospice/palliative care service for children and young adults (Hospice Lumina) in Bacau, and to this end both projects continued to provide efficient and effective care throughout this difficult the year. At Casa Lumina, Florintina Bobeica the manager, has worked well with our local staff observing the current Romanian health service laws and regulations during the COVID-19 pandemic and has maintained high levels of individualised care and development at the home in Comanesti.

Hospice Lumina' our dedicated paediatric in-patient hospice unit and Community Palliative care service, located in Bacau city, serving Bacau County and the three surrounding counties of Vasalui, Neamts and Vrancea continued to provide palliative care services throughout the year ending 31 March 2021. Observing the Romanian health service guidance and laws.

Our community Hospice service serves around 120 children and young adults every month all based at the new building, Hospice lumina. The need for such services continues to grow in this region and beyond and we hope to expand the services further in the near future with the help of our Romanian partner Asociatia Lumina.

The director, Mihaela Dumitrache has secured a few grants for innovative work at the Hospice and within Bacau, creative projects for children and their parents as well as some local community campaigns about disability.

Casa Albert has become a base for supporters and volunteers from the UK to visit and participate in the activities of the charity and has been essential, providing valuable income and, as importantly, a powerful experience of the compassionate care that is at the heart of Cry in The Dark's objectives.

Project Hope is our outreach project to a rural Roma village in Bacau County and is home to over 1000 children and around 150 families.

We have been working there for 10 years and have built up a good relationship with the children and the adults in this community.

The regular summer Autumn volunteer trips were all cancelled to Project Hope, Casa Lumina, and Hospice Lumina due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Christmas trip of UK volunteers to deliver Christmas shoeboxes to our beneficiaries was also cancelled. Instead, a small team of 3 volunteers lead by Steven Cooper CEO delivered 150 much needed food parcels to the families at the Roma village, just before Christmas.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees can I express our deep appreciation to our supporters and friends, to the staff teams in Romania, to Beth Johnson our Charity manager/Coordinator of volunteers, and to Steve Cooper CEO who continue to be at the heart of all that happens through Cry in the Dark.

## Cry in the Dark Partner Organisations

### Asociatia Lumina, Romania

Asociatia Lumina is an independently constituted charity existing and regulated under the relevant statutes governing non-government organisations in Romania and reporting to its own Board of Trustees.

Steven Cooper, Cry in The Dark's CEO is the President of the Board of Trustees and Beth Frimpong is also a board member.

Representation on Asociatia Lumina's Board of Trustees enables Cry In The Dark to oversee and participate in key decisions in relation to how the grant monies it provides are used and disbursed on the designated projects. Asociatia Lumina remains however an autonomous entity able to raise funds in its own right and to pursue its own independent objectives.

None of the trustees of Cry in The Dark receives remuneration or other financial reward or benefit in kind from Cry in The Dark's connections with Asociatia Lumina.

The charity has been Cry in The Dark's principal partner in Romania since inception and the two charities share a common ethos and faith-based principles.

Asociatia Lumina is responsible for the on the ground management and delivery of the following projects for which Cry in The Dark is the main grant provider:

- Case Lumina – a residential home for special needs young people in Comanesti.
- Casa Albert - facilities for education and accommodation for volunteers.
- Hospice Lumina – Providing in -patient respite and terminal care for children and providing a Hospice community service to children and their families in Bacau and the surrounding counties.

From October 2006, Cry in The Dark together with Asociatia Lumina began to collaborate with Hospices of Hope UK and its partner organisation in Romania, Asociatia Speranti to establish a community palliative care team that would support children, young people and their families in the Bacau area.

No conflicts of interest have arisen between Cry in The Dark and Asociatia Lumina over the period under review and no disputes exist between the two organisations.

Each year, in compliance with the applicable local regulations, Asociatia Lumina produces statements showing its financial results for the preceding 12 months and a balance sheet as at 31 December which it submits to the Romanian Ministry of Public Finance. These reports are published in Romania.

#### **Investment policy**

As in previous years, the policy of the charity was to keep surplus liquid funds in short term deposits that can be accessed easily to be in a position to respond to needs as they arise. The policy is regularly reviewed depending on the level of reserves.

#### **Reserves and assets**

The trustees continued to review the charity's reserves policy and it was agreed that a policy of operating on the basis of maintaining a level of unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover at least working capital requirements on day-to-day activities for six months may be prudently adopted.

To monitor financial performance trustee's review 6 -12 months cash flow projections for anticipated income and expenditure on a rolling monthly basis and were satisfied that all things being equal at the date of this report reserves were sufficient to sustain the operations of the charity to March 2021 and beyond.

The Charity's policy of not entering into contractual commitments that exceed its then available resources is unchanged.

#### **Grant making policy**

The charity achieves its objectives partly through making grants to local partner organisations. Grants are awarded at the discretion of the trustees and are monitored on a regular basis.

### Trustees' responsibilities for the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the report of the trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 1993, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by: -

Trustee.



B. Andrews

Date..... 15/1/2022 .....

**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

**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 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

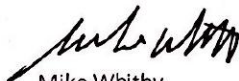
**Basis of the independent examiner's report**

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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.



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Date: 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2021

**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<i>Note</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>Total</i> 2020/2021 £	<i>Total</i> 2019/2020 £
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
<i>Voluntary income</i>					
Donations	2	187,741	-	187,741	137,018
Legacies	2	2,676	-	2,676	-
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>					
Income from fundraising activities	2	24,490	-	24,490	210,407
Investment income: interest receivable		-	-	-	-
<i>Other income</i>					
Other income		-	-	-	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>214,907</b>		<b>214,907</b>	<b>347,425</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>					
Cost of generating funds (including donations), fundraising and publicity		19,357	-	19,357	61,336
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Provision of services to children in Romania		146,992	-	146,992	222,737
<b>Governance costs</b>		<b>1,824</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,824</b>	<b>1,973</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>168,172</b>		<b>168,172</b>	<b>286,046</b>
<b>Net outgoing resources</b>		<b>46,735</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,735</b>	<b>61,379</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		116,930	-	116,930	55,551
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>163,665</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>163,665</b>	<b>116,930</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

**CRY IN THE DARK**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

	Note	2020/2021		2019/2020	
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	6		-		-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	8,374		18,784	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>156,971</u>		<u>114,187</u>	
		165,345		132,971	
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	<u>(1,680)</u>		<u>(16,041)</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>163,665</u>		<u>116,930</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>163,665</u>		<u>116,930</u>
<b>CHARITABLE FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	9		163,665		116,930
Restricted funds	9		-		-
			<u>163,665</u>		<u>116,930</u>

Approved by the trustees on 15.01.22 and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee



B. Andrew



Trustee

**CRY IN THE DARK****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), The Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

**Incoming resources**

Donations and other incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the SOFA when receivable.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from tax claims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
- Incoming resources from fundraising are reported gross in the SOFA.

**Resources expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs are those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include accountants' fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

**Funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for the use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general activities of the charity.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate.

**Foreign currency**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All exchange differences are taken to the SOFA.

**Fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life as follows:

Office equipment            3 years

## CRY IN THE DARK

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

2. INCOMING RESOURCES	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>2020/2021</i>	<i>2019/2020</i>
			<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
<i>Donations:</i>				
Cry Partner and Prieten Donations	84,049	-	84,049	93,525
Other donations	103,692	-	103,692	42,493
Legacies	2,676	-	2,676	1,000
	<u>190,417</u>		<u>190,417</u>	<u>137,018</u>
Income from fundraising activities	24,490		24,490	210,407
3. RESOURCES EXPENDED	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>2020/2021</i>	<i>2019/2020</i>
			<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
<i>Fundraising and publicity</i>				
Wages, pension contributions and National Insurance	13,754	-	13,754	13,755
Fundraising expenses	5,603	-	5,603	47,581
	<u>19,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,357</u>	<u>61,336</u>
<i>Provision of services to children in Romania</i>				
Casa Albert hospice project costs	41,229	-	41,229	75,643
Casa Lumina project running costs	90,594	-	90,594	128,494
Travel and subsistence	-	-	-	-
Office expenses	6,515	-	6,515	9,780
Wages, pension contributions and National Insurance	8,780	-	8,780	8,781
Bank charges	-	-	-	-
Exchange difference	(126)	-	(126)	39
Depreciation	-	-	-	-
	<u>146,992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>146,992</u>	<u>222,737</u>
<i>Governance costs</i>				
Wages, pension contributions and National Insurance	293	-	293	293
Annual General Meeting costs	-	-	-	-
Independent examination	1,532	-	1,532	1,680
	<u>1,824</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,824</u>	<u>1,973</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>168,172</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>168,172</u>	<u>286,046</u>

## CRY IN THE DARK

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021  
CRY IN THE DARK

## 5. STAFF COSTS

	2020/2021	2019/2020
	£	£
The charity has two full-time employees and two part-time employees, one of whom left the charity in the year. Total staff costs in the period were as follows:		
Wages and salaries	76,290	75,258
Employer's National Insurance	7,922	7,965
Government NIC allowance	(4,000)	(3,000)
Employer's pension contributions	1,880	1,880
Wages adjustment	-	-
	<u>82,093</u>	<u>82,103</u>

No member of the board of trustees received any remuneration in respect of their services during the year (2017: nil).

## 6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	<i>Office equipment</i>
	£
<b>Cost:</b>	
As at 1 April 2014	15,028
Additions	-
As at 31 March 2015	<u>15,028</u>
<b>Accumulated depreciation:</b>	
As at 1 April 2019	15,028
Charge for the period	-
As at 31 March 2019	<u>15,028</u>
<b>Net book value:</b>	
As at 31 March 2020	-
As at 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	<i>2020/2021</i>	<i>2019/2020</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
<b>7. DEBTORS</b>		
Tax refunds due	7,780	8,233
Reconciliation Differences	(296)	(326)
Unpaid donations	890	1,058
Prepayments		9,818
	<u>8,374</u>	<u>18,783</u>
<b>8. CREDITORS</b>		
Trade creditors	1,680	1,680
Deferred income	-	14,360
	<u>1,680</u>	<u>16,040</u>

**9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	<i>Fixed Assets</i>	<i>Current Assets</i>	<i>Current Liabilities</i>	<i>Net Assets</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Unrestricted fund	-	165,345	(1,680)	163,665
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-
Total funds	<u>-</u>	<u>165,345</u>	<u>(1,680)</u>	<u>163,665</u>

**10. ANALYSIS OF INCOMING AND EXPENDED RESOURCES**

	<i>Opening balance</i>	<i>Incoming resources</i>	<i>Resources expended</i>	<i>Closing balance</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Unrestricted fund	116,930	214,907	(168,172)	163,665
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-
	<u>116,930</u>	<u>214,907</u>	<u>(168,172)</u>	<u>163,665</u>