

Registered Charity Number: 1073255



Service of Hope

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 5 April 2021

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Administrative Information for the year ended 5 April 2021

Full name

Service of Hope

Other names

My Father's House (working name)

Charity number

1073255

Trustees

Jodie Marshall

Chair and Treasurer

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Jodie Marshall

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Trustees' annual report For the year ended 5 April 2021

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 5 April 2021.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the governing document, and the charities Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; FRS 102) issued in October 2019.

Structure Governance & Management

The organisation was registered with the Charity Commission on 11 January 1999 under a declaration of trust dated 5 November 1998.

The trustees are required to meet at least twice a year. The trustees are generally responsible for the running of the trust with most of the day to day work completed by the chair of trustees and secretary. The other trustees support this where necessary.

Objects and activities

Service of Hope is a UK based trust that raises money to support work with vulnerable groups in the North East of Brazil. The charitable objects are:

- to further the religious and other charitable work of the Anglican Episcopal church in the territory covered by the diocese of North East Brazil as at 5 November 1998
- to relieve persons resident in the country of Brazil who are in conditions of need hardship or distress by reason of their social and economic circumstances

The charity's main sources of income come from regular donations from individuals, churches and religious groups from across the UK. The trustees have general powers to raise and receive funds and apply them to the objects of the Charity.

Currently, grants are given to support the work of a non-governmental project in Olinda, Brazil called "Casa de Meu Pai" (My Father's House). The project was founded by Ian and Simea Meldrum, Anglican vicars, who work with people who live in a shanty town at the Church called Agua Viva (Living Waters). Their work is about supporting homeless children at risk and families who are very poor with no love in their lives. The Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) is now primarily run by a team of workers, a group of non-executive directors and the President Ian Meldrum.

In practise the donations from individuals are given primarily to support the work of the "My Father's House" project, although it does also have the ability to offer Grants to other organisations fulfilling the objectives should the trustees choose. Currently, it has been decided that Service of Hope will continue to only support My Father's House, due to the limited funds that are being raised by the charity. Donors understand that administration costs incurred by the charity will be funded from gift aid reclaimed and any unrestricted donations.

During 2020-2021 the global Pandemic, Covid-19 continued to affect both the UK and Brazil. The work at My Father's House was able to continue for much of the year due to working with vulnerable groups within Olinda. During lockdown, the organisation organised and delivered food parcels and made visits to families as permitted by Brazilian laws. As soon as they were able to, in line with Brazilian national and local laws, they resumed controlled face-to-face work. Digital exclusion is a big issue across Brazil, so face-to-face work became increasingly necessary for My Father's House

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Trustees' annual report (continued) For the year ended 5 April 2021

Objects and activities (continued)

The international move to a more digital way of working did allow for the Service of Hope Trustees to connect virtually with the precedent of the project, which helped to increase communication between Service of Hope and My Father's House. We hope to continue this way of working, whilst it is not possible to easily travel to the UK or Brazil.

Summary of the main activities

£29,250 has been granted to Service of Hope during this year. These grants have included donations from monthly grant commitments and extra donations during November and December to support the extra costs required during the Christmas period. Some of this extra donation was given from a Sheffield based company called Yes Tax who wanted to support the work of the project in Brazil. Service of Hope has received other donations from individuals, churches and groups to support this work, and continues to get regular donations through these methods, which include regular monthly donors.

During 2020-2021 recruiting Trustees to support this work still proves difficult. The difficulties of this are connected with the primary support for the work coming from elderly people, who are either too old to support practically or lack the experience of working digitally that is required. The biggest current risk to the charity acknowledged by the Trustees is currently it's succession and elder supporters and donors deceasing. The trustees continue to maintain conversations with My Father's House and review the situation regularly, both from the perspective of My Father's House and Service of Hope. Historically supporters have been gained from UK volunteers and church groups visiting the project in Brazil short term and choosing to support it financially when they have returned. Due to Covid, this has not been possible, and thus any hopes to explore a volunteer programme has been paused. The Secretary, instead, is working with My Father's House to deliver some online meetings with My Father's House for those supporting and interested in supporting the work in the UK.

More information about the work we support can be found at Service of Hope's new website:

www.serviceofhope.org

In planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have considered the Charity Commission guidance on working internationally.

Financial summary

The charity received £29,250 in donations towards the work of the charity. £28,720 of these donations have been treated as restricted donations, specifically for the My Father's House project in Olinda. The charity also received £2,936 from gift aid claims during this period. £747 was spent on the administrator and other office/general expenses.

Reserves policy

Free reserves at 5 April 2021 were £5,076 (2020: £2,777).

The trustees consider that, due to the grant-making nature of the charity, that free reserves should be sufficient to cover any outstanding liabilities at the year end. Any reserves after liabilities will be put towards grants given for the following year.

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Trustees' annual report (continued) For the year ended 5 April 2021

Future Plans – 2021-2022

In light of Covid-19 the trustees continue to review the safeguarding practices of Service of Hope and the project supported. We will continue to engage directly with My Father's House Management in Brazil via video conferencing and other digital means, whilst travel is restricted between the UK and Brazil. Due to Brazil managing the Covid-19 situation differently to the UK, it is felt that it would not be sensible to travel to Brazil whilst they are still coping with the pandemic and making sure the country is vaccinated. We will continue to review this periodically.

There was not a drop in donations during 2020-2021, but we have seen a drop of donations in 2021-2022 thus far. This has meant that the charity may complete 2022 with less money in reserves. Because of this, we are prioritising communication with donors and encouraging them to engage with us and My Father's House through video meetings, where the President of My Father's House can share with donors and others interested in the work virtually. Priority will also be given during 2021-2022 to updating the website and social media content.

In years where donor levels drop, expense levels also drop accordingly, with Grant giving to My Father's House being reviewed periodically. Grants are only committed to when there are sufficient funds.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above on 26 October 2021

Signed on behalf of the trustees:



Jodie Marshall
Chair

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Service of Hope ("the Charity")

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

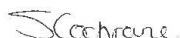
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Signed:

Susan Cochrane FCA
On behalf of:
VAS Community Accountancy
The Circle
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Date: 26 October 2021

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Receipts & payments account For the year ended 5 April 2021

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Receipts				
Donations				
Donations from individuals	530	28,720	29,250	29,017
Gift Aid	2,936	-	2,936	1,443
Total receipts	3,466	28,720	32,186	30,460
Payments				
Grants				
My Father's House	-	25,850	25,850	28,000
Administration costs				
Independent examination	420	-	420	420
Other administrative expenses	747	-	747	888
Travel & accomodation	-	-	-	221
Total payments	1,167	25,850	27,017	29,529
Net receipts/(payments)	2,299	2,870	5,169	931
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	2,299	2,870	5,169	931
Cash funds at the start of the year	2,777	1,294	4,071	3,140
Cash funds at end of the year	5,076	4,164	9,240	4,071

In 2020 £28,387 of receipts were restricted and £2,073 were unrestricted. £28,000 of payments were restricted and £1,529 were unrestricted.

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Statement of assets and liabilities

As at 5 April 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash assets		
Balances at bank:		
Current account	9,240	4,071
	<u>9,240</u>	<u>4,071</u>
Other assets		
Gift aid reclaimable	1,218	-
	<u>1,218</u>	<u>-</u>
Liabilities		
Trade creditors	206	-
Accountancy and independent examination fee	420	420
	<u>626</u>	<u>420</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 26 October 2021

Signed on behalf of the trustees by:

Jodie Marshall: 
Chair

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Notes to the accounts

For the year ended 5 April 2021

1 Accounting policies

Receipts & payments account

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

Funds

General funds are donations and other income receivable or generated for the objects of the organisation without further specified purpose.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor.

2 Restricted funds

	Funds b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Funds c/fwd £
My Father's House	1,144	28,720	(25,700)	4,164
Tractor appeal	150	-	(150)	-
	1,294	28,720	(25,850)	4,164

My Father's House Funds specifically given to be passed on to My Father's House, rather than the wider work of the charity.

Tractor appeal Funds specifically given to be passed to My Father's House in relation to the tractor.

<i>Prior year</i>	Funds b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Funds c/fwd £
My Father's House	907	28,237	(28,000)	1,144
Tractor appeal	-	150	-	150
	907	28,387	(28,000)	1,294

3 Related party transactions

No trustees received expenses during the period (2020: One trustee £221). No other remuneration or benefits were received by the trustees in this period.

£Nil (2020: £25) was donated by trustees during the year.