

Friends of Grahamstown and District Development (FOGADD)

Registered Charity Number: 1093339

Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2021

FRIENDS OF GRAHAMSTOWN AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT (FOGADD)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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Legal and Administrative Information

This is a fundraising charity set up under a Trust Deed dated 16 January 2002 and Supplemental Deed dated 8 July 2002. The objects of the charity are to promote the advancement of education, health, welfare and sporting developments in Grahamstown (now known as Makhanda) and the surrounding region of the Eastern Cape, South Africa.

Trustees and Governance

Name of Trustee	Dates during which the named trustee acted if not for the whole period	Name of person or body entitled to appoint any charity trustee
Prof C Megone (Chair)		Trustee resolution
Mr C Iley (Treasurer)		Trustee resolution
Mrs A Hall		Trustee resolution
Mrs C Harvey		Trustee resolution
Mr M Lamb (Secretary)		Trustee resolution
Mr C Law		Trustee resolution
Mrs S Law		Trustee resolution
Mrs C Mallett		Trustee resolution
Prof D Matravers		Trustee resolution
Mrs D Megone		Trustee resolution
Mrs C Smith		Trustee resolution

Eleven trustees are appointed by resolution of the existing trustee body. New trustees are recruited through personal recommendation and approved by resolution of the existing trustee body. The details below explain the main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Activities and Achievements

Overview

FOGADD continues to support education and welfare projects in the Eastern Cape of South Africa, specifically in the Grahamstown area. During the financial year ended 31 March 2021 there were five full meetings of the UK trustees, whilst in South Africa there was one meeting of the Watch Committee and a selection meeting of the Scholarship Committee. All committee members both in UK and SA remain volunteers, and all fund-raising is carried out on a voluntary basis. We would once again like to thank Mrs Margie Keeton for monitoring our activities in Grahamstown.

i) Fund-raising

In the UK this year we are pleased to report that our regular donations held up well despite the COVID crisis with only a slight fall from £12,260 to £11,815. The previous year we had undertaken some efforts to broaden our support base, but this year our efforts were focused on a major fund-raising event. One off donations were £1,831. Our income from events rose significantly to £9,878 which came wholly from the major event just referred to, an online promises auction. (Some payments for that came in in the following financial year). Due to Covid the regular sponsored walk of the Yorkshire Three Peaks by The Grammar School at Leeds was cancelled. Gift-Aid reclaimed rose slightly as well, in line with increases in donations recorded in last year's report.

Thus despite all the challenges of the pandemic the total income for the year showed a pleasing increase to £27,324. Our strategy remains to increase our regular donations and reduce our dependence on events so we are very pleased with this outcome, though we aim to continue to keep working on the regular donations. We are extremely grateful to all our supporters who give so generously and provide FOGADD

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with a sound basis to enable us to carry out our work, which remains much needed in such a poor part of a very poor Province. As might be imagined the challenges brought on by COVID have been particularly acute in the Grahamstown and District area.) Once again our fund-raising 'benefited' as the rand remained weak against the pound which means the money we raised could go further in South Africa.

As ever, we would encourage all regular donors to consider whether they have any friends who might contribute regularly **even on a small scale** to a charity which has virtually no running costs but remains well-managed.

ii) Allocation of Funds

How then do we spend the money which we receive?

Strategy

We continue to support six on-going projects. The projects we support provide us with good feedback on their activities, accounting well for the money we send, and in the case of the scholarships, which has always been our major outlay, we are now seeing very gratifying results as the scholars go on to Universities or employment. As usual, we report on the projects supported last year individually, setting out our comments on them again below. In relation to the financial year ended 31 March 2021, most of the annual donations to each scheme were not made until April 2021 (owing to the timing of the major fundraising activity of the year) and therefore are not included in these accounts, increasing the level of cash reserves available as at 31 March 2021 to £21,071 (2020: £2,595). We also made one donation to a special feeding scheme necessitated due to the impact of Covid. The trustees are satisfied they have sufficient funds to pay bills and meet any liabilities as they fall due.

Scholarships

The amount spent on scholarships rose slightly due to an additional scholar at PJ Olivier, though we benefited from having funds in place in February to pay the School fees which led to an 'early-bird' fee reduction.

During 2020-21 we supported scholars at PJ Olivier and Victoria Girls High School. We are again pleased that our matriculating scholars passed matric, and those from previous years continue to do well at University or in work.

Overall since we began, all our scholars have either gained University or Tertiary Education places or gone on to full employment in good quality jobs (or both). In 2020/21 six scholars attended PJ Olivier High School, where the language of instruction is Afrikaans, and one attended Victoria Girls High School. All the scholars continue to benefit from the opportunity to attend these good quality schools despite often difficult home backgrounds and, whilst all have benefited significantly, some of their achievements have been very impressive indeed.

We have worked with Victoria Girls High School, which obtains the best exam results in the Eastern Cape, to find other suitable scholarship candidates. As a result, the school has again identified a suitable candidate for a scholarship, commencing in January 2022.

Both schools made every effort to provide a good quality education during the COVID crisis.

GADRA

The 2020-21 annual contribution to GADRA of R115,000 (c£5399) was transferred in advance in 2019-20, but no such advance donation was made in 2020-21, so no transfers were made in respect of this project during the year, with the 2021-22 allocation transferred post year end.

GADRA continues to operate in four main areas. Firstly this organisation has embarked on an ambitious plan to improve the quality of the more deprived schools in Grahamstown. This plan involves a number of initiatives including a mentoring programme at three schools for final year pupils, with mentoring provided

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by Rhodes University students. This was a significant contributing factor in an excellent number of passes at University entrance standard from these schools.

Secondly, we also continued to support GADRA's existing work with the Matric School, which provides intensive tuition to school leavers to improve their grades and so improve their chances of further education and employment. GADRA is now the leading feeder school in Grahamstown (public or private) for Rhodes University. In 2020 there was once again approaching a 100% pass rate and over 100 students gained bachelor passes i.e. achieved university entrance level grades. We believe this achievement by GADRA continues to give credibility to the wider project they are undertaking to raise achievement levels in the weaker schools across the city.

Thirdly our funding continues to support the mobile science lab which we have helped to fund since its inception. This is now run by GADRA (hence it is included under this heading). The rationale is that GADRA can provide the financial and other management skills needed to organise the work of the mobile science lab. There has been a shift in the project's approach to developing science education in weaker schools. Rather than supplying teachers into the schools, the teachers at the supported schools receive additional training and development through sessions undertaken at Rhodes University. The mobile lab then provides the necessary equipment for pupils to undertake practical work in biology and physics, as well as giving support for that practical work via the Xhosa speaking assistant.

Finally we have continued to provide support, through our funding of GADRA, for a recent initiative, two "Whistlestop" schools which work with deprived children at primary age to develop their literacy and numeracy and prevent them from falling behind in these key skills early in their educational development. So far results for this programme continue to be outstanding.

Admirably GADRA managed to maintain all its educational activities in operation for all permitted periods in the face of the COVID challenges.

St Mary's Development and Care Centre

Part of the 2020-21 annual contribution to St Mary's Development and Care Centre of R 30,000 (c£1,408) was transferred in advance in 2019-20. The remaining R10,000 (£469) was paid in the financial year ended 31 March 2021. An allocation for 21-22 has been transferred after the year end.

We continued to provide funding to this Centre which was originally founded to address the problem of poor children coming to school hungry. In addition to providing nutritious lunches after school, the DCC also provides support to around 165 children through purposefully scaffolded sets of developmental, learning and enrichment activities. It has worked throughout the pandemic but has been affected by lock-downs.

A new leadership appointment has been made, but the person is known to FOGADD trustees and we are confident that they will lead this organisation successfully.

Child and Family Welfare

The 2020-21 annual contribution to Child and Family Welfare of R 30,000 (c£1,408) was transferred in advance in 2019-20, but no such advance donation was made in 2020-21, so no transfers were made in respect of this project during the year, with the 2021-22 allocation transferred post year end.

This charity works with children suffering from abuse and neglect and struggles to retain the professional staff required. (It is estimated that 1 in 3 children under 18 suffer from child abuse. This terrifying level of abuse has remained constant for many years.) Case-loads thus remain high, and salaries need to be competitive if social workers are to be attracted to Grahamstown as there is a national shortage of social workers. Thus the FOGADD contribution supports salary costs, aiming to help with staff retention. We are delighted that under Woineshet Bischoff and the SA management committee this important organization continues to develop its work. As part of that work, it is now successfully running three safe houses for 16 children that have suffered abuse or neglect. (It's worth noting that Woineshet retired in November 2020, but we are pleased to be able to report excellent new leadership has been appointed, though Woineshet will be a hard act to follow, as I commented last year!)

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Siyazama Pre-School

The 2020-21 annual donation of R22,000 (c. £1,032) was transferred in advance in the year ended 31 March 2020 but no such advance donation was made in 2020-21. Thus no transfers were made in respect of this project during the year, with the 2021-22 allocation transferred post year end.

Siyazama continues to be a model for pre-schools in the township and our funding enables them to keep their buildings in good repair and provide some small additional funding for staff, who receive only a very small monthly stipend. The donation was particularly helpful this year as the collection of school fees was adversely affected by COVID and the number of pupils was reduced to allow social distancing.

CSD

We made a donation of Rand R20,000 (c£938) in the year end 31 March 2020 in respect of the financial year 20-21 but no such advance donation was made in 2020-21, so no transfers were made in respect of this project during the year. The 2021-22 allocation was transferred post year end.

The Centre for Social Development ('CSD') focuses on training and support for pre-schools but uses these bases for early childhood development as a springboard for the development of Multipurpose Centres that serve the welfare of the whole wider community (from Aids awareness classes to Governance training). They also assisted with some of the food distribution initiatives which were set up in response to the Covid crisis.

Assumption Nutrition

In the financial year ended 31 March 2020 we made a small donation to this project and Trustees are now monitoring feedback from the project before making any further donations. This project, like St Marys provides lunches to children who would otherwise not be sure of getting a meal at home.

Circle of Unity feeding scheme (via Grahamstown Residents Association).

We made a donation of Rand 14,344 (c£673) to a special scheme providing meals to around 12,000 people a day owing to the numbers struggling to feed themselves because of the impact on employment of the COVID virus.

iii) Costs and Publicity

In all this activity, we seek to keep our costs to the barest minimum. Thus almost all donations are spent on the needs in SA. Our only costs continue to be the bank charges for each electronic transfer of funds, and a monthly charge from Just Giving. We aim to minimise the bank charges by making just one transfer a year. Everyone involved directly in our work both here and in SA is contributing voluntarily.

The web-site address is www.fogadd.org and we have a facebook page. We also have a short power point presentation which can be delivered to donor organisations such as schools and churches in order to provide their members with more information on our activities.

This year we made a major revamp of the website. This was led by a Trustee, Constance Smith, and we are very pleased with the result. It was up and running in time for the online Promises Auction so we had a good website to which the increased traffic arising from the auction could turn.

iv) Grahamstown Watch Committee

We are grateful for the work of the Watch Committee in Grahamstown which continues to monitor all FOGADD projects and also to advise on other possible worthwhile areas for support. This committee plays a crucial role (along with the accounts and reports from the relevant organisations) in assuring us that the money raised by FOGADD is well spent. We are very fortunate that such skilled and busy people continue to offer their services. We are delighted that Mrs Margie Keeton, who is involved in a number of voluntary organisations in Grahamstown, continues to monitor projects on our behalf.

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Due to COVID no trustees has been able to visit Grahamstown during the reporting period. However we made efforts to ensure that we were in regular electronic contact with Grahamstown, and the funded projects, through the year. Again this hands-on engagement is recognised at the Eastern Cape end and plays a role in the efficacy of FOGADD's work.

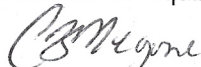
As noted above, the quality and dedication of the leaders of all the organisations FOGADD supports was both reassuring and heart-warming, with so much still needing to be done.

Readers of last year's report will recall the degree of stress caused in the area by COVID 19 with many families struggling for even the most basic necessities such as food. In addition the extensive drought reported last year continued into its fourth year. Furthermore the problems caused by the Municipality's inability to ensure the provision of basic services to citizens continued. Effectively maintaining roads, sewerage and electricity delivery, keeping public highways clear of grazing animals (cows and donkeys), clearing rubbish and so on all remained highly challenging. The order for the disbandment of the Municipality, and the appointment of an Administrator is still being fought in the Courts by the Eastern Cape Government, fruitlessly, and at considerable cost. Their appeal has been thrown out but they are now going to the Constitutional Court.

In all these circumstances it is once again important to stress that the achievements of civil society, and in particular the organisations FOGADD supports, is even more impressive, and even more vital.

In conclusion, we reiterate our thanks to all our donors, and as chairman I would once again also like to thank all my fellow trustees for all the work they have put in over the last year. I would also like to thank all those in Grahamstown who send us regular reports on their activities. As this review has indicated the work needed to raise funds for FOGADD is always challenging. Nonetheless we wish to continue our support and if possible to increase it year on year. Recent events, have only confirmed yet again the need for this. We hope to be returning in 2022, Covid19 permitting, so we continue to monitor projects closely.

Our current plan remains that of maintaining contributions to the activities we currently support, subject to satisfactory reports on their work. However, if possible we would like to raise additional funds to increase our support for the ambitious project to raise standards in all the former 'township' schools. As already indicated, it is likely that the demands will continue to be challenging over the next few years as our support base also faces financial challenges. Having said that the overall sums required remain fairly small when viewed in a larger context and I am confident that we will continue to be motivated to meet the significant needs that continue to require addressing in Grahamstown.



(Prof.) Christopher Megone, Chairman of Trustees.

* The conversions are approximations using an exchange rate of R21.3 to £1 which was the average for the past year.

Policies

There should be a description of the policies adopted as follows:

- *Reserves Policy: The charity currently operates with minimal reserves at the end of the financial year as normally payments are made just before the year end. The trustees wish to retain a minimum level of reserves to enable the charity to meet its commitment to scholarships each year even if there is a significant fall in donations. Other donations are at their discretion dependent on the income raised each year. Trustees are endeavouring to build up its donor base with a view to having cash reserves equal*

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to Scholarship fees committed, currently of c £7,000. The year-end reserves figure of £21,071 is unusually high due to the main fund-raising event occurring in close proximity to the year end. This has enabled significant new awards to be made in early 2021/22 financial year.

- *Grant-making policy –*

1. Accountability and ease of monitoring e.g. proper accounts must be kept; Grahamstown Watch Committee able to monitor activity and report back on progress and outcome.
2. Effectiveness and achieving outcomes – e.g. monitoring of what scholars have gone on to do; monitoring of results from GADRA matric school and primary schools projects.
3. Meeting our priorities – our priorities are in the areas of education and welfare, with health and sport remaining as secondary targets.
4. Number of people benefiting – we want to uplift the whole community, so where we support individuals, as in the scholarship scheme, we shall be looking for knock on benefits for the wider community.
5. Geography – projects nearer to Grahamstown have priority, in part because of greater ease of monitoring via the Watch Committee.
6. Length of our commitment – important to classify all potential projects as ongoing or one-off.
7. Scholarship selection – independent Grahamstown scholarship committee to recommend scholarship awards for approval by Trustees.

- *Review of major risks (optional) –*

Risk: failure of proper allocation of funds overseas

Action: Grahamstown Watch Committee to oversee activities, and accounts received from projects supported.

Signature and Declaration

I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that:

- The trustees have approved the report above; and
- Have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.



Prof. C Megone, Chairman

Date: January 2022

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS OF GRAHAMSTOWN AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT (FOGADD) CHARITY NUMBER 109339

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Friends of Grahamstown and District Development ('the Trust') for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on page 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. 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 needed.

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 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 material matters have 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 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.

Use of my report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 31 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the statement I have made.

Linda Cooper

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Date: 20 January 2022

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Year ended £	31 March 2021 £	Year ended £	31 March 2020 £
<u>Receipts</u>				
Donations and other similar receipts	13,647		14,345	
Fundraising events	9,878		4,447	
Gift aid	3,791		3,579	
Deposit interest	8		12	
Total receipts		<u>27,324</u>		<u>22,387</u>
<u>Payments</u>				
Charitable payments:				
Scholarships paid	6,893		7,350	
Grants paid	0		16,247	
Charitable activities	1,114		8,204	
Bank charges	87		102	
		8,124		31,903
Fundraising costs		216		216
Administration costs		0		0
Total Payments		<u>8,340</u>		<u>30,464</u>
Net of Receipts/(Payments)		18,984		-9,732
Cash funds last year end		2,595		12,159
Exchange rate differences		-508		168
Cash funds this year end		<u>21,071</u>		<u>2,595</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT YEAR END for the financial year ended 31 March 2021

	31 March 2021 £	31 March 2020 £
Total Unrestricted Cash Funds	<u>21,071</u>	<u>2,595</u>

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees:


Prof C Megone
 Date 19/1/2022


Mrs D Megone