

STREET KIDS DIRECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1102894

Details

Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND DISTRESS OF STREET CHILDREN WORLDWIDE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS OF AGE BY PROVIDING FOOD, CLOTHING, ACCOMMODATION AND MEDICAL ATTENTION AND BY SUCH OTHER MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE. 2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF STREET CHILDREN WORLDWIDE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ENABLE THEM TO ATTEND LOCAL SCHOOLS AND SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVE VOCATIONAL TRAINING,

Activities: We raise funds for street kids projects and are currently funding outreach to street kids and three kids homes in Guatemala and Honduras.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WORLDWIDE
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Buckinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£136,109	£131,722	-	-
2024-03-31	£165,177	£166,188	-	-
2023-03-31	£169,893	£191,228	-	-
2022-03-31	£192,426	£196,649	-	-
2021-03-31	£206,408	£198,934	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DUNCAN DYASON	Chair	
JOE SODEN		
Jonathan Harbottle		2024-01-12
MATT LEVETT		

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Annual Report

STREET KIDS DIRECT

"until the last child"

Registered Charity 1102894



INTRODUCTION



Our Vision

To see no more street-living children worldwide.

Our Mission

Rescue street-living children worldwide, “until the last child.”

Prevent more children from taking the steps towards street life.

Street Kids Direct

Changing the lives of the most vulnerable street-living and high-risk children and youth around the world.

In 2001, Street Kids Direct was born from a simple yet bold vision: that every penny donated would go directly to changing the lives of the most vulnerable children in Latin America. What started as a small, volunteer-led charity in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, has grown into a movement of compassion, partnership, and transformation.

For 24 years, we’ve stood alongside street-living and at-risk children, offering safety, opportunity, and the chance to dream again. Working hand-in-hand with dedicated local partners in Guatemala and Honduras, we’ve supported children who once called the streets home and walked with them toward a brighter future.

And the impact? It’s remarkable.

From an estimated 5,000 children living on the streets in Guatemala, to zero. That’s not just a statistic—it’s a testament to what’s possible when we believe in change, invest in prevention, and love without condition.

Today, our focus is shifting, not because the need is gone, but because the future calls us forward. We’re now embarking on a global initiative to map where street-living children are across the world. We hope that this data will shape national strategies, inform interventions, and help children not only leave the streets but thrive far beyond them.

For nearly a quarter of a century, your support has made this possible. And as we look to the next chapter, we invite you to dream with us again, of a world where no child has to sleep on the streets and every child can reach their full potential.

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THE CHALLENGE

Across Guatemala and Honduras, thousands of children live on the edge of crisis every day. These are children growing up in some of the most dangerous and under-resourced communities in Central America, places where poverty, violence, family breakdown, and a lack of educational opportunity create the perfect storm for street involvement.



The frontline of prevention

Many of these children are not yet living on the streets, but they are at serious risk of ending up there.

They are the children left home alone while parents work long hours in insecure jobs, or who have dropped out of school or never enrolled. And then there are the children who work on the streets to survive and support their families.

In both countries, the pull of gang life is growing. Violent groups such as Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) and Barrio 18 prey on vulnerable children,

often recruiting boys as young as 8 to act as lookouts, runners, or even enforcers.

For many, the gang offers identity, protection, and a false sense of belonging, things they cannot find at home or school.

What we have found through years of experience is simple but powerful: **if we can keep a child in school and connected to a caring adult, we can keep them off the streets.**

Education provides not just knowl-

edge, but structure, purpose, and community. Our mentoring model builds consistent relationships with children at high risk, helping them navigate challenges, stay in school, and imagine a different future.

The stakes are high. Every child we keep in school is a child less likely to join a gang. Every child who receives support is a child who may never need to survive on the streets.

This is the frontline of prevention, and this is the problem Street Kids Direct was born to address.



The Reality

- In Guatemala, more than 14,000 young people are believed to be active in gangs, and over 400 gangs are operating nationwide.
- In Honduras, more than 150,000 children and adolescents are estimated to be out of school, a key risk factor for street and gang involvement.
- In both countries, youth aged 15–24 make up the largest share of homicide victims, most of them male, and many connected to gang violence.
- According to UNICEF, 1 in 2 children in Guatemala lives in multidimensional poverty, lacking access to education, healthcare, and protection.

Every week, our Prevention Teams step into the heart of Guatemala City's most vulnerable zones, meeting children where they are, often on the very streets that threaten to shape their future.

Armed with nothing more than a

football, some simple games, and open hearts, the team gathers small groups of children together for laughter, connection, and meaningful conversation.

For children growing up with a high connection to street life, the risks are

severe and rise with each day they spend unsupervised or exposed to the dangers of the street. From gang recruitment to exploitation, from addiction to abandonment, the streets don't offer safety, but survival.

Through regular outreach, the team helps children build resilience, not just against the pull of the street, but against the trauma, poverty, and instability that often brought them there in the first place.

This is where prevention begins, not in policies or paperwork, but in presence. And it's making all the difference.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DUNCAN DYASON MBE

As I write this from Guatemala City, I'm reminded daily of the challenges children here face—but even more, I'm reminded of the incredible difference your support is making.

Every donation, every prayer, and every moment of encouragement sent our way is felt here on the ground, in the smiles of children who are learning to read, in the confidence of teenagers leading younger kids, and in the relief of parents who know their children are safe.

Over the last year, I've had the privilege of watching our partners in Guatemala and Honduras grow in both strength and vision. Their commitment, courage, and creativity continue to inspire me. Whether running mentoring sessions, visiting homes, preparing meals, or standing with families in crisis, they are the heroes of this story, and it's your

generosity that allows their work to flourish.

Thanks to your continued support, we have been able to expand our reach by 10%, welcoming more children into our programmes and deepening our impact in some of the most vulnerable communities in the region. This isn't just a statistic; it's more children mentored, more school uniforms provided, more meals served, and more futures changed.

We've strengthened our partnerships, launched new initiatives, and walked with hundreds of at-

risk children through another year of challenges and victories. And through it all, we've remained faithful to the heart of Street Kids Direct: to be present, to be generous, and to never give up on a child.

As we celebrate 24 years of Street Kids Direct, I want to thank you on behalf of every child who now feels seen, safe, and supported. You are helping rewrite stories of despair into stories of hope.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Duncan Dyason MBE
Director & Trustee



Duncan (left) with Duncan Manuel - a boy rescued from the streets of Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

THE TEAM



Matt Levett is a Baptist Minister in Long Buckby and has worked with high-risk children and youth for over 25 years, and visits the projects in Central America each year. Matt lectures on youth culture and youth work and offers his unique perspective on the work in Central America.



Joanna Soden is a busy working mother from Amersham and is committed to the work in Central America and visits every two years. Joanna runs her own cake business and is a trained Christian counsellor.



Jonathan Harbottle lives in Amersham and has been supporting the charity for over ten years. Jonathan is a chartered surveyor who lives with his wife and two sons in Amersham. He runs his own development company and is passionate about the work with street-living children worldwide.



Duncan Dyason first started working with street-living children in Guatemala in 1992 and continues to live in Guatemala City, where he volunteers for the projects the charity supports. Duncan is also developing the global strategy to reach every street-living child over the next 25 years.



Steve & Lindsey Poulson, Charity Workers

Steve & Lindsey volunteer with and direct the Proyecto Alas outreach project in Honduras, helping high-risk children and youth. They also manage the businesses that help fund their work and will play a central role in the global mapping programme we have begun.



Duncan (left) with Jesús

From the rubbish dump to a future of hope – Jesús' Story

Growing up on a rubbish dump is not something most of us reading this report can truly imagine. Thankfully, many of us grew up with a roof over our heads, a bed to sleep in, and the support of a family.

But for Jesús and his younger brother Marcos, childhood looked very different. From their earliest memories, life was a daily battle for survival.

Every morning, long before dawn, the boys would wake up just after 3:00 a.m. and walk to the nearest

bus stop with their mother. They would catch the first bus into the centre of Guatemala City, a journey that took nearly two hours. After disembarking, they'd walk another half an hour to reach the rubbish dump in the central market area (La Terminal).

There, they worked for two hours scavenging through piles of waste before heading to school.

Jesús once told me how ashamed he felt arriving at school with the smell of the dump clinging to his

clothes. Classmates would mock him and his brother for their tattered shirts, broken shoes, and the unmistakable odour that followed them throughout the day.

After school, the routine continued. They returned to the dump, sometimes eating food their mother had found earlier that morning. Then, exhausted, they would attempt to do their homework. But tasks like "investigations," which required internet access and printing photos, were impossible for boys living in those conditions.

It's easy to understand why Jesús and Marcos struggled in school, and why so many children in their position drop out entirely. Without support, their path often leads to street life, child labour, or gangs.

Thankfully, this is not where their story ended.

Through the support of Street Kids Direct and our local partners, both boys received educational assistance, mentoring, and emotional support. We walked with them through their most vulnerable years, helping them stay in school and of-

fering hope when the odds seemed stacked against them.

Just recently, I met up with Jesús again. Now a young adult, he smiled as we reminisced about his childhood. Then, with quiet sincerity, he said something I'll never forget:

"If it wasn't for you and the charity, I think I'd be dead now."

Today, Jesús and his brother Marcos are living proof that your support changes lives. Both boys completed secondary school. Marcos went on to work in an animal rescue centre and Jesus was offered a job man-

aging a small business in La Terminal. He's now saving to start his own venture and dreams of earning enough to support his mother, so she no longer has to work on the dump.

Jesús' journey, like that of his brother Marcos, is one of hardship, resilience, and transformation. And it's also a reminder: when we come alongside a child in crisis with love, consistency, and opportunity, we don't just change their story. We help them write a new one.

Duncan Dyason



Marcos & Jesús with their mother, Doña Olivia, in 2015

DOOR OF HOPE

A Door of Hope for Guatemala's Street-Connected Children

In the heart of Guatemala City, where poverty, danger, and displacement shape daily life, Puerta de Esperanza—the Door of Hope—is living up to its name. This remarkable project is offering not just a safe place to learn, but a lifeline to children who are among the most at risk in the city.

Serving the communities of La Terminal and Zona 8, the project reaches children and young people with strong ties to street life, many of whom are working to survive or have dropped out of formal education entirely. Others have never even stepped into a classroom. Every day brings new pressures, and for many, the streets appear to offer more stability than home.

But Puerta de Esperanza, with ongoing support from Street Kids Direct, is rewriting that story.

Each day, around 180 children walk through the centre's doors, not only to receive vital support for surviv-



al, but to find a place where they can thrive. A specialised education programme helps those outside the school system re-engage with learning through an accessible online curriculum. Children who are already enrolled in school receive daily homework support, bridging the significant gaps in under-re-

sourced classrooms.

In some of the city's most marginalised informal settlements, the team extends its outreach to support 100 slum-dwelling children three times a week. With parenting workshops, school starter kits, and consistent family engagement, the centre

works not just with the child but with the home, equipping families to become part of the long-term solution.

The scale of support offered is extraordinary. Thanks to strong partnerships with the Guatemala City Council and local businesses, the project serves nearly 6,000 breakfasts and 12,000 lunches every week, ensuring that no child is too hungry to learn or grow.

What makes Puerta de Esperanza especially unique is its deep commitment to listening to the children it serves. The charity actively involves children and their parents in planning and shaping activities. Cultural trips and new experiences have helped children connect with their national identity, take pride in their heritage, and build confidence in who they are.

One beautiful result of this dialogue was the children's idea to start their own bakery. Plans are now underway to build a small kitchen where children will learn bread-making, a skill that not only feeds their families but also fosters creativity, responsibility, and community contribution.

Over the last year, the team has also invested in strengthening its internal operations. They have revised key manuals, refined their theory of change, and systemised programme processes to ensure

greater impact and efficiency.

Finally, Puerta de Esperanza continues to grow through strategic collaboration. By contributing to local networks and receiving support from other NGOs and the Municipal Government, the charity has strengthened its ability to serve and respond to the complex needs of the community.

In every way, Puerta de Esperanza is not just offering hope; it is equipping children and families with the tools to build a future where the streets no longer feel like their only option.



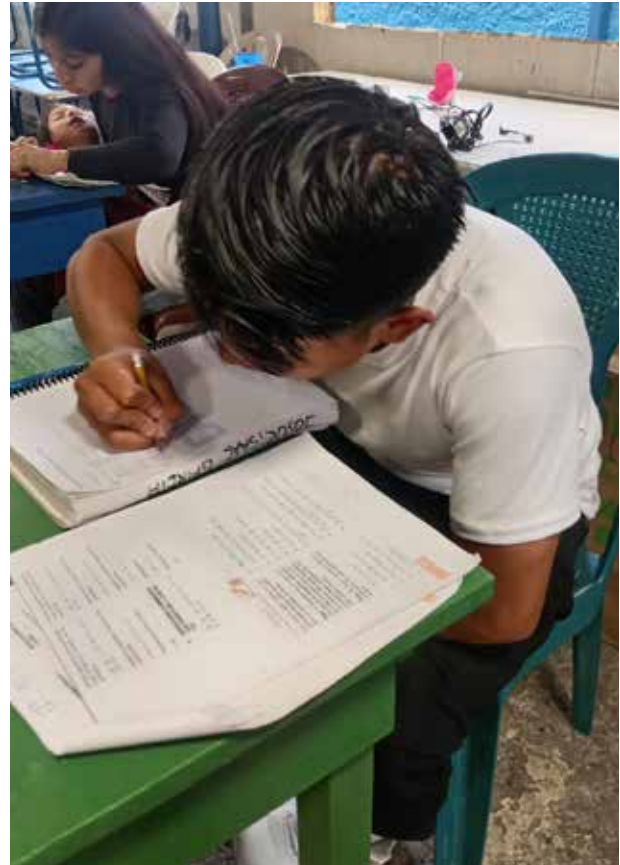
Isaac's Journey: From Disillusionment to Determination

Josué Isaac lives in La Terminal, Guatemala City and has learned the toughest of life's lessons. His story is just another example of how your support changes lives.

Josué Isaac Pacajoj (photo) is a young man whose life has taken a dramatic and inspiring turn, thanks to the consistent support of Puerta de Esperanza and the National Alternative Education Programme (PRONEA).

After a period of instability, including time spent in a group home, Isaac faced deep discouragement and a lack of direction. But everything began to change when he was given a second chance through education. With guidance, structure, and unwavering encouragement from the Puerta de Esperanza team, Isaac began to rediscover his sense of purpose.

He has now completed the second stage of primary school and has proudly begun the next stage of his academic journey. Not only is he excelling in his studies, but he also



participates actively in both educational and recreational activities at the centre, showing a renewed commitment and a consistently positive attitude.

Isaac's story is a powerful testament to the difference that support, trust, and safe spaces can make in a young person's life. His transformation is not only a story of self-improvement, but it's a clear sign that with the right guidance, the streets no longer appear to him as a viable option. Instead, he is choosing a path of hope, purpose, and possibility.

PROYECTO ALAS

A Safe Haven in Talanga: How Proyecto Alas Is Changing Lives



Thanks to the continued support from Street Kids Direct, Proyecto Alas in Talanga, Honduras, has been able to keep its doors open—and with it, the hope alive for dozens of vulnerable children.

The mentoring centre, made possible through ongoing rental support from Street Kids Direct, is more than just a building. It's a daily refuge for street-connected and at-risk children, a space where the children can meet with their mentor, receive help with schoolwork, build friendships, and enjoy activities designed to boost their confidence, creativity, and emotional well-being.

Each child who walks through its doors is not just welcomed, they're known, mentored, and supported holistically. Regular one-to-one time with a dedicated mentor and access to a child psychologist ensure that healing, growth, and trans-

formation are always within reach.

However, what makes Proyecto Alas truly remarkable is the way it has become deeply embedded in the heart of the Talanga community. The team has cultivated deep relationships with local authorities, schools, and even gang leaders, relationships built on respect, trust, and a shared hope for the town's future.

Because of this, the centre is not only protected, but also embraced. It's watched over by the wider community, proof that when love leads the way, even the most challenging environments can become places of safety and change.

These daily moments of care, structure, and encouragement inside the centre have proven to be life-changing. Many of the children who once arrived afraid or with-





drawn have gone on to complete their education, pursue careers, and build lives of purpose and dignity.

Some are now thriving in university, two have become dedicated police officers, and another has joined the army, showcasing their commitment to serving and protecting their country.

One impressive individual has even landed a role with the FBI. Several others are future healthcare heroes, currently studying in medical college, while others have pursued careers that align perfectly with their unique talents and passions.

Each of these incredible young adults serves as a poignant reminder of the profound impact that steadfast support and unwavering

dedication can have. Their stories are not just victories for them individually but a testament to the long-lasting difference your support continues to make here in Central America.

One person who personifies this transformation is Owen (photo above, right). His journey has been a battle for survival, and his story is one of resilience in the face of trauma, neglect and abandonment. Owen, once a fragile boy, still struggles to articulate the trauma that led him to a depressing life he endured during his time sleeping on the city streets.

Throughout the years, Alas and Street Kids Direct have done everything they can to provide him with care and support despite his

sometimes difficult choices. Yet, through every trial and setback, one unwavering truth has kept him moving forward: the knowledge that he is genuinely loved.

His determination to transform his pain into a beacon of hope for others is nothing short of inspirational.

Witnessing his journey from a heartbroken child to a committed young social worker reinforces the immeasurable impact of unwavering love over the last sixteen years.

GO GUATEMALA

Hope in Zona 18: Go Guatemala's Lifeline for At-Risk Youth



For over 12 years, Street Kids Direct has proudly supported the Go Guatemala Project—a vital initiative bringing light and hope to one of Guatemala City's most challenging areas: Zona 18.

Zona 18 is known not just for its poverty, but for its deep-rooted gang presence. Many of its neighbourhoods live under the shadow of violence, where recruitment into gangs is a daily risk for young people seeking identity, safety, or survival.

Amid this reality, Go Guatemala offers a creative alternative.

Each Saturday, the centre comes alive with the sound of laughter, learning, and community as 120 enrolled children gather for Saturday Club—a programme filled with mentoring, Christian-based teaching, creative activities, and a safe place to simply be a child. During the week, homework clubs provide

additional academic support and help children stay engaged with their education despite the pressures surrounding them.

Thanks to Street Kids Direct, the project has a physical home—a secure and welcoming centre where all of this life-changing work happens. Our supporters fund the rental of the facility, and at key moments, we help raise additional funds for infrastructure improvements or to support families in times of crisis.

The Go Guatemala team has earned deep trust in the local community and stands as a quiet but powerful force for change in an area too often forgotten. And while the risks in Zona 18 remain real, so too does the resilience of the children—and the belief that hope can grow in even the hardest places.



SKD GUATEMALA

Building brighter futures -
mentoring at-risk children

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of the SKDGuatemala team, the project has made remarkable strides in supporting over 140 vulnerable children across Guatemala City.

At the heart of this work are three dynamic mentoring centres, each strategically located in communities where children are most at risk of becoming street-involved. These centres provide more than just safe spaces; they offer belonging, guidance, and consistent relationships that can change the course of a child's life.

The Street Kids Direct (SKD) mentoring programme is the foundation of everything SKDGuatemala does. It pairs children with trusted, caring adults who walk alongside them, helping them make positive life choices and discover their true potential. It's not a quick fix—it's a journey of trust, growth, and transformation.



Every child enrolled in the programme receives a comprehensive personal evaluation that looks at their academic progress, general health, and even vision. But the support doesn't stop at the centre. The team conducts regular home visits and maintains ongoing communication with schools to ensure each child is supported holistically, at home, in school, and within the wider community.

Recognising that a child's environment plays a vital role in their development. SKDGuatemala has also invested in parenting classes for all families involved. These sessions equip parents with the tools and encouragement needed to create a more nurturing home life.

A partnership with the Social Work Department at San Carlos University has further enriched the work

with the children. Through in-depth family evaluations, the team have gained valuable insights into the daily realities these families face, from financial hardship to social instability, allowing us to offer more tailored and impactful support.

Together, SKD and SKDGuatemala are building a network of care around every child, a web of trust, opportunity, and hope that reaches far beyond the streets.





Radio Christmas – Broadcasting Hope Around the World

In December, Radio Christmas returned with heart and purpose, this time broadcasting live from the Centro Opp mentoring centre in Guatemala City.

Running daily from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm (UK time), the 24-day marathon of live programming was a true labour of love, cul-

minating on Christmas Eve. It was a bold undertaking, made possible by the dedication of volunteers and the energy of children whose voices carried messages of hope across continents.

What made this year truly special were the stories shared by children and young people from Honduras and Guatemala. Many of them

have been directly impacted by the projects Street Kids Direct supports, and their words—raw, honest, and full of hope—captured the hearts of listeners around the globe.

Schools across the Chilterns once again played a vital role, participating in the popular daily School Hour shows. Children also had the opportunity to present their own radio segments from home, connecting virtually to the Guatemala studio via Microsoft Teams, bridging distances and building global awareness.

The impact was not only emotional—it was also financial.

Thanks to the generosity of our listeners, the project raised nearly £18,000 during the Christmas season. Even more encouragingly, £10,000 of that was matched by a generous supporter, doubling the impact for the children and projects we serve.

Once again, Radio Christmas reminded us of the power of storytelling, connection, and community. It brought together people of all ages, from both sides of the world, in celebration of the hope we share, and the change we can make together.

THANK YOU

The trustees of Street Kids Direct extend their deepest gratitude for your faithful, committed, and generous support of our work in Central America.

Your contributions continue to transform lives, helping hundreds of at-risk children in Guatemala and Honduras find safety, hope, and the opportunity to thrive. We hope this report has clearly shown the meaningful impact you've made possible.

We would also like to extend special thanks to:

- *Steve Castree, for his dedicated work in producing the independent financial report*
- *Cat Dale and Janet Wickham, for their invaluable assistance in managing and reporting the charity's finances with excellence and care*

Together, your support and service ensure that Street Kids Direct can remain true to its mission: 100% for the children. Thank you for being part of this journey of transformation.



Steve & Nicola Raher

Steve & Nicola continue to work tirelessly from their home in Chesham to support Street Kids Direct. Steve focuses on events and fundraising, and Nicola coordinates the work in local schools.



Helen Carmody

Helen works as a volunteer with Street Kids Direct, championing the cause in schools in the High Wycombe area.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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To: The Trustees of Street Kids Direct

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Street Kids Direct Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

I report on the accounts of the Street Kids Direct Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on one page.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the 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 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
- 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
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and 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.

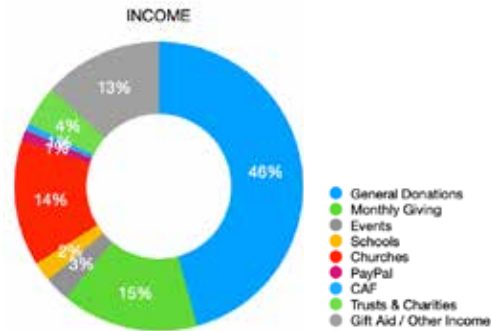


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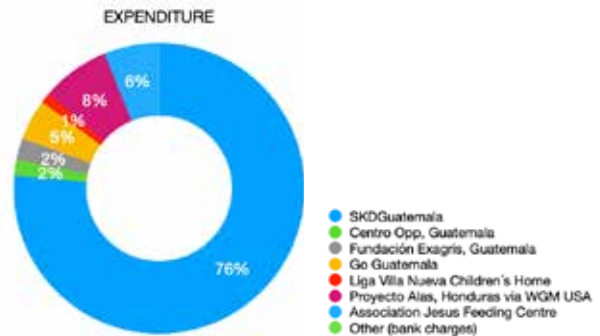
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Date 2nd June 2025

INCOME	
General Donations	£ 62,229.21
Monthly Giving	£ 20,890.00
Events	£ 3,780.23
Schools	£ 3,011.19
Churches	£ 19,188.51
PayPal	£ 1,601.49
CAF	£ 1,135.52
Trusts & Charities	£ 6,120.00
Gift Aid / Other Income	£ 18,153.67
Restricted & Other	£ 0.00
Total income	£ 136,109.82



EXPENDITURE	
SKDGuatemala	£ 100,675.00
Centro Opp, Guatemala	£ 2,275.20
Fundación Exagrís, Guatemala	£ 3,200.00
Go Guatemala	£ 6,000.00
Liga Villa Nueva Children's Home	£ 1,500.00
Proyecto Alas, Honduras via WGM USA	£ 10,000.00
Association Jesus Feeding Centre	£ 8,000.00
Other (bank charges)	£ 71.80
Total expenses	£ 131,722.00



BALANCES	
Opening Bank Balance as at 1st April 2024	£ 7,959.63
Income	£ 136,109.82
Less Expenditure	£ 137,722.00
Closing Bank Balance as at 31st March 2025	£ 6,347.45

Accounts have been prepared on a cash basis from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

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Changing the lives of the most vulnerable
street-living and high-risk children and
youth around the world.

Impacting lives for 20 years

Street Kids Direct was founded in 2001 with the simple vision to ensure that 100% of all donations go directly to the projects impacting the lives of Latin America's most vulnerable children.

We are a volunteer-run and online-only charity with roots in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, in the United Kingdom. We work in partnership with local organisations in Central America to rescue street-living children and prevent at-risk children from living on the streets.

Over the 20 years we have been working in Latin America, we have seen the number of street children drop from an estimated 5,000 to 0. Much of our work, and that of our partner projects, now focuses on preventing more children from taking to the streets.

The charity is now beginning an exciting phase of its work as we endeavour to map where street-living children are around the world and to understand the numbers involved. This could lead to national strategies to help children leave the streets or ensure their lives are much safer and where they can realise their full potential.

ABOUT US



OUR VISION

NO MORE STREET-LIVING

CHILDREN WORLDWIDE

STREET KIDS DIRECT

Street Kids Direct (SKD) partners with local projects in Central America to help provide services and support to children and young people who live on the streets or are at high risk of living on the streets.

We are passionate about developing our partnership with our projects and working alongside them to support and strengthen their work.

We continue to guarantee that 100% of donations to SKD go directly to the projects we support. SKD is structured as an online charity with no staff or costs to ensure this is possible. If any expenses arise, they are donated by friends or covered by volunteers.

OUR MISSION

- To promote the reality of street-living children.
- To create a map and headcount of street-living children worldwide.
- To fundraise to alleviate their suffering and rescue them from the streets.
- To provide support, training and advice to our project partners.
- To prevent more children from taking the steps towards street life.



HIGH-RISK CHILDREN

Street Kids Direct has developed a unique methodology for identifying, supporting, and caring for children most at risk of taking to the streets.

A child at high-risk is a child under the age of 18 who is at high-risk of living on the streets. Due to their high connection to the streets and the number of risk factors, they are highly likely to choose life on the streets unless a caring adult comes alongside them to offer them support and advice and help them explore alternative solutions.

Children at high-risk have had to develop many survival skills and coping strategies that have kept them alive.

HOWEVER, THESE COPING
STRATEGIES CAN PUT THEM AT
FURTHER RISK OF ABUSE,
EXPLOITATION AND NEGLECT,
WITH AN INCREASE IN HEALTH
PROBLEMS AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION
TOGETHER WITH THEM FAILING AT
OR NON-ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DUNCAN DYASON MBE

This year has marked a period of growth for our charity, highlighted by the opening of a new mentoring centre in Santa Faz, Guatemala City. Nestled in the heart of a community plagued by gang warfare—where local businesses are burdened with exorbitant protection “fees” to operate—the centre stands as a refuge for hundreds of at-risk children facing myriad challenges.

Our mentoring programme is designed to support their educational journey and provide a robust network of support structures that foster resilience and empower them to make positive life choices. Reaching vulnerable children is our unwavering passion, and thanks to your generous support over the past year, we've been able to reach and assist over 200 additional children in this community.



We remain steadfast in our commitment to transparency and impact, ensuring that 100% of all donations go directly to the four Central American projects we partner with. In addition, we've extended one-off gifts to a feeding centre in Guatemala City and offered critical living support to various vulnerable individuals who were either homeless or needed living support.

In Honduras, our funding and support of the Proyecto Alas mentoring centre continues to provide a sanctuary for at-risk children. Here, the children receive the support and structure essential for their growth and flourishing.

The Alas project has earned significant recognition in Talanga, where the centre is based. They were invited to play a pivotal role in the town's security forum. The local council has acknowledged their unwavering commitment to vulnerable children by extending funding and training opportunities. Moreover, Alas has initiated small businesses that contribute to covering some of their overhead costs, enhancing their sustainability.

As the year drew to a close, our charity embarked on plans for an ambitious global mapping programme to identify and locate street-living children worldwide. We hope this initiative will prompt national and regional strategies designed to understand, protect, and care for children who call the streets home.

Your support is integral to these endeavours, illuminating paths toward brighter futures for countless young lives. Thank you for being a vital partner in this transformative journey.

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Duncan Dyason MBE
Director & Trustee

THANK YOU

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to some key staff members at the SKDGuatemala project in Guatemala City.

Francisco Rosales (photo below, green shirt) moved to a new job after working with the charity for ten years and coordinating and expanding the mentoring programme in Guatemala City.

Mark & Rosalie Balfour (photo right with Oscar and Danilo - young men who have graduated the mentoring programme) returned to the UK to work in an Anglican parish in Cornwall, and their pastoral care of the team and spiritual leadership will be greatly missed.



THE SKD TEAM



Joanna Soden

Charity Trustee

Joanna Soden is a busy working mother from Amersham and is committed to the work in Central America. Joanna runs her own cake business and is a trained Christian counsellor.



Matt Levett

Charity Trustee

Matt Levett is the Diocesan Youth Work Coordinator for Suffolk and has worked with high-risk children and youth for over 25 years and visits the projects in Central America each year.



Jonathan Harbottle

Charity Trustee

Jonathan Harbottle joined the trustee board this year to help with the global mapping programme. Jonathan is a chartered surveyor who lives with his wife and two sons in Amersham.



Duncan Dyason MBE

Charity Trustee & Director

Duncan Dyason first started working with street children in Guatemala in 1992 and continues to live in Guatemala City, where he volunteers for the projects the charity supports.

A YEAR IN NUMBERS

618
high-risk
children
supported

12,000
cooked lunches
provided per
month

145
new children
in the
centres

6,000
breakfasts
served per
month

500
pairs of
school shoes
donated

850
school packs
provided

400
families given
clean drinking
water

25
families
received water
filters



VOLUNTEERS

The charity is supported in the UK and in Honduras by two couples who work hard to help us reach more kids at risk.



Steve & Lindsey Poulson
Charity Workers - Honduras

Steve & Lindsey volunteer with and direct the Proyecto Alas outreach project in Honduras, helping high-risk children and youth. They also manage the three businesses that help fund their work and will play a central role in the global mapping programme we hope to launch in 2025.



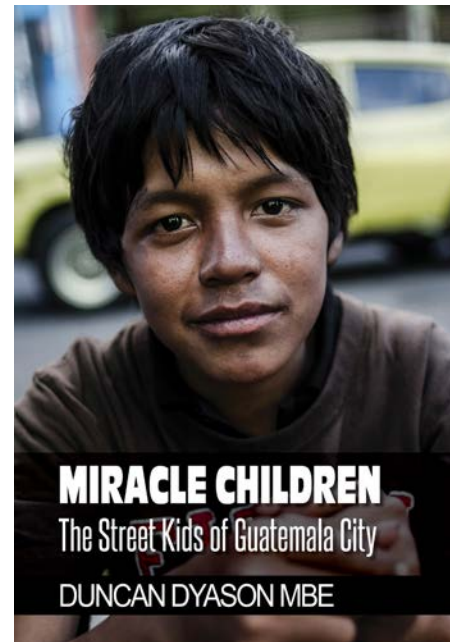
Steve & Nicola Raheer
Charity Volunteers - UK

Steve & Nicola have recently retired and volunteer with the charity in the UK in local schools and in fundraising and fundraising events.

BOOK RELEASES

Miracle Children in Second Edition

Duncan Dyason's book *Miracle Children* was re-released in 2024 and was also translated into Spanish.



The first edition, which won the Christian Book of the Year award in 1998, narrates the formative years of Duncan's life, detailing his Christian conversion and subsequent calling to work with youth, culminating in his work with street children in Guatemala City.

This edition has been revised and updated. Both the English and Spanish versions are now available through Amazon, and Kindle editions are also available for online purchase.

Duncan aspires to author his second book, **The Last Child**, later this year.

Now available on Amazon!

HONDURAS

Proyecto Alas, Talanga, Honduras

Thanks to the funds provided by Street Kids Direct, Proyecto Alas has been able to continue renting the building it uses for its mentoring centre in Talanga, Honduras.

The centre is a hub for the local community and a safe place for vulnerable, street-connected children to come daily to receive homework support, develop their social skills, and enjoy a range of special activities and outings that help build their confidence and grow in their abilities. Furthermore, the centre offers each child time with a mentor and regular meetings with a child psychologist.

The Alas staff and volunteers have developed significant relationships in their community with local authorities, teachers and even gang leaders. These relationships help the project offer a unique perspective on the town and enjoy the watchful eye of the wider community.

One of the full-time volunteers is Sergio. Sergio helps coordinate the family visits to every child in the programme and knows the importance of coming alongside a child at risk. He grew up on the streets of Guatemala City and was helped by Duncan and his team of volunteers to offer Sergio a positive alternative to street life.

Sergio now lives and works in Talanga, the town where the Alas mentoring centre is situated, and is supported by a couple in the United States so that he can offer his time as a volunteer to the project.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

JOJANI'S STORY

Jojani spent much of her childhood on the streets, as her parents didn't send her to school. Her father, a taxi driver, would leave her alone at his taxi stop while he worked long hours. To fend for herself, Jojani sometimes sold snacks or drinks to earn enough money for food. Her path intersected with the Proyecto Alas team when she was eight. The team brought snacks and games to the park, creating a safe haven for kids like Jojani. There, she found a mentor who helped her enrol in school.

At first, Jojani was a timid and insecure child. She struggled academically and faced teasing from her peers. The challenges overwhelmed her at one point, and she dropped out of school. Despite these setbacks, Jojani remained steadfast in attending her mentoring sessions. She especially enjoyed learning nail art from her mentor—a creative outlet that gradually boosted her self-esteem.

With growing confidence, Jojani made the courageous decision to return to school. Now 16 years old and poised to finish Year 9, she's transformed into a young woman with newfound assurance.

We've watched in awe as Johani blossomed; her transformation is genuinely inspiring. This year, she took a brave step forward by agreeing to be the main subject of a promotional video for Proyecto Alas—



an achievement that would have seemed unimaginable to her once-timid self. Her willingness to share her story highlights her incredible journey of personal growth and confidence. Johani's newfound courage not only symbolises her own strength but also serves as a beacon of hope for others following similar paths.



A DESPERATE RIVER OF HUMANITY

The growing migration crisis in Central America

As you walk through the bustling streets of Guatemala City, it's impossible to overlook the presence of migrant families. An overwhelming number of these families hail from Venezuela, driven from their homeland by forces beyond their control.

Venezuela's crisis has become a river of humanity, nearly eight million strong, flowing into neighbouring countries. It stands as the largest displacement crisis in contemporary history. What drives this exodus? It's a heart-wrenching mix of an unravelling economy, democratic break-

down, political repression, and a harrowing list of human rights abuses. Crimes committed by organised criminal groups, including sexual violence, murders, disappearances, human trafficking, robbery, and intimidation, have painted their lives with fear and suffering, forcing them to seek refuge wherever they can. The UNHCR's reports are not just statistics—they echo the cries of real people searching for safety and a sliver of hope amidst the turmoil.

“The largest displacement crisis in contemporary history.”

For many of these families, Guatemala is just a chapter in a longer, arduous journey to the perceived promise of the United States. This trek spans a staggering 4,300 miles and can consume six to nine months of their lives, assuming fortune and the kindness of strangers favours them. The road is fraught with peril, and not all reach their hoped-for destination. Some find a semblance of refuge within the countries they pass through, choosing to make these places their new homes. Tragically, some never complete their journeys, falling victim to mortality along the way. Those who do survive often carry harrowing tales etched into their memories—stories of abuse, robbery, rape, and kidnapping that turn their quest for a better life into a relentless nightmare.

However, many families whose hopes had been set on their journey north, have now ended up staying in Guatemala, with some tragically losing their lives here. Determined to prevent history from repeating itself, we resolved to find ways to respond and help the children caught in this tide of mass migration.

GUATEMALA

SKDGuatemala

Thanks to the efforts of Street Kids Direct, the SKDGuatemala project has successfully expanded its outreach and support to over 140 vulnerable children in Guatemala City. The charity now operates three mentoring centres, specifically targeting children identified as being at high risk of street involvement.

Central to each centre is the mentoring programme, which facilitates the development of trusting relationships between children and caring adults. This programme is designed to guide children in making positive life choices and achieving their full potential.

Participants in the mentoring programme receive a comprehensive personal evaluation encompassing their educational progress, health, and vision. To better understand the children's living conditions, the SKD-Guatemala team conducts home visits and maintains regular communication with schools to bolster educational support.

Throughout the year, the charity has offered parenting classes to the parents of all enrolled children, thereby enhancing the children's developmental support within the home environment.

In collaboration with the Social Work Department of San Carlos University in Guatemala City, the charity has continued to evaluate the families involved in the mentoring programme. This initiative has provided valuable insights into the distinctive family environments and the various social and financial challenges each family encounters.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

ANTONI'S STORY

Antoni is one of the notable success stories, having excelled in the mentoring programme with SKDGuatemala this year.

The street outreach team initially encountered Antoni on the streets, where his strong attachment to street life and multiple vulnerabilities were evident in his behaviour. It was also discovered that Antoni had yet to attend school, so he was offered a support plan via the mentoring programme.

Antoni is an extroverted 14-year-old who demonstrates a high level of commitment to the programme. He consistently exhibits enthusiasm for participating in activities and has, on several occasions, volunteered to assist in leading activities at the centre.

One of Antoni's most remarkable talents is drawing, a skill he has nurtured through the programme, providing him with a venue for creative self-expression. Beyond his involvement at the centre, Antoni displays notable maturity and responsibility; he assists his mother with her business and cares for his youngest niece.

Furthermore, Antoni possesses inherent leadership qualities, consistently showing attentiveness and a willingness to assist others. He acknowledges the programme's transformative impact on his life: "It has taught me to be more responsible and to help my family and friends."



Antoni aspires to further develop his artistic abilities and eventually lead community projects and serve others.

GUATEMALA

Puerta de Esperanza



The Puerta de Esperanza (Door of Hope) Project engages with high-risk children and youth in La Terminal and Zona 8 of Guatemala City. The initiative focuses on supporting children who are strongly connected to street life or are working children and who have discontinued or are yet to start their formal education.

Supported by Street Kids Direct, the Puerta de Esperanza centre provides daily assistance to 200 children, enabling their survival and development. Its specialised education programme addresses the needs of children who have left the formal education system or have never attended school by facilitating access to an online curriculum and offering team support to accelerate their educational progress. The remaining children who attend the centre are enrolled in full-time education and benefit from additional daily homework support.

The charity's outreach efforts extend to families residing in the city's marginalised areas, thereby amplifying its impact. It supports 120 slum-living children with direct services three times a week, offers parenting classes, and supplies school packs to facilitate the commencement of the academic year.

The scale of support provided by this charity is remarkable. Through partnerships with the city council and local businesses, the charity has prepared and served nearly 6,000 breakfasts and approximately 12,000 lunches weekly to at-risk children.

Puerta de Esperanza expresses gratitude for the support provided by Street Kids Direct over the past year. This support has been instrumental in procuring educational materials for homework assistance and facilitating young people's engagement in technical courses, specialised retreats, and training sessions.



GUATEMALA

Go Guatemala

The Go Guatemala Project, funded for over 12 years by Street Kids Direct, works with children and youth residing in the renownedly challenging Zona 18 of Guatemala City. This area is characterised by sections under the control of violent gangs, presenting a significant risk of recruitment or temptation for many local children.

Go Guatemala operates a Saturday Club for the 120 children enrolled in their programme and provides weekly homework clubs after school.

Street Kids Direct is responsible for funding the rental of the centre utilised by Go Guatemala. It occasionally raises funds for specific infrastructure projects or donations to support the children and their families.

The long-term vision of Go Guatemala includes operating its own school. This plan has received governmental approval from the Guatemalan Government, contingent upon securing the appropriate infrastructure and funding.



One of the beneficiaries of Go Guatemala's support is Yulisa.

Yulisa became a participant in the Go Guatemala project in 2020 and continues her involvement with aspirations of one day becoming a volunteer within the organisation.

Upon Yulisa's initial attendance at the Saturday Club, the team observed that she was underweight for her age. Originating from a fractured home environment, she lacked academic support and required urgent intervention due to malnutrition.

The Go Guatemala project responded by providing Yulisa with nutritional support, facilitating her access to tailored educational assistance, and supplying her with clothing and footwear.

Currently, Yulisa is flourishing and has acquired skills in baking, sewing, computing, and English. The project has also taught her the significance of Christian values and making positive life choices.

Yulisa has maintained perfect attendance at school, is completing sixth grade this year, and is poised to transition to secondary education.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

LEO'S STORY

One of the beneficiaries of the Puerta de Esperanza centre is nine-year-old Leo, whose personal narrative is told in his own words.

“Hola, my name is Leo, and I am nine. I have two younger sisters and live in La Terminal in Guatemala City. My mum works really hard to make sure we have enough food and somewhere to live. I worry about my mum because she works filling up sacks of coal and has two other jobs, one making tortillas and the other job is cleaning people’s homes.

I try and make my mum happy by taking good care of my little sisters and studying hard to get good grades. Last year, I passed second grade, and this year, I am in third grade and haven’t missed one day of school.

To help my mum I work at the weekends, selling small crafts and things like that in the streets. I make sure I give my mum all the money I earn to help with all our bills.

My baby sister goes to the nursery during the week, and I can go with my other sister to the Puerta de Esperanza centre after school every day. They give us lunch and help us with our homework. It’s a fun place, and we like it very much and feel very safe there.

Thank you for listening to my story.”



RADIO CHRISTMAS



The World's Number One
Festive Charity Radio Station



During December 2023, the Radio Christmas project was based in Amersham, facilitated by the generous support of Amersham Free Church, which provided a room within their premises that was transformed into a radio studio.

A team of 480 volunteers contributed to the project's success by producing shows, announcing the news on the hour, managing phone and email communications, and undertaking various administration tasks that enabled the station to broadcast nonstop radio entertainment from December 1st to the 24th.

480 volunteers involved!

The initiative raised over £26,000 for Street Kids Direct in December, supplemented by an additional £15,000 in matching funds. These funds were entirely allocated to support partner projects in Central America.

Appreciation is extended to the hundreds of individuals who engage biennially in Amersham, many of whom are children. Gratitude is also expressed for the support of celebrities such as Rod Stewart, Fiona Bruce, and Alex Horne, who contributed recorded messages, enhancing the station's outreach and impact.



Some Statistics



Our Top Ten Christmas Adverts video on YouTube has been viewed more than 463,000 times.



People from 183 countries tuned into Radio Christmas during December.



Google reported more than 20,000 searches for Radio Christmas during December.



160,000 listeners enjoyed the Radio Christmas programmes during December 2023.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report

Stephen Castree
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To: The Trustees of Street Kids Direct
Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Street Kids Direct
Charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

I report on the accounts of the Street Kids Direct Charity for the year ended 31st March 2024, which is set out on one page.

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 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
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and 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.

Stephen Castree

BA Comb Hons, ACA, MBA, BA(PPE)

Date 17th August 2024

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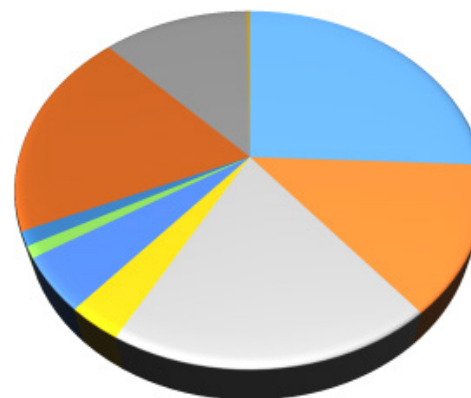
INCOME

General Donations	£ 42,444.92
Monthly Giving	£ 22,018.00
Events	£ 31,543.83
Schools	£ 5,324.74
Churches	£ 7,963.42
Paypal	£ 1,717.23
CAF	£ 2,115.16
Trusts & Charities	£ 31,846.71
Gift Aid/Other income	£ 19,703.74
Restricted Donations	£ 500.00
Total	£ 165,177.75

Opening Bank Balance as at 1st April 2023 £8,970.74
 Income £165,177.75
 Less, Expenditure (166,188.86)
 Closing Bank Balance as at 31st March 2024, £7,959.63

*Accounts have been prepared on a cash basis from
 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024*

WHERE THE FUNDS COME FROM



EXPENDITURE

SKDGuatemala	£ 112,792.00
New Life Children´s Home	£ 700.00
Guatemala High Risk Fund	£ 2,700.00
Go mGuatemala	£ 8,000.00
MOJOCA	£ 13,100.00
Puerta de Esperanza	£ 18,500.00
Proyecto Alas	£ 10,320.00
Other	£ 76.86
Total	£ 166,188.86



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CHANGING LIVES

FOREVER



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Accounts



Street Kids Direct

ANNUAL REPORT 22/23

Summary

How your support throughout the year has impacted the lives of vulnerable at-risk children and youth.

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▶ **CHANGING LIVES FOREVER**

Report Progress



SKD ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

Street Kids Direct

Changing the lives of the most vulnerable street-living and high-risk children and youth around the world.

Impacting lives for 20 years

Street Kids Direct was founded in 2001 with the simple vision to ensure that 100% of all donations go directly to the projects that impact the lives of the most vulnerable children in Latin America.

We are a volunteer-run and online-only charity, with roots in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, in the United Kingdom. We work in partnership with local organisations in Central America to rescue street-living children and prevent at-risk children living on the streets.



Over the 20 years we have been working in Latin America, we have seen the number of street children drop from an estimated 5,000 to 0. Much of our work and that of our partner-projects now focuses on preventing more children from taking to the streets.

The charity is now exploring the possibilities of supporting projects in other countries where the numbers of street-children are a constant concern for us and where we feel we could add value.

Vision & Mission

Our Vision

To see a world where children and young people do not need to depend upon the streets in order to survive.

Our Mission

To work in partnership with children and young people to help them reach their full potential and enjoy life in all its fullness.

This is achieved by standing alongside them, whoever and wherever they are. We will provide an environment where it is safe for them to be challenged and to explore a positive future. Moreover, we encourage each of them to develop a unique personality enabling them to mature and become a truly fulfilled individual.



Over 30 years dedicated to children at-risk



HOW WE WORK

Street Kids Direct (SKD) partners with local projects in Guatemala and Honduras to help provide services and support to children and young people who live on the streets or who live at high-risk of living on the streets.

We are passionate about developing relationships with our projects and working alongside them to support and strengthen the work that they do.

Our promise is to guarantee that 100% of donations made to SKD go directly to the projects that we support. SKD is structured as an online charity with no staff or costs to ensure that this is possible. If any costs do arise, they are donated by friends or covered by volunteers.

GUATEMALA

* SKDGuatemala, working with high-risk children and youth in Guatemala City and young homeless adults.

* Go Guatemala, working in prevention in a high gang area of Guatemala City.

* Puerta de Esperanza, working in La Terminal, Guatemala City, with at-risk children and youth.

* MOJOCA, working with homeless youth and street-living families and adults in Guatemala City.

HONDURAS

* Proyecto Alas, reaching at-risk children and youth in Talanga, Honduras.

METHODOLOGY

Street Kids Direct has developed a unique methodology that helps identify, support and care for a child most at risk of taking to the streets.

A child at high-risk is a child under the age of 18 who is at high-risk of living on the streets.

Due to their high connection to the streets and the number of risk factors in their lives they are extremely likely to choose life on the streets unless a caring adult comes alongside them to offer them support, advice and help them explore alternative solutions.

Children at high-risk have had to develop a number of survival skills and coping strategies that have kept them alive.

However, this can put them at further risk of abuse, exploitation and neglect with an increase in health problems and social exclusion together with them failing at or non-attendance at school.

One of the families rescued after receiving death threats from the local gang!



Director's Report

This past year has been one of challenges for us, as a charity, and we know that despite the economic environment we are living in right now our call, our passion and our day-to-day work has not changed.

There are many children whose lives inspire and motivate me and I know that the projects that serve the children are led by passionate people who can tell you with great eloquence the latest child who has impacted their life.

The charity is passionate about people, about children, about young people and about making sure that their lives matter and are noticed. We have always fought for those who are usually rejected by society and those who easily fall into the social cracks and can be forgotten or just not seen.

The trustees of Street Kids Direct and I are proud to partner with the five projects that received funds from our supporters over the last year and we know that reading through this report you will be

inspired and encouraged to know that your donations, volunteering and prayers are making a difference and changing lives.

My I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for playing your part and helping us to help more children this past year than we have ever done before.

I hope you enjoy reading this and may I encourage you to head to our website and social media feeds to see for yourself the transformation that is happening because of your support.

Duncan Dyason MBE
Trustee & Director

Duncan Dyason lives in Guatemala and volunteers with the SKDGuatemala project as a mentor. Duncan also supports the other 5 projects the charity partners with.



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CHARITY TRUSTEES



Matt Levett is the Diocesan Youth Work Coordinator for Suffolk and has worked with high-risk children and youth for over 20 years and visits the projects in Central America each year.



Joanna Soden (photo left) is a busy working mother from Amersham and knows and is committed to the work in Central America.



Duncan Dyason MBE has been working with street children in Guatemala since 1992 and continues to live in Guatemala City where he volunteers with the projects the charity supports.

FULL-TIME VOLUNTEERS



Mark & Rosdalie Balfour
Mission Partners with the Church Mission Society and help to provide pastoral care for staff and overseas volunteers in SKD supported-projects in Central America



Steve & Lindsey Poulson
Mission Partners with the Church Mission Society and working in Talanga, Honduras with the Proyecto Alas mentoring centre

NEW UK VOLUNTEERS



Steve & Nicola Raheer are recently retired and have offered to help coordinate the UK administration, schools work and fundraising. The couple live in Chesham and have travelled throughout Latin America and know the needs of the children well.



Street Kids Direct is very grateful for the long-term partnership we have enjoyed with Coventry-based Global Care.

The charity coordinates our child sponsorship programme and helps provide their expertise with the development of the projects that we work with in Central America.

*Sponsor a Child
and help transform a
life of a vulnerable
child today*



PROYECTO ALAS

Proyecto Alas's ministry focus is to reach children and young people who live at high social risk, are in danger of becoming street children, or live on the street. The vision is to see transformed children and youth transform a nation. Proyecto Alas focuses its work in the town of Talanga, Honduras, which is 1-hour outside the capital city of Tegucigalpa.

Three Phases of Work:

1. Street Work
(200 children & youth)
Education catch-up
(15 children & youth)
2. Mentoring & Education (50 children & youth)
 - Mentoring
 - Education programme
 - Youth group
 - Psychological support
 - Physical health support
 - Family support
3. Transition to Adulthood
 - Vocational education
(5 young adults)
 - University studies
(4 young adults)

A more in depth explanation of their work is on the next page.



Highlights from the year (22-23):

- 12 new mentors were trained
- In August 2022, Proyecto Alas ran a Camino por Amor 50K walk from Tegucigalpa to Talanga.
- In October 2022, Children's Library was created, thanks to funds raised through the SKD website.
- 49 of 50 students in the education programme passed the 2022 school year
- 3 university students and 2 vocational students started their studies. All 5 have been supported by SKD funding for more than 10 years!
- Proyecto Alas participated in the broadcasting of Radio Christmas from the mentoring centre
- For the 2023 school year, 4 of the students in the education programme passed the entrance exam to one of the top secondary schools in Honduras. Proyecto Alas was able to provide all their materials and the supplies needed to attend the residential school. The rest of the £500 monthly costs are covered by a scholarship provided by the school.
- Proyecto Alas has established a new connection with a church in the U.S., including an annual financial contribution and team visit to the project.

Area	Description
Street work	Going out into the community, building relationships with children or young people spending most of their time on the streets.
Education Catchup	This program facilitates accelerated learning for kids, young people, or their parents who have been out of school for a while to get them back on track.
Mentoring	This is the key to Proyecto Alas, and could also be called Discipleship. Pairs the child or young person to a trained adult who provides a caring and consistent presence in their life, meeting for 1 hour a week in our Centre.
Education program	Help kids get registered in the local schools, provide after school homework help and tutoring in our Centre, and follow up with their teachers and parents on their progress and attendance.
Youth group	A Saturday youth club to support the social, emotional and spiritual formation of our adolescents
Psychological support	A part-time psychologist provides assessments for all our kids and therapies for those most in need.
Physical health support	Mostly for emergency or serious situations, Proyecto Alas helps with transport and treatment expenses as we are able. All kids are provided with annual dental care.
Family Intervention	Supporting the families of the kids via regular visits, prayer and counselling, a weekly mother's group, and opportunities for the mothers to continue their secondary education or receive employment training in hairdressing, jewellery making, and baking.
Vocational Education	Supporting post-secondary students to further their education in a specific trade, such as nursing or mechanics. Housing and food stipends are provided for cases where schools are located outside of Talanga.
University studies	Supporting young adults through university in the capital city of Tegucigalpa, with scholarships that include a shared apartment and a food stipend. Practical, emotional, and spiritual support is provided to prepare them for independent living.

SKD GUATEMALA

The heart of the SKD Guatemala project is the mentoring programme. Mentoring is the provision of a caring and consistent adult (local volunteer) in the life of a child or youth at risk of street life.

Over the past year the charity has been able to keep all the children in the mentoring programme and has even added a few more.

Each life is of value and the charity invests considerable time in each child and their family. Sometimes the progress seems slow and sometimes even small steps backwards are necessary with each child in order for them to realise their value, know they are loved and have a special place in the world.

The weekly street outreach to various sectors of Guatemala City was able to confirm that there are still no children living alone on the streets of the city. An important part of this outreach is to identify who still lives on the streets and who does not. Sadly, many of those adults who live on the streets

have seen their health deteriorate during the year and we remain concerned for the new teenagers who see the streets and street life as a viable option for their lives.

One new area that the charity began to work in is a marginal area of Guatemala City called "El Granizo". The street team, headed by Benjamin Soden, became aware of a young boy who was spending more and more time on the streets and so intervened to help provide a range of services to him and his family and since then the child has had no or very little connection to the streets.

During this time the street team identified many young people in that community that were at very high-risk and so started a football project with them. Sport is an important element to this type of outreach and we are pleased that good relationships have been made and have led to offering the young people other opportunities for activities in the Centro Opp Mentoring Centre.

The New Year saw all the children the charity has been





educating in our centres over the last two years, due to schools being closed because of COVID, return to the national school system. In part this is good for their wider social development, but it does come with the usual challenges we face in trying to support them in a system that is challenging and does not always take into account the unique needs of very vulnerable at-risk children.

We have been able to see so many of our children grow into incredible teenagers and enter into higher education. One teen who exemplifies this is 17-year-old Saida. Do read her story later on in this report.



The financial situation around the world made an impact on the project in terms of having to take the decision to temporarily close the Centro Opp Mentoring Centre and the Casa Alexis Protection Home. We are working on a long-term solution to this thanks to the generous support of some friends who are funding the construction of two self-contained apartments above the home. The rental of these will generate enough income to cover the running costs of the home and centre.

It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Benjamin Soden this year. Benjamin is from the UK and came nearly 6 years ago to Guatemala to work as part of the street team. His dedication and commitment to those on the streets touched and changed so many lives and his is missed greatly.

Finally, and without mentioning all the names, we had many visitors and volunteers come during the year to work in the centres, on the streets and in the communities where the children came from. The children love to see new faces and are always keen to try out their English and learn new words from our visitors and volunteers.

One notable visit was of Darold & Pamela Opp who joined Steve and Chloe Castree for the grand opening of Pamela's kitchen in Centro Opp. This special event was made memorable with a bake-off as two teams of young people prepared and baked a fruit tart and the winning team was awarded with Q500 (£50) in cash!

In the coming year we are hoping to see how we could open a new outreach &

mentoring centre in Santa Faz, a marginal area in Guatemala City where we work on a regular basis.

We continue to commit ourselves and the resources we have to reaching the most at-risk children and youth and fighting for their rights, their safety and helping them enjoy life in all its fullness.



We wanted to use this report to thank **Benjamin Soden** for the nearly six years of volunteering as a volunteer street worker with SKDGuatemala in Guatemala City.

Benjamin worked with us tirelessly to reach street-living children and youth and we wish him well with his new calling.



Street Kids Direct have worked in partnership with Puerta de Esperanza for many years due to the nature of their work and their proximity with the SKD-Guatemala project in La Terminal, Guatemala City.

This past year the charity has been able to reach out to more vulnerable children in the capital and offer them the support they need to make good decisions for their lives and stay off the streets.

The street team visits children who work on the streets and those who are very highly connected to the streets.

The team develop trust and begin to understand the unique needs each child has and how they can be supported to return to education or helped with their schoolwork. So many children have parents who either take little or no interest in their schooling or can't read or write. This means the children can't get the help they need with the large amount of homework that schools set for them each day.

The charity now has two centres near La Terminal, Guatemala City, and are places where the children feel safe, where they get a daily hot meal and receive support with their schoolwork. The team also offer counselling and family therapy.

Ove this last year the charity has been reviewing its whole operation and working with the children themselves to identify the many risk factors they are living with on a daily basis.

The team discovered that almost all the children were suffering from stress and were anxious on a daily basis due to violence, family breakups and not knowing when they would be eating next.

Thanks to the support that Street Kids Direct have given to the charity they have grown and are now impacting over 250 vulnerable children each month.

One new area the charity is working in is in an area of the city called Gerona and the initial group of high-risk



children grew from 30 to 100 within a few weeks. The need is there and we see so many children struggling and who are at risk of being recruited into the gangs or heading to the streets.

We have great pleasure in telling you that we have been able to provide 660 breakfasts each month, 1,540 hot lunches per month and give 540 children a daily snack.

Our commitment to reaching children at-risk in Guatemala is as firm as ever and we are grateful for the support Street Kids Direct give to us throughout the year. We are excited to continue our partnership with Street Kids Direct as we explore ways of working together for the benefit of the children.



Real life Story

16-year-old Saida has had to face many challenges in her life, but has shown that with the help of the charity she could begin to believe in herself and that her dream of becoming a doctor could become true.

Saida has grown up in poverty in La Terminal in Guatemala City and has had to overcome rejection, abuse and discrimination.

When Saida started the mentoring programme 6 years ago, she was struggling with so many things, especially with her own feelings of self worth.

This February Saida was offered an incredible opportunity to study in a prestigious college to study medicine.

Thanks to the generous support of two sponsors in the USA Saida will be able to have her college fees, uniform and transport covered for the next two years.





GO GUATEMALA

Street Kids Direct have partnered with this project for many years and have helped them structure their charity in a way that enabled growth to be more sustainable. We now fund the rental costs of the building they use as a base and educational support and mentoring centre for the children in the programme.

The project will need to find alternative accommodation in 2023 as the rental agreement for their current property comes to an end due to the owners selling it to a development company. Street Kids Direct will help Go Guatemala find a new home for their outreach.

Over the past year the Go Guatemala charity has been able to reach around 120 at-risk children in an area of Guatemala City that is notorious for its violent gang activity. Many children are recruited into the local gang, where life expectancy is then just four years.

The Go Guatemala project provides a daily outreach centre to help the children with their homework and provide the support they need as well as cooking and providing 500-600

hot breakfasts a month.

Furthermore, the charity reaches out into the communities where the children come from and has been able to provide their families with 130 drums of purified water each month and 110 families are supported each month with food parcels.

Last year Go Guatemala launched its version of the Big Brother mentoring programme. The programme trains older youth to come alongside younger children and help with their schoolwork and be an older caring brother or sister to them. The scheme has been a great success and now the charity is designing its own online child sponsorship programme.

A new outreach programme was started this past year in Piedra Parada, Guatemala City, that was a response to discovering many vulnerable children in that area of the city and providing a weekly outreach club for the children and their families.

Go Guatemala would like to thank Street Kids Direct for its constant and consistent support and we hope we can continue to partner with you over the coming years.

Thank you.

MOJOCA

MOJOCA stands for the Movement of Young People in the Streets and it was founded by a good friend of Duncan Dyason, Gerard Lutte, when he visited the work that Duncan was initially doing with Casa Alianza in 1992.

The organisation continues to work with homeless young people in Guatemala City and is run by a committee of young people, who themselves live or have lived in the streets.

Street Kids Direct has supported the work of MOJOCA for many years, funding their street outreach and the clinic they established in their outreach centre. Furthermore and very sadly, we have provided funds to help cover the costs of burying young people who have died violently in the streets over the last year.

The MOJOCA outreach centre offers around 80 home-

less youth the opportunity of attending the various sessions that are held each day, which includes a small bakery, coffee shop, handicraft workshop as well as providing a safe place for the young people to wash their clothes, shower and receive support.

MOJOCA have always been at the forefront of the publicity campaigns for the rights of those living on the streets and the rights of women in Guatemala.

This past year was no exception as the charity participated in the International Day of the Street Child, the International Women's Day and the annual rally outside the presidential palace in the centre of the capital where a memorial to the 41 girls who were burnt to death in a government children's home and a further 15 seriously injured.

MOJOCA help keep their memory alive and the other organisations that work with street-living and street-con-



nected youth join them for this solemn memorial. A special report by the Guatemala Prensa Libre is available [here](#) (in Spanish) and adds its voice to MOJOCA's after 6 years has passed and no action has been taken against those responsible.

The uniqueness of MOJOCA is that it is run by the young people themselves. Those who are in process of leaving the streets or who have left the streets are offered positions in the organisa-

tion and work hard to reach out to others in the streets as well we help develop the programmes that the young people can benefit from. So many come back to the charity for special events and it is always of great encouragement to see how much they have achieved despite their difficult beginnings. It is always exciting to see them and their children and to know that because of the help Street Kids Direct has given we can continue our vital work.

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL REPORT

Trevor Nicholas
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To: The Trustees of Street
Kids Direct

Independent examiner's
report to the Trustees of
Street Kids Direct Charity
for the year ended 31st
March 2023.

I report on the accounts of
the Street Kids Direct
Charity for the year ended
31st March 2023, which is
set out on one page.

Respective responsibilities
of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are
responsible for the prepara-
tion 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 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
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and

consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and 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.

Trevor Nicholas



Date 2nd June 2023

FINANCIAL REPORT 2022/2023

Street Kids Direct is a small charity reliant on voluntary help for its UK operations. It continues to commit itself to its founding principle guaranteeing that 100% of all donation go directly to the projects it supports in Guatemala and Honduras.

Bank Details: General Current Account held with HSBC Bank, Sycamore Road, Amersham, HP6 5EW.

INCOME

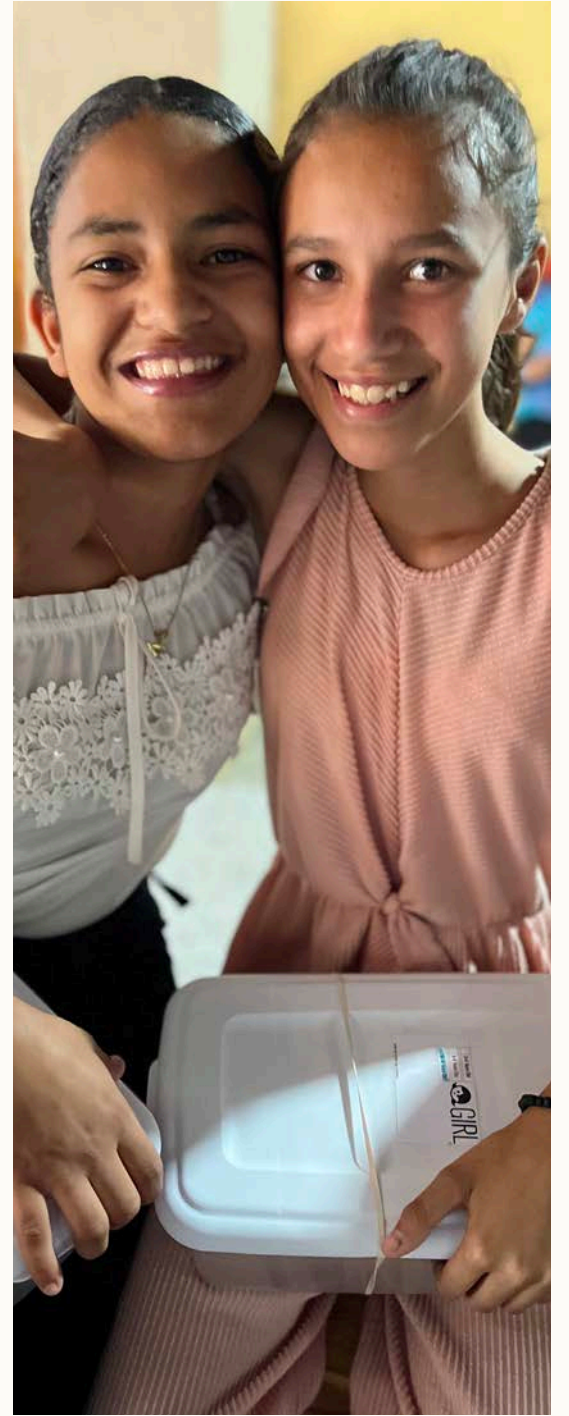
General Donations	£58,538.81
Monthly Giving	£19,729.00
Fundraising Events	£7,442.16
Schools	£5,380.62
Churches	£6,441.00
PayPal	£3,690.31
CAF	£1,510.74
Trusts & Charities	£23,542.15
Other Income	£191.36
Gift Aid	£13,277.71
Restricted Donations	£30,150.00
TOTAL	£169,893.86

EXPENDITURE

SKD Guatemala	£172,391.00
SKD Guatemala - Protection Home	£1,600.00
Guatemala High Risk Fund	£4,400.00
Go Guatemala	£4,250.00
MOJOCA	£2,000.00
Puerta de Esperanza	£4,000.00
Proyecto Alas via WGM US	£2,500.00
Bank Charges	£87.28
TOTAL	£191,228.28

Opening Bank Balance as at 1st April 2022	£30,305.16
Income	£169,893.86
Less, Expenditure	-£191,228.28
Closing Bank Balance as at 31st March 2023	£8,970.74

Accounts have been prepared on a cash basis from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023



Thank you

Your support impacts lives!

The trustees of Street Kids Direct cannot thank you enough for your very committed, faithful and generous support of the work in Central America. We hope you can see here how your donations have been used to help hundreds of children at-risk in Guatemala and Honduras. We are very grateful also to Trevor Nicolas who produces the independent report each year and to Cat Dale and Janet Wickham for helping with the finances and reporting.

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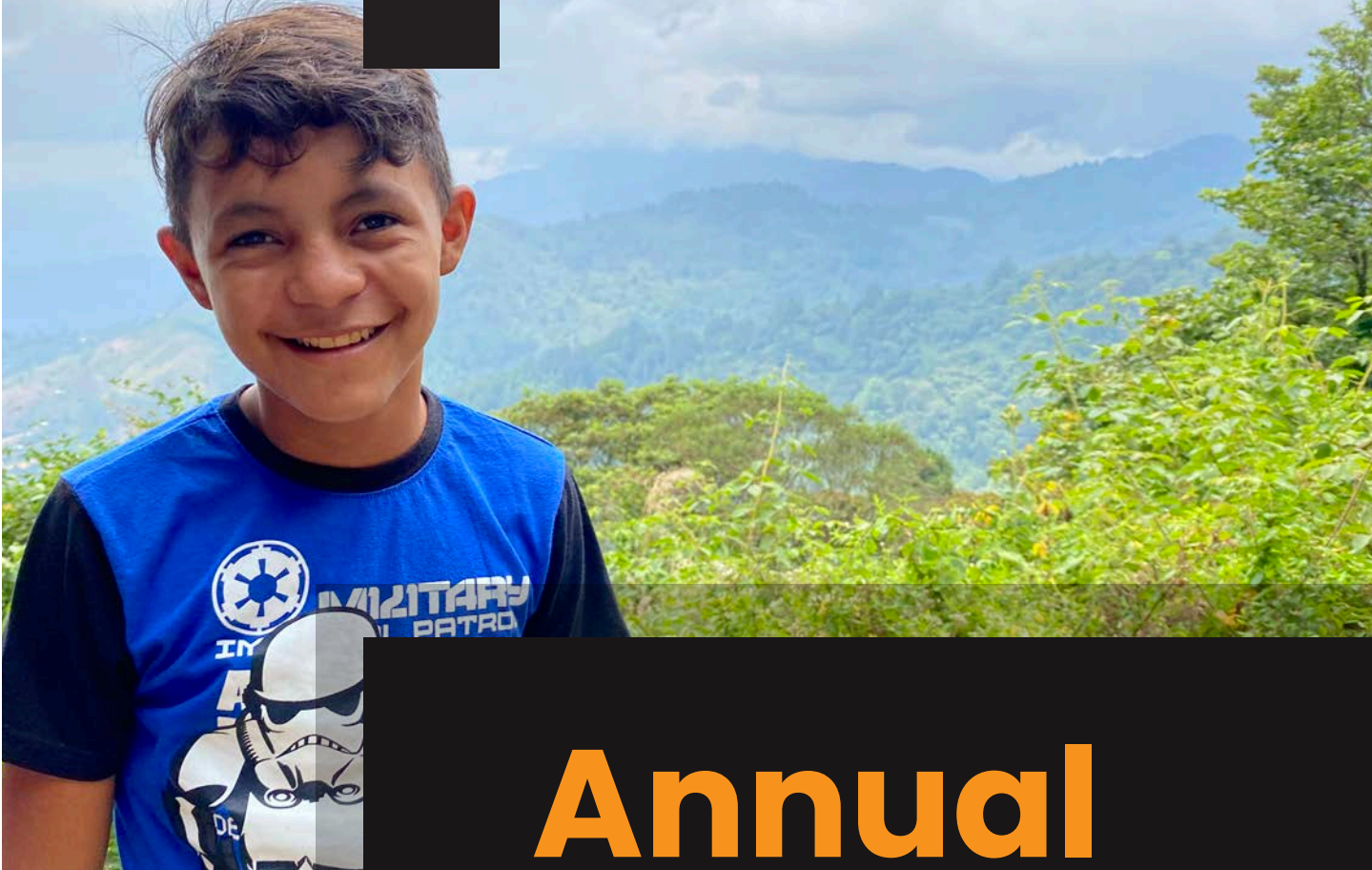
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CHANGING LIVES FOREVER

Street Kids Direct

Changing the lives of the most vulnerable street-living and high-risk children and youth around the world.

Impacting lives for 20 years

Street Kids Direct was founded in 2001 with the simple vision to ensure that 100% of all donations go directly to the projects that impact the lives of the most vulnerable children in Latin America.

We are a volunteer-run and online-only charity, with roots in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, in the United Kingdom. We work in partnership with local organisations in Central America to rescue street-living children and prevent at-risk children living on the streets.

Over the 20 years we have been working in Latin America, we have seen the number of street children drop from an estimated 5,000 to 0. Much of our work and that of our partner-projects now focuses on preventing more children from taking to the streets.

The charity is now exploring the possibilities of supporting projects in other Latin American countries where the numbers of street-children are rising.

**Registered Charity
No. 1102894**

streetkidsdirect.org.uk



Our Vision

To see a world where children and young people do not need to depend upon the streets in order to survive.



Our Mission

To work in partnership with children and young people to help them reach their full potential and enjoy life in all its fullness.

This is achieved by standing alongside them, whoever and wherever they are. We will provide an environment where it is safe for them to be challenged and to explore a positive future. Moreover, we encourage each of them to develop a unique personality enabling them to mature and become a truly fulfilled individual.



Letter from the Director

28 Years Dedicated to children at-risk

Duncan Dyason MBE

Director & Trustee

Duncan Dyason lives in Guatemala and volunteers with the SKD Guatemala project as a mentor. Duncan also supports the other 5 projects the charity partners with.

Looking back over the last 28 years moves me to tears. When I first moved to Guatemala in 1992 and started working as a street worker, little did I think about the impact reaching out with love would make to thousands of children. Those early days were difficult and it is very hard to explain to new volunteers from Guatemala just how hard life was for the thousands of children on the streets in the 90s.

Today the situation has changed dramatically and we are able to live in a country where children do not and do not need to live on the streets. Our focus has moved to helping children at risk of heading to the streets and so our mentoring programmes in Guatemala and Honduras provide a safe place for the most vulnerable children to find a caring adult who will support them and help them make good choices.

The work cannot stop or stay the same. It is always changing and growing as we find new areas in Central America where children live at very high-risk of street life. Starting new outreach projects has always come at a cost, sometimes to our own health and safety. But we are passionate about helping children.

I am amazed at the capacity children have to love and dream of a better future despite all the world throws at them. Resilience is not just a word, but a way of life!

One of the things I am most encouraged about right now is the growing number of young people coming forward to volunteer to help work with us. These are the same young people we have rescued from the streets or rubbish dumps or have supported them when they have been at risk of taking to the streets.

This new generation of young people live resilience. They are like those grand old oak trees that have many rings closely packed around them to prove that being battered by the elements can only make you stronger.

Thank you for standing with us as we seek to impact more lives and I hope this report encourages to see how we have made a difference.



**“Weeping
may endure
for a night,
but joy
comes
in the
morning”**

Psalm 10:5

Partnering with projects that impact lives



How we work

Street Kids Direct Partners with local projects in Guatemala and Honduras to help provide services and support to children and young people who live on the streets or who live at high-risk of living on the streets.

We are passionate about developing relationships with our projects and working alongside them to support and strengthen the work that they do.

Our Promise is to guarantee that 100% of donations made to SKD go directly to the projects that we support. SKD is structured as an online charity with no staff or costs to ensure that this is possible. If any costs do arise, they are donated by friends or covered by volunteers.

**“THE ONLY THING
NECESSARY FOR THE
TRIUMPH OF EVIL IS
FOR GOOD PEOPLE
TO DO NOTHING”**

**EDMUNDBURKE
AUTHOR AND PHILOSOPHER**

Eva's Story

Eva and her family moved to Guatemala City a few years ago after leaving behind life in Coban to find a better economic situation for the family. Upon moving, the family found themselves living in one of the most dangerous areas of the city near La Terminal and with life not as secure as they had expected in the city.

The family rent a small room where the 4 family members live, and often have to move rooms due to multiple problems. Eva's father also had problems with alcohol and abused her mother. It is a sad situation but thankfully, through the mentoring programme, we have been able to come alongside the family and offer support.

Eva now has a mentor and attends the mentoring programme three days a week so that she can continue her studies during the pandemic. Through the connections formed at the mentoring programme, we have learnt of Eva's health problems with her stomach and have been able to assist with medical exams and treatment. We've also been able to provide a bed for the whole family so that they do not have to sleep on the floor any more.

It is because of the Mentoring Programme that we are able to support at-risk children and families such as Eva's and to help them overcome obstacles in their lives.

Eva and her family continue to live at-risk in Guatemala City and thanks to your support are able to have hope in a better future.



Living at high-risk

Impacting Lives

Street Kids Direct have developed a unique methodology that helps identify, support and care for a child most at risk of taking to the streets.

A child at high-risk is a child under the age of 18 who is at high-risk of living on the streets.

Due to their high connection to the streets and the number of risk factors in their lives they are extremely likely to choose life on the streets unless a caring adult comes alongside them to offer them support, advice and help them explore alternative solutions.

Children at high-risk have had to develop a number of survival skills and coping strategies that have kept them alive. However, this can put them at further risk of abuse, exploitation and neglect with an increase in health problems and social exclusion together with them failing at or non-attendance at school.



A Special Thank You



Thank you to Alex Denton who travelled out to Guatemala City in January 2020 and spent a year with Street Kids Direct volunteering. Despite the challenges of COVID19, Alex coordinated the delivery of 50 healthy lunches to those supported by SKDGuatemala, delivered emergency parcels to families and supported the charity during a difficult year. We are grateful for the time spent with us and wish him well on his return to work in the UK.

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Meet the SKD Team



Joanna Soden

Charity Trustee

Joanna Soden is a busy working mother from Amersham and is committed to the work in Central America and one of her sons now live and work with the projects in Guatemala City.



Matt Levett

Charity Trustee

Matt Levett is the Diocesan Youth Work Coordinator for Suffolk and has worked with high-risk children and youth for over 20 years and visits the projects in Central America each year.



Duncan Dyason

Director & Charity Trustee

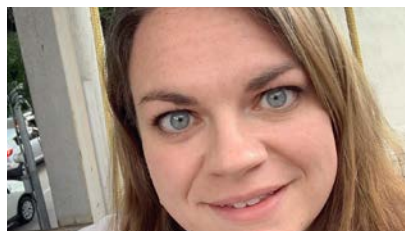
Duncan Dyason first started working with street children in Guatemala in 1992 and continues to live in Guatemala City where he volunteers with the projects the charity supports.



Mark & Rosalie Balfour

Pastoral Workers

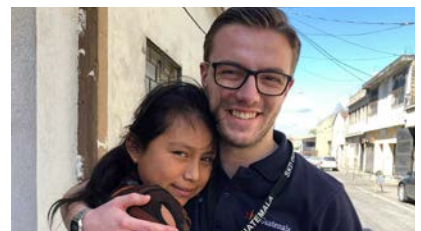
Mark & Rosalie live in Guatemala and offer pastoral support to the people who work in partnership with the charity.



Azaria Spencer

Youth Work Coordinator

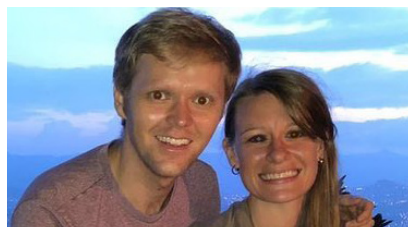
Azaria volunteers as a youth worker and coordinator of the new Centro Opp mentoring centre in Guatemala City.



Benjamin Soden

Street Worker

Benjamin has worked on the streets of Guatemala for the last four years and works with the SKDGuatemala project.



Steve Poulson

Charity Worker

Steve volunteers with the Proyecto Alas outreach project in Honduras, helping high-risk children and youth.



Emily Williams

Charity Administrator

Emily joined the charity as a volunteer in 2021 and coordinates events, websites, promotion and publicity from the UK.



Alvaro is one of the many children who benefit from your support. His story is featured on our YouTube channel.



Honduras is a low middle-income country that faces major challenges, with more than 66 percent of the population living in poverty. Honduras also struggles with high levels of violence and gang activity together with corruption at all levels of society.

Proyecto Alas is project that reaches out to at-risk children in the town of Talanga, Honduras.

Honduras

Proyecto Alas

Proyecto Alas, based in Talanga Honduras, works with vulnerable children who have a high connection to the street and score four or more on the ACE Scoring System. Proyecto Alas provides these children with a mentor and a safe place to go twice a week after school. These mentors are caring and consistent adults in the life of a child who knows nothing but change and hardship, helping them take positive life decisions and quite simply believing in them.

For most of 2020 Proyecto Alas and the rest of Honduras were placed in a strict lockdown with only the ability to food-shop once every two weeks.

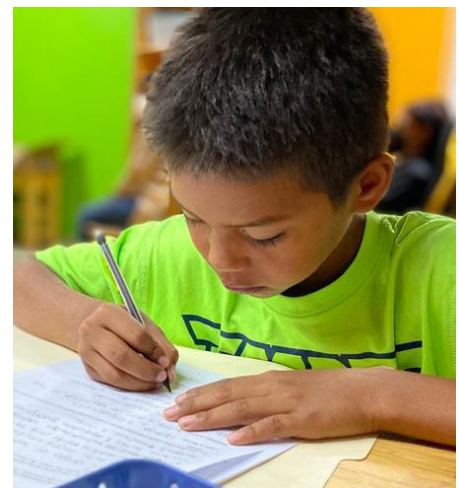
This was devastating and meant the project had to close for many months. For the families the project works with, 81% of them had lost their income due to the lockdown.

Though the situation was incredibly difficult, Proyecto Alas were able to provide 7 provision baskets each for the 24 families in the project. Each provision basket provided enough food for two weeks for the families. This was a lifeline when many had lost work and with no income to buy food.

The Project has also been able to provide homeschooling towards the end of 2020 and start of 2021, helping children to access schooling. During the pandemic, 90% of children received their homework via Whatsapp but only 64% had regular access to a phone.

The mentoring programme has been able to support 36 kids and youth in the last few months with homeschooling. This has enabled the project to provide children with the access they need to the internet for school and to help with their homework.

A great success story is one of the youths at Proyecto Alas, Ever. Alongside his brother Hatzel, they have been accepted into the Police Training Academy and Special Forces Battalion in Honduras. They graduated high school two years ago and have been involved in Proyecto Alas for many years, so this is wonderful news and a great encouragement for the team.



A YEAR IN NUMBERS



These statistics accurately reflect the impact of our work during the lockdown stage of COVID-19 in Guatemala and Honduras



Guatemala is the most populous country in Central America. It has the fourth highest rate of chronic malnutrition in the world and the highest in Latin America. Furthermore, all Guatemalan schools closed due to COVID resulting in 106,000 children dropping out of the national school system last year.

Guatemala City

SKDGuatemala

SKD Guatemala project works with some of the most vulnerable children in Guatemala City and La Terminal. They reach out to those living on the streets and support vulnerable families to prevent children from taking to the streets. They also run the SKD Mentoring Programme.

This year the project has quickly adapted to support the most vulnerable through the pandemic. The team at the mentoring programme alone visited families in the programme weekly, supporting them with groceries, paying rent and also with health and education assistance.

Despite the impact of COVID19 on face-to-face meetings, the programme has advertised itself with local radio stations and volunteer networks, gaining another 20 mentors in Guatemala City.

SKDGuatemala has also been able to support 45 kids through homeschooling at the Mentoring Centre and Protection Home. They have provided access to computers and teaching support that they otherwise would have missed out from due to the pandemic. 100% of our kids have stayed in school

thanks to the mentoring programme and school support, with kids receiving marks in their exams that average 94% in every subject. These results are incredible, given the national average pass rate is 74%.

SKD Guatemala have also been providing at-risk families with support during the pandemic, with food parcels being delivered weekly that they otherwise wouldn't have been able to afford due to loss of work. Over 413 were given out every other week to ensure that families were able to eat.



GoGuatemala



Go Guatemala targets children who are at high-risk of taking to the streets or being recruited into gangs. The project offers a loving place for them to meet together, get help with their homework, receive counselling and pastoral support, a hot meal and spend time with their friends playing in a safe environment.

Each week 150 children attend the Go Guatemala Centre and throughout the week around 225 children receive meals after school, when they walk to the centre to ask for help with their homework.

For GoGuatemala, their programmes closed on the 14th March due to the pandemic. The charity quickly organised to support the 120 families in their programmes, providing them with a hygiene pack and initial groceries bag. Between March and November Go Guatemala were able to continue this support, reaching 150 families in total and providing a bag of supplies every month.

The project also provided support and encouragement via Whatsapp for the children with their homework, and were able to provide school materials to the children's houses in the summer to help with their homework. Bags of sweets were also provided to all the children in order to celebrate 'de dia de nino' (Day of the Child).

When restrictions eased, Go Guatemala were able to reopen the centre and restart activities with COVID measures in place in November. The project has provided 110 children with breakfast and lunch every Saturday between November and March. At Christmas, Go Guatemala also cooked and delivered 120 Christmas meals to the families.

Puerta de Esperanza

The Puerta de Esperanza (Door of Hope) project is one of our key partners in Guatemala City. We work in close collaboration with this small NGO to help provide a robust network of caring people that are available 24/7 to children at risk in La Terminal, Guatemala City.

The project started the year by enrolling another 20 children in extra schooling 2 days a week and supplying them with uniforms. They also ran a dental programme day for over 200 families, children and individuals in the community.

As the pandemic hit, Puerta de Esperanza recognised the impact of school closures on children's education and the lack of access to online education.

Puerta de Esperanza have been able to support the children in their programmes by providing vital access to online classes and also help with their homework. They have also provided breakfast and lunches to those attending extra classes on Saturdays.

Alongside the support for children in education, Puerta de Esperanza have been assisting those on the streets during COVID19 by providing a temporary shelter at the beginning of the pandemic. They have served over 150 individuals on the streets by providing them with masks, sanitiser, clothes and medical care.





MOJOCA

The MOJOCA project is one of the oldest projects in Guatemala City that works with young people who live on the streets or who are in transition from the streets into mainstream society. Mojoca offers support to those on the streets with their daily outreach programme, a day centre for those wanting to start a rehabilitation programme, a start-up business scheme to provide support to those who want to begin their own small business and a refuge for young women and their children. We are proud to partner with Mojoca and help donate to their daily outreach programme to people living in the streets.

During the pandemic, despite the closure of its programmes in March, MOJOCA continued its visits every Wednesday where possible to the Streets of Guatemala City.

MOJOCA have provided health care packages and lunches to those living on the streets including masks and sanitiser. They also worked in conjunction with National Commission Against Child Abuse (CONACMI) who opened a house for street children during the pandemic, where 5 children with MOJOCA's support chose to go.

Amongst other programmes, the project managed to provide over 120 people with medical attention and supported 16 children in education. Due to the impacts of the pandemic, five of the children passed, seven dropped out and the others are receiving further support from MOJOCA.

Finance Report

Financial Report 2020–2021

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To: The Trustees of Street Kids Direct

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Street Kids Direct Charity for the year ended 31st March 2021.

I report on the accounts of the Street Kids Direct Charity for the year ended 31st March 2021, which is set out on one page.

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 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
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures

undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

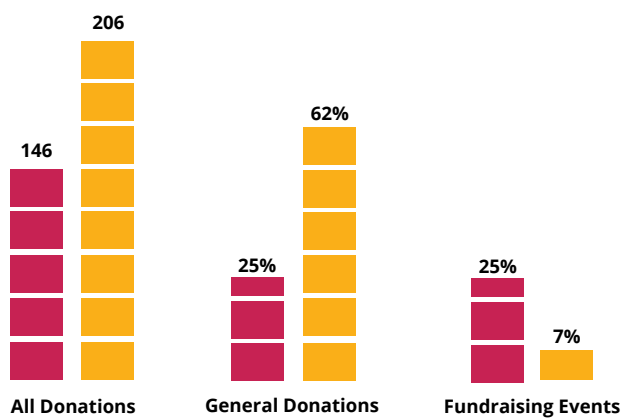
(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



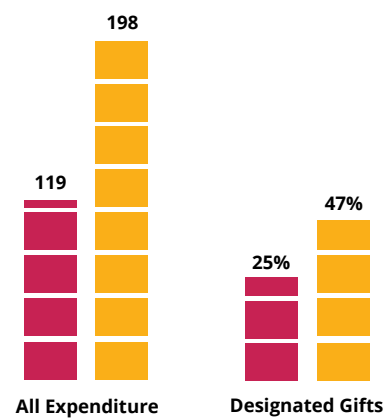
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Date 19th July 2021

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Street Kids Direct

Financial Report 2020/21

Street Kids Direct is a small charity reliant on voluntary help for its UK operations. It continues to commit itself to its founding principle guaranteeing that 100% of all donation go directly to the projects it supports in Guatamala and Honduras.

Bank Details: General Current Account held with HSBC Bank, Sycamore Road, Amersham, HP6 5EW.

Income

General Donations	£	127,005.12
Churches	£	3,700.92
Schools	£	69.70
Fundraising events	£	14,514.62
Charity Trust	£	38,068.50
Restricted donations	£	5,858.83
Other	£	<u>17,190.84</u>
Total	£	206,408.53

Expenditure

SKD Guatemala	£	71,232.00
Go Guatemala	£	5,480.00
Mojoca	£	2,000.00
SKD Guatemala Centro Opp	£	29,400.00
Puerta de Esperanza	£	3,000.00
High-Risk Fund	£	2,400.00
WGM USA (SKD Guatemala)	£	20,000.00
WGM USA (Centro Opp)	£	42,070.00
Other SKD Guatemala Centro Opp	£	22,260.00
Bank Charges	£	12.00
Claris (database for SKD Guatemala)	£	1,080.00
Total	£	198,934.00

Opening Bank Balance as at 1st April 2020		£27,054.33
Income	£	206,408.53
Less, Expenditure	-£	198,934.00
Closing Bank Balance as at 31st March 2021		£34,528.86

Accounts have been prepared on a cash basis from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

FUNDRAISING

Engaging supporters around the world

Street Kids Direct have always organised events that raise the profile of the charity, are lots of fun and also raise funds for the projects we partner with around the world.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic that began at the start of the financial year, all our fundraising events for 2020 were either postponed or cancelled. This has meant that funding for the 2020-2021 financial year took a significant hit.

Fortunately, Radio Christmas was able to go live from both Guatemala City and Amersham, due to the loosening of COVID-19 restrictions in both countries. We were able to secure the old Oxfam store on Amersham High Street for the studio, and with the support of Oli O'Neill and Katryn and Jack Gocher, broadcasting was able to go ahead. Unfortunately due to the changing of restrictions in the UK, the studio had to close early but continued online.

With support from Alex Denton and Duncan Dyason in Guatemala, we were also able to broadcast from the new studio in the Protection Home in Guatemala City. This provided us with a broadcast 24/7 which was thoroughly enjoyed by the listeners.

Thanks to those who provided a matching fund to help us raise £32,220 for the projects in Central America. We are hoping that the next broadcast will be from both Amersham and Guatemala City from the 1st to 24th December 2021.

We are also hopeful that both our Coin Race (now coinless) and the Camino Por Amor walk can go ahead this year.





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