

GUATEMALAN FAMILIES ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1105241

Details

Other names	GFA
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2004-08-02
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ARE:I) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ADOPTED FROM GUATEMALA IN GUATEMALAN CULTURE.II) TO PROMOTE THE CARE, UPBRINGING AND ESTABLISHMENT IN LIFE OF CHILDREN BORN IN GUATEMALA, FOR WHOM INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION IS THE BEST OPTION FOR THEIR WELL-BEING, BY THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND ADVICE CONCERNING INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION.III) TO PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY IN GUATEMALA AND THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE ADOPTED FROM GUATEMALA AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL DETERMINE; PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, THE RELIEF FROM FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND SICKNESS AND THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF HEALTH AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EDUCATION OF THE PEOPLE OF GUATEMALA.

Activities: i) to promote the care, upbringing, establishment in life and support in their birth culture of children adopted from Guatemala ii) to advance the understanding of the public in the UK and Guatemala in general about the issues relating to inter-country adoption and all parties of the adoption triad iii) to promote general charitable purposes for the benefit of the community of Guatemala

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Overseas Aid/famine Relief
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NATIONAL
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£21,120	£23,312	-	-
2024-08-31	£28,139	£30,325	-	-
2023-08-31	£23,380	£23,615	-	-
2022-08-31	£36,383	£35,485	-	-
2021-08-31	£27,726	£27,612	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Nicholas Harrison	Chair	2017-04-08
Aaron Carlos Fernando Roosedale		2018-04-14
Hannah Cassel		2021-03-27
Marisa Bradley		2023-04-01
Natalia Paola Elizabeth Bradley		2022-04-09
Oswaldo Hernan Jack Whitehead		2025-04-12
PATRICIA ANNE PARTLETT		
SARAH ROSEMARY MOORE		2015-04-04
Sally Jane Tripp		2022-05-26
Thomas Peter Carswell		2023-04-01
Veronica Maybeli Nina Whitehead		2025-04-12
Victor Blaikley-Gomez		2025-03-28

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024



	Year ended 31 August 2024			Year ended 31 August 2023		
	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance £
Fundraising						
Regular donations (ALDEA)	8,898	18,104	-9,207	8,171	14,359	-6,189
Regular donations (Los Patajos)	4,449	8,284	-3,835	4,085	7,032	-2,947
Special Appeal 2024 (2023)	6,626	0	6,626	5,822	0	5,822
Specific fundraising Aldea	1,615	0	1,615	110	0	110
Christmas card fundraising	779	177	602	906	310	596
Fundraising for Bursary Fund	574	950	-376	465	400	65
Other donations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gift Aid (see note below)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>22,940</u>	<u>27,515</u>	<u>-4,575</u>	<u>19,560</u>	<u>22,102</u>	<u>-2,542</u>
Events						
GFA Cultural weekend - 2024 (2023)	1,826	1,848	-22	0	310	-310
Wellbeing Hub	0	0	0	94	180	-86
	<u>1,826</u>	<u>1,848</u>	<u>-22</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>-396</u>
Publications						
Calendar	1,016	693	323	1,391	753	638
			0			0
	<u>1,016</u>	<u>693</u>	<u>323</u>	<u>1,391</u>	<u>753</u>	<u>638</u>
Membership						
Subscriptions	2,295	270	2,025	2,320	270	2,050
Bank and other interest	62	0	62	15	0	15
Newsletter, Mailings, & Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>2,357</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>2,087</u>	<u>2,335</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>2,065</u>
Totals	<u>28,139</u>	<u>30,325</u>	<u>-2,187</u>	<u>23,380</u>	<u>23,615</u>	<u>-235</u>
Balance b/fwd 01/09/23			11,080			11,315
Deficit /surplus for the year			- 2,187			- 235
Balance c/fwd 31/08/24			<u>8,893</u>			<u>11,080</u>
Bank current account			6,208			8,428
Bank deposit account			2,685			2,652
			<u>8,893</u>			<u>11,080</u>

Note: Gift Aid claims of £4,597 in the period (2023: £3,500) have been allocated to the specific fundraising they relate to.

Approved by the Trustees on 5th February 2025 and signed on their behalf:
SR Moore



THE GUATEMALAN FAMILIES ASSOCIATION

Reg Charity No 1105241

Treasurer's Report on the Accounts for the 12 Months Ended 31st August 2024

The Accounts have been examined and signed by our Independent Examiner – Jo Benoy, CIPFA, and her report is attached. Comments on the accounts are below.

Receipts

Total receipts in the year were £28,139, an increase of 20% on the previous year. However part of this was due to receipts from the 2023 Special Appeal spilling into the current year. Without these additional receipts (£1,808) the increase would have been 8%. The largest element of receipts was fundraising for our Guatemalan charities, which accounted for £22,940, through a combination of regular donations and specific fundraising campaigns. Regular donations were £13,347, including Gift Aid, and increased by 9%. Specific fundraising campaigns raised a further £9,594, mostly from the 2024 Special Appeal, but as covered above included £1,808 from the 2023 Special Appeal.

The 2024 Cultural Weekend was held in Bristol in March and again the new format was very successful. The weekend was largely self-funding.

The balance of receipts came from membership subscriptions and the annual GFA calendar which was again popular and made a profit of £323 (2023: £638), although this does not include donations made when ordering the calendar of £270.

Payments

Total payments in the year were £30,325, an increase of 28% on the previous year (£23,615), largely due to the timing of payments to our Guatemalan charities.

Outgoing Donations to our Guatemalan charities were £26,388, an increase of 23% on last year, partly due to the additional payments from the 2023 campaign being made in September 2024 (£3,920). In total we distributed £18,104 (2023: £14,359) to our first designated charity, Aldea, and £8,284 (2023: ££7,032) to the second charity Los Patajos, two schools in Jocotenango. The Aldea figure includes some specific donations for that charity; all other donations are split two thirds to Aldea and one third to Los Patajos. Over the last 20 years, the GFA has now sent over £415,000 to organisations in Guatemala which is something we can all be proud of.

Overall the **deficit** of receipts over payments for the year was £2,187 (2023: deficit £235).

Bank Balances

Bank balances totalled £8,893 as at 31 August 2024 (2023: £11,080). Last year's balances were higher than normal as they included the additional fundraising paid out in September.

Bursary and Oasis Funds

The GFA has set up two Bursary Funds to support young adoptees travelling back to Guatemala and attending GFA events in the UK. Two travel bursaries were paid in the year and at 31 August the Travel Bursary stood at £4,733 and the Event Bursary at £369. In addition we hold a total of £337 from the money donated following the closure of OASIS, which is used to fund talks and activities on inter-country adoption.

General Financial Position

The GFA's financial position continues to be sound. We maintain reserves of approximately £3,000 to cover general running costs and special payments, as well as £5,439 for the Bursary and Oasis funds.

Sarah Moore, Treasurer

4th February 2025



Registered Charity Number 1105241

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Guatemalan Families Association

I report on the accounts of the Association for the 12 months ended 31 August 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

have not been met; or

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

Name: Jo Benoy

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Date: 15.03.25

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022



	Year ended 31 August 2022			Year ended 31 August 2021		
	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance £
Fundraising						
Regular donations (ALDEA)	8,779	14,607	-5,828	9,410	16,243	-6,833
Regular donations (Los Patajos /Pueblo)	4,390	7,146	-2,757	4,705	8,135	-3,430
Specific Appeal 2022 (Independence 2021)	5,972	0	5,972	7,897	0	7,897
25th Anniversary fundraising	932	253	679	857	376	480
Fundraising for Bursary Fund	482	800	-318	415	0	415
Other donations	460	460	0	0	577	-577
Gift Aid (see note below)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>21,014</u>	<u>23,266</u>	<u>-2,252</u>	<u>23,284</u>	<u>25,332</u>	<u>-2,048</u>
Events						
MSJ Cultural weekend - 2022 (2021)	11,290	10,802	488	0	120	-120
Cookery classes	0	0	0	432	394	38
	<u>11,290</u>	<u>10,802</u>	<u>488</u>	<u>432</u>	<u>514</u>	<u>-82</u>
Publications						
Calendar	1,637	910	727	1,670	789	881
			0			0
	<u>1,637</u>	<u>910</u>	<u>727</u>	<u>1,670</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>881</u>
Membership						
Subscriptions	2,440	366	2,074	2,340	456	1,884
Bank interest	2	0	2	0	0	0
Newsletter, Mailings, & Other	0	25	-25	0	521	-521
Insurance	0	116	-116	0	0	0
	<u>2,442</u>	<u>507</u>	<u>1,935</u>	<u>2,340</u>	<u>977</u>	<u>1,364</u>
Totals	<u>36,383</u>	<u>35,485</u>	<u>899</u>	<u>27,726</u>	<u>27,612</u>	<u>115</u>
Balance b/fwd 01/09/21			10,416			10,302
Deficit /surplus for the year			899			115
Balance c/fwd 31/08/22			<u>11,315</u>			<u>10,416</u>
Bank current account			8,677			7,778
Bank deposit account			2,638			2,638
			<u>11,315</u>			<u>10,416</u>

Note: Gift Aid claims of £3,579 in the period (2021: £2,742) have been allocated to the specific fundraising they relate to.

Approved by the Trustees on 16 January 2023 and signed on their behalf:

SR Moore



THE GUATEMALAN FAMILIES ASSOCIATION

Reg Charity No 1105241

Treasurer's Report on the Accounts for the 12 Months Ended 31st August 2022

The Accounts have been examined and signed by our Independent Examiner – Jo Benoy, CIPFA, and her report is attached. Comments on the accounts are below.

Receipts

Total receipts in the year were £36,383, an increase of 31% on the previous year as we were able to hold the Cultural Weekend for the first time in three years. The largest part of this was fundraising for our Guatemalan charities, which accounted for £21,014, through a combination of regular donations and specific fundraising campaigns. Regular donations totalled £13,169, including Gift Aid, and fell by 7%. Specific fundraising campaigns raised a further £6,904, mostly from the Special Fundraising campaign. The comparable figure last year for specific campaigns was £8,754, largely from the Independence Fundraising initiative.

As referred to above, the 2022 Cultural Weekend was held in Malvern in April and was very successful. Receipts were £11,290 and after all costs were taken into account we made a small surplus.

The balance of receipts came from membership subscriptions and the annual GFA calendar which was again very well received and made a profit of £727.

Payments

Total payments in the year were £35,485, higher than the previous year (£27,612) due to payments relating to the Cultural Weekend.

Outgoing Donations in total were £23,266, slightly lower than last year due to the lower funds raised. In terms of donations to our Guatemalan charities we distributed £14,607 (2021: £16,243) to our first designated charity, Aldea, and £7,146 (2021: £8,135) to the second charity Los Patajos, a school in Jocotenango. Over the last 20 years the GFA has now sent close to £370,000 to organisations in Guatemala and we are proud to have made a difference to the lives of many Guatemalan people.

Overall the **surplus** of receipts over payments for the year was £899 (2021: £115).

Bank Balances

Bank balances totalled £11,315 as at 31 August 2022 (2021: £10,416).

Bursary and Oasis Funds

The GFA has set up two Bursary Funds to support young adoptees travelling back to Guatemala and attending GFA events in the UK. Two travel bursaries were paid in the year and at 31 August the Travel Bursary stood at £4,894 and the Event Bursary at £519. In addition we hold a total of £437 from the money donated following the closure of OASIS, which is used to fund talks and activities on inter-country adoption.

General Financial Position

The GFA's financial position continues to be sound. We maintain reserves of approximately £3,000 to cover general running costs and special payments, as well as £5,850 for the Bursary and Oasis funds.

Sarah Moore, Treasurer

16th January 2023



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Guatemalan Families Association

I report on the accounts of the Association for the 12 months ended 31 August 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

have not been met; or

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

Name: Jo Benoy

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Date: 30-01-23

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021



	Year ended 31 August 2021			Year ended 31 August 2020		
	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance £
Fundraising						
Regular donations (ALDEA)	9,410	16,243	-6,833	8,913	12,627	-3,714
Regular donations (Los Patajos /Pueblo)	4,705	8,135	-3,430	4,457	11,320	-6,863
Specific fundraising Independence	7,897	0	7,897	0	0	0
Specific fundraising Los Patajos	0	0	0	502	502	0
Specific donations Fuego	0	0	0	0	12,303	-12,303
25th Anniversary fundraising	857	376	480	3,089	1,639	1,450
Fundraising for Bursary Fund	415	0	415	394	0	394
Other donations	0	577	-577	0	50	-50
Gift Aid (see note below)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	23,284	25,332	-2,048	17,355	38,441	-21,086
Events						
Virtual Cultural weekend - 2021 (2020)	0	120	-120	0	129	-129
Cookery classes	432	394	38	0	0	0
	432	514	-82	0	129	-129
Publications						
Calendar	1,670	789	881	1,707	848	859
			0			0
	1,670	789	881	1,707	848	859
Membership						
Subscriptions	2,340	456	1,884	2,441	475	1,966
Bank interest	0	0	0	3	0	3
Newsletter, Mailings, & Other	0	521	-521	0	0	0
Insurance	0	0	0	0	240	-240
	2,340	977	1,364	2,444	715	1,728
Totals	27,726	27,612	115	21,506	40,134	-18,628
Balance b/fwd 01/09/20			10,302			28,930
Deficit /surplus for the year			115			-18,628
Balance c/fwd 31/08/21			10,416			10,302
Bank current account			7,778			7,664
Bank deposit account			2,638			2,638
			10,416			10,302

Note: Gift Aid claims of £2,742 in the period (2020: £2,733) have been allocated to the specific fundraising they relate to.

Approved by the Trustees on 13 February 2022 and signed on their behalf:

SR Moore



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Treasurer's Report on the Accounts for the 12 Months Ended 31st August 2021

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Receipts

Total receipts in the period were £27,726, an increase of £6,220 on the previous year. The largest part of this was fundraising for our Guatemalan charities, which accounted for £22,869, through a combination of regular donations and specific fundraising campaigns. Regular donations totalled £14,115, including Gift Aid, and increased by 6%. Specific fundraising campaigns raised a further £8,754, mostly from the Independence Day initiative which raised £7,897. The comparable figure last year for specific campaigns was £5,163, largely from the 25th Anniversary fundraising. Receipts for the last two years have been lower than normal due to the cancellation of the Cultural Weekend in both years which normally account for approximately £11,000 of receipts.

The balance of receipts came from membership subscriptions, the annual GFA calendar which was again very well received and made a profit of £881, and the online cookery classes which were very popular during lockdown.

Events As referred to above, the 2021 Cultural Weekend, normally held in April, was again cancelled due to the pandemic. Some of the members have organised virtual events but we have not been able to hold any physical events.

Payments

Total payments in the year were £27,612, lower than the previous year (£40,134) which included additional donations to our chosen charities and the final payments from the Fuego appeal (£12,303).

Outgoing Donations in total were £24,378, a reduction of £12,374 on last year mainly due to the final Fuego payments referred to above. Donations to our Guatemalan charities were at a similar level to the previous year: we distributed £16,243 to our first designated charity, Aldea, and £8,135 to the second charity Los Patajos, a school in Jocotenango. Over the last 20 years the GFA has now sent close to £350,000 to organisations in Guatemala and are proud to have made a difference to the lives of many Guatemalan people.

Bank Balances

Bank balances totalled £10,416 as at 31 August 2021, a similar level to the previous year.

Bursary and Oasis Funds

The GFA has set up two Bursary Funds to support young adoptees travelling back to Guatemala and attending GFA events in the UK. No applications were received in the year and at 31 August the Travel Bursary stood at £5,218 and the Event Bursary at £513. In addition we hold a fund of £1,305 from the money donated following the closure of OASIS, which is used to fund talks and activities on inter-country adoption.

General Financial Position

The GFA's financial position continues to be sound. We maintain reserves of approximately £3,000 to cover general running costs and special payments, as well as £7,036 for the funds referred to above.

Sarah Moore, Treasurer
13th February 2022



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Name: Jo Benoy

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Date: 18.03.22