

**THE GUATEMALAN FAMILIES ASSOCIATION**  
**Reg Charity No 1105241**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**



	Year ended 31 August 2021			Year ended 31 August 2020		
	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance £
<b>Fundraising</b>						
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
	<b>23,284</b>	<b>25,332</b>	<b>-2,048</b>	<b>17,355</b>	<b>38,441</b>	<b>-21,086</b>
<b>Events</b>						
Virtual Cultural weekend - 2021 (2020)	0	120	-120	0	129	-129
Cookery classes	432	394	38	0	0	0
	<b>432</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>-82</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>-129</b>
<b>Publications</b>						
Calendar	1,670	789	881	1,707	848	859
			0			0
	<b>1,670</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>859</b>
<b>Membership</b>						
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
	<b>2,340</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>1,364</b>	<b>2,444</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>1,728</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27,726</b>	<b>27,612</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>21,506</b>	<b>40,134</b>	<b>-18,628</b>
Balance b/fwd 01/09/20			10,302			28,930
Deficit /surplus for the year			115			-18,628
<b>Balance c/fwd 31/08/21</b>			<b>10,416</b>			<b>10,302</b>
Bank current account			7,778			7,664
Bank deposit account			2,638			2,638
			<b>10,416</b>			<b>10,302</b>

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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Reg Charity No 1105241

### **Treasurer's Report on the Accounts for the 12 Months Ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

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 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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  
13<sup>th</sup> February 2022



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 2021.

### 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.

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Date: 18.03.22