

ChallengeAid

Report and accounts

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Principal activities

ChallengeAid promotes health and fitness throughout the UK by motivating schools, universities, corporate groups and individuals to undertake physical challenges and raise money through sponsored activity and exercise. Most of our challenges are organised in-house so our costs are far less than those organised by for-profit companies for other charities.

Our pledge is that none of the money raised from any of these challenges or sponsored exercise is used for administrative purposes.

The aim of our charitable giving is to create "Schools of Hope" for aspirational young informal slum dwellers living in extreme poverty who may not be able to attend school during the day due to family or work commitments. These centres offer a complementary and alternative form of schooling, as well as a unique long term sustainable solution to the provision of education.

We believe that we are one of the very few charities that is able to respond effectively to some of Africa's ongoing issues in some of the largest slums without creating a culture of dependency or bringing knee-jerk reactions to the latest crises.

Through our work we enable some of the poorest people in Africa to escape a lifetime of poverty.

The charity was established in 2005 to help disadvantaged children who live in some of the worst conditions in the developing world. This is being achieved by raising the awareness of schoolchildren in the UK about the severe poverty that these children experience largely through visits and presentations to promote exercise and awareness about the work of ChallengeAid.

Administrative costs are specially covered by trustees' and private patrons' donations.

ChallengeAid is a company limited by guarantee.

Financial overview:

The company received funds totalling £109,439 (2020: £114,597) during the year and incurred direct charitable expenditure totalling £85,548 (2020: £77,876). Details of awards made are given in note 4 to the accounts. The balance of funds carried forward at 31 March 2021 is £558 (2020: £472).

Review

Schools of Hope

Our major focus continues to be the development of Schools of Hope (SoH) which are designed to help provide children, who go to school or more importantly, who need to either work or look after their younger siblings during the day, with the opportunity of an education in the evening to help to take them out of poverty. Most do not have lighting or space in their homes, so they can attend each evening during the week and during weekends and school holidays. ChallengeAid's support covers the provision of text books, desks and chairs, secure storage space and electric lighting. There is also a study programme of life skills support such as substance abuse education and HIV/Aids awareness programmes. Unusually for Kenya and the cultural norms of East Africa, we have more girls than boys attending our SoH's. This has largely been brought about through our sponsored Sanitary Pad programme which provides all adolescent girls who attend the SoH's regularly, with free sanitary pads. Since ChallengeAid began in 2005 over 11,000 pupils have benefitted from the SoH programme and we are currently catering for over 4,000 children each night, at weekends and during school holidays. We currently operate 45 SoH's in Nairobi, Mombassa, Nyeri, the Aberdares, Bisil, Kajiado and Arusha in Tanzania.

We have in place quite an extensive extra-curricular programme. The pupils have opportunities in music and drama, chess, art and debating. In addition at weekends there are sports teams and coaching opportunities with cricket, football, rugby and volleyball. Over 40 of our Supervisors have been trained to basic National Standard in these sports. The extra-curricular programme has been difficult to maintain during the pandemic though activities have still continued within the communities but inter-community competition and practice has been curtailed due to National restrictions.

Adult literacy Programme

This project is in Kajiado County - serving indigenous Masai households in 6 locations. We have currently enrolled over 600 learners in 6 centres set up by the project, about 85% of the participants are women. Recently over 100 learners undertook a government exam in literacy. All passed.

The Project also promotes livelihood enhancement among women. Four savings and loans groups have been formed and trained to managing a simple documentation system. Over 100 women are participating. The ladies are making craft and will be selling these outside their villages with support from the project.

600 women/mothers have received training in hygiene, nutrition and childcare - the training is carried out by the Ministry of Public Health and targets women who attend adult literacy classes.

This is now a 3 year project being implemented by ChallengeAid Africa with financial support from ERKO an NGO from Slovakia, which has now been extended.

Challenges & Events

Going forward ChallengeAid aims to increase the number of challenges organised in the UK and also to increase the number of adults raising money through a wider variety of challenges. Covid restrictions have made this difficult but we are hoping to start rebuilding in the Summer of 2022.

ChallengeAid Africa

Two years ago we set up as a company and foundation in its own right which means that we no longer need to rely on partners in Kenya running the SoH's for us. This has had a huge effect on increasing our efficiency with our own dedicated co-ordinator operating out of Nairobi. This has had positive implications on ChallengeAid's sustainability in the future as we can now co-ordinate with all of the previous partners and keep an eye on their efficiency. Another exciting development is a new relationship with the Federation of Slum Dwellers which will enable us to identify suitable buildings in slum areas for any future SoH's and also will be able to help us identify Community Leadership groups from which and on which our SoH Committee can be formed in that area.

Highlights and Headlines takeaways for 2021

1. 45 Schools of Hope (SoHs) over 4000 students per day.
2. There are zoom classes into 6 SoHs each day.
3. Science, Maths & English lessons are delivered by 6 expert teachers from the UK.
4. 50% of all students attending Zoom classes in went on to start University in 2021.
5. 25% of all Form 4 leavers across all SoH went on to University. We had 232 KCSE candidates: 46 qualified to join university, 76 qualified to join Diploma level colleges, 110 into employment.
6. Two Form 4 girls achieved straight A's putting them in the top 0.8% of the country.
7. 700 more pupils sat KCPE exams (primary) than last year – this is a 40% increase on the last examination year with a total of 97.8% transitioning to secondary school. The norm in Kenya for transition would be 60% with a mere 40% in informal slum settlements.
8. Six centres with 600 young women in Kajiado (South Kenya, Masai Country) are involved with women's empowerment and adult literacy sessions as most young girls, as young as 12, get married, have children and consequently leave education.
9. We are currently piloting a new Maths programme 'Education in a Suitcase' sponsored by the Icelandic Government with the crypto currency – Smiley Coin – "Earn as you learn".

10. 135 of last years leavers have already volunteered as supervisors to 'give back'. Self-sustainability in action.
11. Most SoHs are participating in soap, disinfectant and shampoo making. They are then selling these products into their communities as a way of earning a sustainable income.
12. An MoU has been signed with The Federation of Slum Dwellers of Kenya, and more recently The Association of Informal Schools. There are over 100 informal schools in just two of Nairobi's informal slums settlements as there are no Government schools in the slums.
13. We are in the process of creating a library of freely accessible online lessons in collaboration with the University of Wales, Trinity St David's and their PGCE students.
14. The average cost of educating a ChallengeAid pupil in our SoHs is just over 2p per day, or less than 20p per week, or £10 a year.
15. 2500 girls receive complementary sanitary pads every month.
16. There are 113 boys currently participating in Boys Club. This club focuses on keeping boys in education, leadership, taking responsibility and longer-term decision making.
17. There are currently 724 girls participating in 'Girls Can Clubs' which meet to discuss topics such as womens empowerment, career and lifestyle choices, womens health and education.
18. Two chess tournaments were held this year with 226 young people participating from our SoH.
19. We have formed our own SoH rugby team, our first ever girls rugby team, with an ongoing SoH football and cricket team for boys and girls.
20. Monthly Life skills sessions are held in each of our 45 SoH's.
21. Debating clubs, Art and Chess classes and coaching are also held regularly.
22. Approximately 40% of girls living in the slum and under the age of 17 are sexually active. Almost 50% of those girls drop out of school through unintended and unwanted pregnancies. Our average dropout rate for SoH girls is just 1.4%.
23. Of the 25 students who started our mentoring programme in 2019, all have transitioned to University. Many of the mentors are former students from our SoH's who are now either in University or have graduated and are now on career pathways.

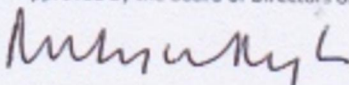
Directors

The directors of the company who served during the year are as follows.

M. Ryan (Chair)
G.A. Birkett
R.J. Bywater
I. M. Hunt
P.A. Brewer
J. Cox
M. Ellis
M. Ryan

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Directors on and signed on its behalf by:



Martyn Ryan
Director

**Chartered Accountants' Report to the Board of Directors
on the unaudited financial statements of ChallengeAid**

In accordance with our engagement letter and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have compiled the financial statements of the company which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the Company's Board of Directors, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Company's Board of Directors that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Board of Directors, as a body, for our work or for this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with technical guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and have complied with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institute relating to members undertaking the compilation of financial statements.

You have acknowledged on the balance sheet for the year ended 31 March 2021 your duty to ensure that the company has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view under the Companies Act 2006. You consider that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.



Warren Clare
Chartered Accountants

Date: 21/12/21

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	Note		2021	2020
			£	£
Incoming resources				
Donations	2		109,780	110,123
Gift aid repayments/HMRC refunds			(588)	6,387
Other income			240	(1,938)
Interest receivable			7	25
Total incoming resources			<u>109,439</u>	<u>114,597</u>
Resources expended				
Fundraising trading costs	3		-	17,669
Charitable expenditure	4		85,548	77,876
Management and administration of the charity	5		23,805	44,046
Total resources expended			<u>109,353</u>	<u>139,591</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year			86	(24,994)
Fund balances brought forward			<u>472</u>	<u>25,466</u>
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2020			<u>558</u>	<u>472</u>

The notes on pages 9-10 form part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET

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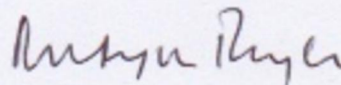
		2021 £	2020 £
Current assets	<i>Note</i>		
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>6,180</u>	<u>6,472</u>
		6,180	6,472
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(6,000)	(6,000)
Net assets		<u>£180</u>	<u>£472</u>
Capital and reserves			
General fund		<u>£558</u>	<u>£472</u>

For the financial year ended 31 March 2021, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 Companies Act 2006. No notice has been deposited under section 476. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 396 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 9-10 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf by


~~P.A. Brewer~~ **MARTYN RYAN**
 Director

Date

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities, and under the historical cost convention.

Incoming resources and outgoing expenditure are accounted for on an accruals basis.

	2021	2020
	£	£
2 Donations received		
School challenges	2,454	973
Adult challenges	-	2,193
	2,454	3,166
 Fund raising events	 400	 29,848
Private Donations	59,626	77,109
Grants	47,301	-
	<u>109,780</u>	<u>110,123</u>

Income from schools represents 50% of funds actually raised for the schools. The balance of funds raised is retained directly by the schools.

3 Fundraising trading costs

Fundraising events	-	17,669
Other	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>17,669</u>

4 Direct charitable expenditure

St Prisca's School, Nairobi	-	-
Challenge & exercise activity	-	-
ChallengeAid Africa	73,125	59,805
Direct salary costs	11,524	10,269
Direct expenses	900	7,802
	<u>85,548</u>	<u>77,876</u>

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	2021 £	2020 £
5 Management and administration of the charity		
Staff salaries	18,379	30,809
Public relations	-	67
Fundraising & Bidding consultancy	-	-
Promotional material	20	605
Legal and professional fees	216	382
Website maintenance	422	432
Premises costs	2,564	3,234
Insurance costs	989	1,837
Office supplies	1,189	2,698
Bank charges	27	422
Miscellaneous	-	3,560
	<u>23,805</u>	<u>44,046</u>

Costs incurred in the management and administration of the charity are covered by funds raised by private donors.

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Loans	6,000	6,000
	-	-
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>