



## The 2024 Annual Report

### **THE GUMBOOTS FOUNDATION (UK)**

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 - 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1123418**



*Helping to educate and empower some of South Africa's  
most disadvantaged children and young people*

# OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

the gumboots foundation's mission is to address poverty and aids related issues in South Africa by improving education, nutrition, employment and wellbeing.

## Our objectives are:

1. To empower children through education, both formal and informal, whilst also ensuring that their basic needs are met by providing food, shelter, healthcare and recreation.
2. To strengthen and support local home grown projects with local leadership and to secure a sustainable long term solution.
3. To help strengthen local communities both through financial assistance and by fostering a mutual understanding.
4. To provide individuals with an opportunity to be directly involved financially and personally in community development projects.
5. To provide honest and informative feedback on the progress of the projects and transparency on the use of donor money.
6. To seek partnership rather than dependency, with the focus being to uplift all involved through building relationships between donors, Gumboots and beneficiaries.

## Statutory Declaration:

In arriving at these objectives the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.





# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Registered address:

1 Station Avenue, Edgbaston, Birmingham B16 9SZ

Managing trustees at 28th February 2024 were:

Angela Dyer (Secretary)

Mark Escolme

Margaret Green

Graham Allibone (Treasurer)

David Lightfoot

Robert Marcuson

Methods for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees are as outlined in the Essential Trustee document CC3 regulations from the UK Charity Commission.

## Governing document:

The Gumboots Foundation (UK) is constituted as a charitable trust by way of a Trust Deed/Charity Commission Application, dated 1st March 2008.

Decision making is via Trustee Board Meetings which are held quarterly.

## Areas of operation and main activities:

Gumboots Foundation (UK) is a charity founded for the purpose of fundraising, promotion and decision making in the UK for the benefit of projects operating in South Africa.



# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

(continued)

Projects operating in South Africa apply to the Gumboots Foundation (UK) for grants. Each application is approved or rejected by the board of UK Trustees. The Board will only approve grants which fulfil the criteria and further the aims of the charity as set out in our objectives.

Our partner organisation in South Africa, Gumboots (SA), which works together with the projects below, and which mainly operates within Alexandra Township. Township residents who are attending educational institutions elsewhere in South Africa also benefit. These projects apply for grants from Gumboots (UK) via Gumboots (SA)

- LERATONG PRE-SCHOOL
- SIGIYA SONKE DANCE GROUP
- PHETOHO EDUCATION FUND
- RATANG BANA FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE
- THE CAITLIN FUND
- KIDLINKS USA

## Our wider network

Kidlinks World is our sister organisation in the USA which also supports some of the Alexandra Township projects, (in addition to other initiatives in rural parts of South Africa), whilst the Kadey Family Charitable Corporation (KFCC) in Canada supports the Kadey House Orphanage which is based at the same site as Leratong Pre-school. KFCC has also been a generous donor to Sakhimfundo, the new home for the Sigiya Sonke Dance Group

## Role of volunteers

The trustees of Gumboots Foundation UK, and the directors of Gumboots South Africa and Kidlinks USA, offer their services on an entirely unpaid basis. All three organisations are assisted by a small but dedicated group of local volunteers without whose assistance operation of the projects and fundraising would not be possible.



# DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

This year we distributed the sum of **£64,772** to fund the following projects:

## LERATONG PRE-SCHOOL    £25,167 granted

Under the guidance and supervision of Dimakatso Aphane, the senior teacher, Leratong continues to provide a vital nurturing and supportive environment for 50 of some of the most vulnerable children.

Leratong, unlike the government run pre-schools, provides all day care and two meals a day. This prevents young children going hungry and roaming the busy streets of Alexandra Township in the afternoons where they are exposed to many dangers.



Our grant this year has again funded teachers' and support staff salaries, helped provide food for children's breakfasts and lunches, as well as provisions and maintenance of the centre.

We are particularly indebted to the *Brita Foundation* for their continuing support in funding all the salaries. From this year's Gumboots (UK) grant to Leratong Pre-School of £25,167, £24,000 was donated by the *Brita Foundation* for salaries and Gumboots (UK) donated a further £1,167 for food and provisions.







# RATANG BANA £8,735 granted



Ratang Bana continues to grow and now has well over 10,000 service users and 74 members of staff. Gumboots is one of many organisations who has assisted with the phenomenal growth of this valued service to vulnerable children. Families are either headed by grandmothers or siblings. A meal is provided on a daily basis to numerous children and most of the food is sourced from Ratang Bana's extensive and prolific food garden.

Children are supplied with school uniforms and equipment and also given medical and HIV counselling. Social workers also aid with counselling and provide home visits and additional support. There is a playground where children can play safely after school.

We continue to pay stipends to two gardeners and other helpers and assist with the purchase of food, clothing and other necessities.





# SIGIYA SONKE DANCE GROUP £5,668 granted

First established in the mid - 1990's the group's main focus has been dance and performance arts but it also provides much more than that. Under the leadership of husband and wife team Jack and Beauty Letsoela, over 50 children each year also receive pastoral support and help with education.



Having a permanent home for the group has long been a difficulty, but in April this year we saw the completion of the new Performing Arts Centre. The Centre now forms part of the *Sakhimfundo Youth Programme* which includes an After-school Learning Centre focusing primarily on maths and reading.

In this new spacious venue the dancers have a safe and secure place to rehearse, receive educational support, a daily hot meal and socialise with their friends.

This year Gumboots (UK) granted Sigya Sonke £5,668 providing stipends for two group leaders, costumes and musical instruments, competitions, educational activities, food and refreshments.









# PHETOHO EDUCATION £14,720 granted

This project assists children and young people to continue their education and learning and meet their full potential. We provide support and/or stipends to children at school and young people at university/college or just starting their careers.

We are excited to report that Fifi Moyo has graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand and is now a trainee electrical engineer working for Eskom.

Two other learners are making good progress towards their degrees via the University of South Africa



We also support 3 children at the United Church School which has proved to be an excellent pathway for young people getting into further education.

We purchase uniforms for these children, provide learning resources, transport to and from school and lunches.

This project has broadened the horizons of numerous learners and shown them life outside Alexandra Township. We have helped them take the steps towards independent and fulfilled lives.





# THE CAITLIN FUND    £1,215 granted

The Caitlin Fund has been supporting young women and girls through primary and higher education for almost 15 years. The fund continues to support 2 girls in Alexandra Township to attend a local school and is also now helping a young woman from the Eastern Cape complete her studies. She is in her final year of school and doing exceptionally well.

Many of the young women who have benefitted from the fund are now employed full-time and we are proud to report success in the education, arts and medical fields.





# KIDLINKS SMALL FARM INCUBATOR (KSFI)

## £9,267 granted

Initiated by our sister organisation KSFI is a training farm based in the Eastern Cape. Working with young aspiring farmers, local communities and schools it offers advice and training in regenerative farming techniques. Tackling food insecurity and youth unemployment are its main aims.



This year we funded 12 young people from Alex to stay on the farm. The first group of 7 spent a month learning about soil replenishment, organic vegetable growing and livestock management.



A second group of five visited in December 2023 and participated in the KSFI Annual Youth Event. Fired up they returned to Alexandra township determined to set up their own vegetable garden. After a number of set backs identifying and clearing a suitable piece of land, they eventually settled on a site which Kidlinks USA funded. It is now fenced and secured.

Our grant also funded one of the farm staff to travel up to Johannesburg and spend a week advising and helping the group sow their first crops. The site is on loan at present but Kidlinks USA is looking to raise the funds to purchase it for the long term development of a food garden.





# ACCOUNTS 23/24

## THE GUMBOOTS FOUNDATION (UK)

### RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

PERIOD FROM 1ST MARCH 2023 TO 29TH FEBRUARY 2024

|  | unrestricted funds | restricted funds | total funds    |
|--|--------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>  |                    |                  |                |
| Personal and Corporate Income  |                    |                  |                |
| Unrestricted Corporate funds   | 850                | 0                | 850            |
| Unrestricted Personal inc Gift Aid   | 9,044              | 0                | 9,044          |
| Restricted Caitlin inc Gift Aid  | 0                  | 1,444            | 1,444          |
| Restricted Corporate Leratong  | 0                  | 26,000           | 26,000         |
| Restricted Alexandra Youth Project   | 0                  | 0                | 0              |
| <b>Total Personal and Corporate</b>  | <b>£9,894</b>      | <b>£27,444</b>   | <b>£37,338</b> |
|  |                    |                  |                |
| <b>Events Income</b>   |                    |                  |                |
| Unrestricted Fundraising events  | 22,176             | 0                | 22,176         |
| Total Events Income  | 22,176             | 0                | 22,176         |
| <b>Total Income</b>  | <b>£32,070</b>     | <b>£27,444</b>   | <b>£59,514</b> |
|  |                    |                  |                |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>   |                    |                  |                |
| Administration costs   | -482               | 0                | -482           |
| Event Expenses   | -625               | 0                | -625           |
| Paid UK invoice for restricted events  | 0                  | 0                | 0              |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>   | <b>£-1,107</b>     | <b>0</b>         | <b>£-1,107</b> |
|  |                    |                  |                |
| Net amount available for Distribution  | 30,963             | 27,444           | 58,407         |
| Grants distributed   | -39,557            | -25,215          | -64,772        |
| Transfers unrestricted to restricted   | 0                  | 0                | 0              |
| *Transfers from restricted to unrestricted   | 2,000              | -2000            | 0              |
| <b>Net Cash Movement</b>   | <b>-6,594</b>      | <b>229</b>       | <b>-6,366</b>  |
| Cash funds at 1st March 2023   | 26,875             | 482              | 27,357         |
| Cash funds at 29/02/2024   | 20,281             | 711              | 20,992         |
| * This item reverses a transfer made last year whereby unrestricted funds had to be used temporarily to support a restricted grant project whilst awaiting the receipt of an overdue restricted grant. |                    |                  |                |
|  |                    |                  |                |



# FINANCIAL REPORT 23/24

Our income, at **£59,514** was higher compared to (£48,670) for the previous year

The unrestricted corporate donations this year totalled **£850**

Our fundraising events including the Christmas Craft Market & donations to

The Big Give brought in **£22,176**

Personal unrestricted donations totalled **£9,044** including Gift Aid.

Donations including Gift Aid to the Caitlin Fund produced **£1,444**

Our event expenses and administration costs totalled **£1,107**

The grants to projects in South Africa totalled **£64,772**

compared to (£45,264) for the previous year.

Cash at year end was **£20,992** compared to (£27,357) for the previous year.





# DECLARATION 23/24

The Trustees declare that they have approved this report.

Signed by:



Graham Allibone (Treasurer)

Dated: 13 August 2024



# The Gumboots Foundation UK

## Receipts and Payments Account

Period from 1st March 2023 to 29th February 2024

|  | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>£ |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                              |                            |                          |                     |
| <b>Personal and Corporate Income</b>       |                            |                          |                     |
| Unrestricted Corporate funds               | 850                        | 0                        | 850                 |
| Unrestricted Personal inc Gift Aid         | 9044                       | 0                        | 9044                |
| Restricted Caitlin inc Gift Aid            | 0                          | 1444                     | 1444                |
| Restricted Corporate Leratong              | 0                          | 26000                    | 26000               |
| Restricted Alexandra Youth Project         | 0                          | 0                        | 0                   |
| <b>Total Personal and Corporate</b>        | <b>£9,894</b>              | <b>£27,444</b>           | <b>£37,338</b>      |
| <br><b>Events Income</b>                   |                            |                          |                     |
| Unrestricted Fundraising events            | 22176                      | 0                        | 22176               |
| <b>Total Events Income</b>                 | <b>22176</b>               | <b>0</b>                 | <b>22176</b>        |
| <b>Total Income</b>                        | <b>32070</b>               | <b>27444</b>             | <b>59514</b>        |
| <br><b>EXPENDITURE</b>                     |                            |                          |                     |
| Administration costs                       | -482                       | 0                        | -482                |
| Event Expenses                             | -625                       | 0                        | -625                |
| Paid UK invoice for restricted events      | 0                          | 0                        | 0                   |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>                   | <b>-1107</b>               | <b>0</b>                 | <b>-1107</b>        |
| <br>Net amount available for Distribution  | <br><b>30963</b>           | <br><b>27444</b>         | <br><b>58407</b>    |
| Grants distributed                         | -39557                     | -25215                   | -64772              |
| Transfers unrestricted to restricted       | 0                          | 0                        | 0                   |
| *Transfers from restricted to unrestricted | 2000                       | -2000                    | 0                   |
| <b>Net Cash Movement</b>                   | <b>-6594</b>               | <b>229</b>               | <b>-6366</b>        |
| Cash funds at 1st March 2023               | 26875                      | 482                      | 27357               |
| <br><b>Cash funds at 29/02/2024</b>        | <br><b>20281</b>           | <br><b>711</b>           | <br><b>20992</b>    |

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

GUMBOOTS FOUNDATION (UK)

On accounts for the year ended

29/2/2024

Charity no (if any)

1123418

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

9/8/2024

Name:

Ian Hamilton Currie

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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**Address:**

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**



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