

NEW HOPE FOR CHILDREN

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2020**

Charity No: 1124015

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TRUSTEES' REPORT for the year ended 31 December 2020

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

The Objects of the Trust are to raise and receive monetary and non-monetary donations to help high risk children, with particular focus to support the work of Children's Vision International Incorporated in Bogota, Colombia, South America.

The aims of the trust are to provide support in furthering the following objects ("the objects") for the benefit of children, in particular but not exclusively those residing temporarily or permanently in Bogota, Colombia:

- (a) The relief of sickness and the preservation and protection of health of children and/or their families, including by assisting in the provision of medicines, clinics and healthcare workers;
- (b) The relief of financial hardship by making grants of money for providing or paying for items, services or facilities such as food, clothing and bedding;
- (c) The advancement of the education, including by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities, equipment and teachers;
- (d) To help homeless and orphaned children by providing funding for accommodation, carers and running orphanages;
- (e) To provide for the relief of children who are sick or disadvantaged by reason of their social or economic circumstances by the provision of holidays, outings and other recreational and leisure activities provided in the interests of social welfare and designed to improve their conditions of life.

During the year under review, donations amounting to £149,450 (2019 - £132,995), were made to Children's Vision International Inc., (CVII) in Bogota, Colombia and a further £9,600, (2019 - £9,150), was paid in support fees to the Richard D. Sanderson in his role as General Director in Colombia and Principal Ambassador in reporting back to the charity sponsors in the UK and Ireland

Public benefit

The Charity Commission has set out general principles to be used in assessing the public benefit of UK charities. To ensure it meets these principles, the Trust must be able to demonstrate that its work benefits the public or a section of the public, that people on low incomes are able to benefit, and that any private benefit is incidental. In exercising their powers and duties, the trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of Charitable Activities

The Trustees consider that the performance of the trust in its testimony within Colombia and beyond to have been satisfactory again this year as the impact of the work amongst children and their families has been maintained and further enhanced. The trustee wishes to place on record his grateful thanks to all who have so faithfully supported the work of the charity throughout the year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position

The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 are presented to comply, as far as possible, with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Total expenditure including donations amounted to **£162,237** compared to **£147,837** in 2019 which meant that the net deficit for the year amounted to **£14,083** compared to a net deficit of **£2,381** in 2019.

At 31st December 2020, the reserves of the charity amounted to **£5,351** (2019 - **£19,435**)

Principal Funding Sources

New Hope for Children's principal sources of funds are from many and varied churches, groups, and individuals and during the year amounted to **£148,154** (with applicable tax refunds from recoverable gift aid) (2019 - **£145,456**)

New Hope for Children achieved its objectives in terms of supporting to the maximum level possible the work of Children's Vision in Bogota, Colombia.

Total costs incurred accounted for **2.15%** of our income.

The Main Activities for the Year

During 2020 New Hope for Children has been able to support Children's Vision, Bogota through grants to support the following aspects which were of public benefit to the children and adults in Colombia supported by the foundation. In undertaking these activities the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit:

1. **The relief of poverty and the provision of a home** – Supporting the provision of four established children's homes for children in High Risk situations. To break the immediate effects of poverty through helping provide (and develop) a home, food and caring staff, clothing, protection and support. (Approx. 90 children helped). Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the homes were required to close along with the school in March in accordance with Colombian government instructions, and for the remainder of the year. The children returned to living with their families in poverty situations. New Hope for children partially provided many of their basic food needs through grants for the purchase of family food packs as related in (3) below. In addition

support was provided through Psychology and Social Work via telephone contact as much as possible.

2. **Providing an education.** Supporting the provision of a school in Colombia. Helping make a provision for teaching staff, and therefore an education to break the cycle of poverty that has been seen in generations of the families of each child (Approx. 150 children helped continuously). Education from nursery through to the end of High School. In addition to High School diploma also providing technical classes. In accordance with Colombian government regulations due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, the school building closed in March 2020. However, the education of the children continued for the remainder of the year, for all the children through the distribution of thousands of printed school guides which were written by each teacher who worked from their family homes. These were distributed to each student and received back every two weeks throughout the remainder of the year. It is worth noting that despite the pandemic conditions, good High School grades were achieved by the graduating students and one student was among 10 chosen from the whole of the city of Bogota (9 million inhabitants) for a top university scholarship based on his excellent results. In addition, specific grants were given towards higher education, benefitting five young adults in accordance with the donor's instructions. Richard Sanderson is provided with support fees both for his work as General Director in Bogota, and within the UK and Ireland as principal ambassador in raising awareness and financial support for the charity by giving talks and reports on the activities and impact of the work in Colombia.

Funds granted for sections 1 and 2: £74,735 (please note that this includes a provision for wages, utility bills and food that is shared between the homes and the school, and also contributed towards caring for those who are sick through the provision of nurses). The total includes £5,400.00 specific funds for Higher and Further Education Scholarships, in accordance to the donors wishes. It is important to note that although some of the staff were unable to work due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, there was a legal requirement to continue fulfilling contractual obligations to all until December 2020. In addition, support fees provided to Richard Sanderson were £9,600.

3. **The relief of poverty** – New Hope gave grants for the purchase of food packs for the families of the children helped in Colombia, in addition to many other extreme poverty people who were unable to work due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Helping provide 6,000 food bags that were distributed throughout the year.

Funds granted: £7,400

4. **The relief of poverty** – For the construction of the new “Thicke Founders Building – Blessings.” A 2000m2 construction project, helping to provide Humanitarian Aid storerooms to bless the neediest areas of Colombia, a new dining room and installations for 180 children for hunger relief, new offices for Psychology, Social Work, Nurses and Nutritionist, and a medical unit to help children in crisis, also a new administration office. In addition, bakery and sewing workshops for children to have fun and learn and a children’s sports area for beneficial exercise and fun. It is important to note that by the end of 2020 this project was 85% finished.

Funds granted: £65,200

5. **Caring for those who are sick.** Helping to provide the nursing staff for the children during presential moments (approx. 150 children intermittently throughout the year).

Funds granted: Please read “Funds granted sections for 1 and 2” above.

6. **The relief of poverty.** Specific grants were given for gifts for the children in accordance with donor instructions.

Funds granted: £615 for gifts for the children.

7. **The relief of poverty.** Provision of transport through specific grants to help with petrol and diesel and vehicle maintenance costs. Transport was of benefit in providing logistical help for recreational, health and support activities. Also, for humanitarian aid brigades helping thousands of people. And the transport of building materials for the project reported in (4) above.

Funds granted: £1,500

The total of funds granted for the public benefit from New Hope for Children to Children’s Vision in Bogota during 2020 was £149,450.

Strategies of the Trust

All grants were given in accordance with the instructions of the donors and within the aims and objectives set out in the governing document.

New Hope for Children raises through its donors 100% of the funds for the grants it gives and does not receive funds from any type of social investment programme.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who have helped raise support and awareness in many areas of the UK – mainly in Southern and North Eastern England, Northern Ireland, the Midlands and Scotland, including organising and/or publicising fundraising events, opening opportunities and invitations for presentations and in general raising awareness of the work in Colombia. As these people are groups and individuals from other organisations, it is not possible to provide an accurate calculation of the time and resources invested by each person/group.

To thank those who have supported our work in terms of offering help with activities such as printing information, copying of promotional DVDs, and for the work of the trustees in

running New Hope for Children. The number of hours invested would be approximately 60 hours per month.

New Hope for Children's principal sources of funds are from many and varied churches, groups, and individuals. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic it was impossible to do the normal in-person presentations and therefore these were recorded digitally and forwarded electronically for the use of each organisation, group or individual as required.

Significance of Achievements

During 2020 New Hope for Children has been able to support Children's Vision, Bogota through grants to support the following aspects which were of public benefit mainly to the children and in some part to adults in Colombia supported by the foundation:

1. Children's Homes. Providing grants for wages towards well trained care staff working in the homes. To provide a caring Christian family environment where children have stability, love and professional support. They are helped to overcome their family difficulties and receive healing to both physical and emotional hurts. To develop into stable adults who know that they have the support of a family. During 2020 the homes could only operate between January to march when government instructions required them to close due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The children lived during this period full time in their poor family homes and were supported as best the foundation was able with food, school homework guides, basic household items and constant telephone contact.
2. Humanitarian Aid - Support also for the humanitarian aid programme where thousands of needy families are helped with donations of clothes, shoes, baby packs, blankets and many other articles. Approximately 4,000 families helped during 2020. The number of food bags distributed to help those most affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic was 6,000.
3. Education. Providing grants towards wages for well trained teachers working in the school, and also for the technical classes such as electricity and carpentry. To help each child develop the knowledge and skills that will help break the cycle of poverty in generations of their families. To enable each child to have a stable future and prepare them for life as a responsible adult. During the period March to December 2020 this was done through printed school guides as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Specific grants were given towards higher education, benefitting five young adults in accordance to the donor's instructions.
4. Hunger Relief. Helping provide 600 meals a day and also snacks to children that were suffering from malnutrition. To provide good nutrition which is reflected in the growth of each child, good healthy defences against illness and the best possibility to function well and optimise their learning. In addition, the provision of food to give hunger relief to needy mountain communities. During the period march to December

2020 this help was given through the distribution of 6000 food bags to help Children's Vision families and many other needy people badly affected by this crisis.

5. Medical Care. Provision of a nurse for the medical care of the Children's Vision children.
6. Maintenance/Construction. Grants to help towards the construction of the 2000m2 Thicke Founders Building – Blessings: a purpose-built centre for distribution of humanitarian aid, large daily use dining/events room with industrial kitchen for hunger relief, new technical team areas such as psychology, social work, nurses area and nutrition, in addition to a new medical unit for healthcare and administration offices, also bakery and sewing workshops for learning and fun, audio visual office, and a sports area for the benefit of all our children. This project was able to continue during the Covid-19 Pandemic (lockdown allowing) and was 85% finished by the end of 2020.
7. Utilities. Gas, Water, Electric, Telephone. Helping provide the basic needs for four children's homes and a school. This requirement reduced during the time that the children's homes were not operating due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.
8. Transport and Vehicles. Grants for transportation costs. The vehicles are used for the transportation of the children for Medical appointments, outings and educational purposes. Also, used for the transportation of donations that helped over 4,000 families around the city and beyond within the territory of Colombia. In addition for the transportation of building materials purchased for the building project mentioned in (6). This requirement reduced during the period march to December 2020 due to the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic.
9. Gifts. Individual gifts made by sponsors for their sponsored children.
10. It should be noted that to amplify contact possibilities with donors, New Hope for Children achieved the rebuilding and modernising of its web page and opened pages on social media platforms Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

Investment policy and performance

The trustees choose to retain all surplus funds in liquid form as cash at bank and do not make any longer term investments to facilitate the easy transfer of needed funds to Bogota.

Reserves Policy

The Trustee recognises the need to establish and maintain a level of reserves that enables financial stability, that meets the requirements of working capital and cushions against fluctuations of income levels and in the financial performance of the Trust. At 31st December 2020, the reserves of the charity amounted to **£5,351** (2019 - **£19,435**). During 2020, taking into account the added financial pressures due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and the construction project, the charity has made effort to maintain its reserve levels, safeguarding in terms of continuance. The trustees have no uncertainties in regard to the charity not continuing as a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The Charity was formed under a Trust Deed dated 2nd April 2008 and is governed by that Trust Deed. The charity is constituted as an unincorporated charity

Recruitment & Appointment of Trustees

Mr Richard D Sanderson and Miss Margaret R. Swift were founder trustees and the remainder of trustees were appointed by resolution of the trustees. Any future trustees will be appointed by resolution of the trustees.

Induction and Training of Trustees

The process of induction and training of any new Trustees would be under the personal guidance and supervision of the existing Trustees. At the time of induction, each trustee accepts and adopts the relevant trustee protocols

Organisational Structure and How Decisions are Made

The governance of the charity is by regular trustee meetings of which a minimum of two are held each year. The day to day administration within the UK is undertaken by Mrs Christine M. Hodgson who acts as the charity Co-ordinator and Mr. David Hodgson who acts as Treasurer. Mr Richard D Sanderson, in addition to his role as trustee, acts as the General Director in Colombia and Principal Ambassador in reporting back to the charity sponsors in the UK and Ireland.

Related Parties

The administration of the Trust is undertaken autonomously, although it works in support of the activities of Children's Vision International Inc, (CVII) which owns children's homes and a school in Bogota, Colombia.

The Charity completed repayment of a short-term interest free personal loan of £8,000 from Richard Sanderson which had been given to assist with a donation for the building project. £6,000 of this loan was repaid during the year and the remaining £2,000 became a donation as instructed by Richard.

Risk Assessment

The Trustees recognise their responsibilities and are committed to minimise all the risks that the Trust may face. The major risks to which the charity is exposed are identified by the Trustees in terms of both probability and potential risk and are reviewed regularly together with systems and procedures to manage those risks.

The major risk of the Trust is that of ensuring that there is a continued flow of incoming funds to continue to support the commitments of the charity in providing finance to help high risk children with particular focus on the work of CVII in Colombia.

To help mitigate this risk, New Hope for Children has modernised its web page during 2020 and opened pages on the social media platforms Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. Additionally, due to the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic communication with donor organisations and individuals has been maintained through the digital recording and electronic communication of the usually presential presentations.

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Registration Number

The Charity Commission registration number is **1124015**

Address

The contact address of the Charity is:-

71 Howard Street, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE30 1AF

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year and in office at the date of this report were as follows:-

Mr. Richard Douglas Sanderson, (Chair)
Mrs. Christine Mary Hodgson, (Vice Chair)
Miss Margaret Ruth Swift, (Secretary)
Mr. David Hodgson, (Treasurer)
Mr. John William Hawksworth (to 10th March 2020)

Trustee Changes

Mr. John W. Hawksworth resigned from the charity on 10th March 2020 for personal reasons and the trustee board wish to place on record our thanks to John for his valuable service during his period of office as a trustee. The remaining 4 trustees served throughout the year.

Secretary

Miss Margaret Swift has acted as Secretary throughout the year.

Bankers

Barclays Bank Plc, 3 Northumberland Square, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE30 1QX

Independent Examiner

Nicholas J. Liley, BSc (Hons) FCA Chartered Accountant, 43 Burnside Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 2DU

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view

of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- 1) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- 2) observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- 3) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 4) prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation

Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 4th June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



RICHARD DOUGLAS SANDERSON
[Chair]



DAVID HODGSON
[Treasurer]

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
OF
NEW HOPE FOR CHILDREN
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of New Hope for Children for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

1. the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
3. the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



NICHOLAS J. LILEY, BSc(Hons), FCA
Chartered Accountant

43 Burnside Road
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Dated15/10/21.....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Year to 31 December 2020			Year to 31 December 2019		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>						
Donations Received	132,123	5,400	137,523	112,454	13,895	126,349
Gift Aid Recoverable	9,543	1,088	10,631	17,852	1,255	19,107
Total Receipts	£ 141,666	£6,488	£ 148,154	£130,306	£ 15,150	£ 145,456
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>						
Grants to CVII	142,025	7,425	149,450	118,435	14,560	132,995
Support Fees	9,600		9,600	9,150		9,150
Travel Expenses	926		926	3,782		3,782
Insurance	567		567	567		567
Postage	26		26	58		58
Telephone	185		185	207		207
Internet Charges	404		404	120		120
Printing & Stationery	-		-	352		352
Advertising & Publicity	226	-	226			-
Bank Charges	467		467	358		358
Just Giving Fees	387		387	248		248
Total Payments	£ 154,813	£ 7,425	£162,238	£ 133,277	£ 14,560	£ 147,837
Net income	(13,147)	(937)	(14,084)	2,971	590	(2,381)
Funds Brought Forward	18,435	1,000	19,435	21,406	410	21,816
Funds Carried Forward	£ 5,288	£ 63	£ 5,351	£18,435	£ 1,000	£ 19,435

The notes on page 15 form part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2020

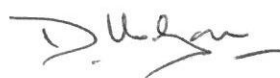
	£	£
ASSETS	2020	2019
Cash Funds		
Charity Bank Account - Barclays Bank		
Unrestricted Funds	4,976	19,477
Restricted Funds	63	1,000
Endowment Funds	-	-
Total Cash Funds	£ 5,039	£ 20,477
Debtors		
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	£ 879	£ 6,958
LIABILITIES		
Creditors & Accruals	(567)	(8,000)
Total Funds	£ 5,351	£ 19,435

Signed, on behalf of all the Trustees:-



RICHARD D SANDERSON

(Chair)



DAVID HODGSON

(Treasurer)

Date of approval: 4th June 2021

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 1. – ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) “Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015”, Financial Reporting Standard 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

(b) Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the charity has received the donation or the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statements of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005 and applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

(c) Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings and aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributable to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

(d) Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities

(e) Realised gains and losses

There has been no realised gains or losses on investments during the year.

Note 2 – REMUNERATION

No remuneration has been paid to any of the trustees in their capacity as trustees. However the sum of £9,150 has been paid as a support fee to Richard D. Sanderson in his role as the General Director in Colombia and Principal Ambassador in reporting back to the charity sponsors in the UK and Ireland.