



Report of the Trustees for Spirit of Africa charity (1141351) for the year ending August 13th 2022

The Charity's work

The charity operates in the Valley of a Thousand Hills in Kwa Zulu-Natal, South Africa. Our current project is called Ithembalihle, which means place of hope.

We have dormitory buildings and a Pre-school at our project.

We provide education for 40 pre-school children who are taught in two-year groups by our two teachers.

We have 14-19 children at any one time staying on the project. Two Housemothers, a cook and Thandiwe Sibya who operate the project, under a South African registered NGO, care for the children.

Some of our children stay with us permanently and are orphaned. Other children do visit, on occasions, a family member during the school holidays.

We send our children to two different schools. Those who have been with us for a long time attend First Step Right School, we have an old vehicle that we bought in 2012 to transport the children back and forward to school.

All of our children either attend the pre-school at Ithembalihle or attend other local schools. The charity pays for all uniforms and school fees.

The charity pays for all the staff that work on site at Ithembalihle.

The housemothers live with the children and are also provided with all meals.

Everything at the project: education, food, children's clothing, general maintenance, gas, electricity etc. is paid for by the charity. We believe all children have the right to have a home, a safe place to live, and good health care, access to education and to be loved. The charity enables all of the mentioned to be provided.

Where our money comes from

We have received donations from a local Church and a donation from a local charity called Hope for South Africa Children.

We have regular individual sponsors who donate monthly via Direct Debits. The rest of our income comes through fund raising events the Trustees and charity Volunteers organize. Donations generated from speaking engagements, and the sale of African goods at various craft markets.

How we have spent our money

A monthly payment is made to the project to cover all of the regular expenses that are incurred at Ithembalihle. The monthly payment varies between £1,000 and £1,300, depending on the rate of exchange and any extra expenditure incurred in that month.

We send monthly contributions to Ithembalihle, via Thandiwe who is the Registered representative of the NGO in S. Africa. Thandiwe then pays two Teachers, one Housemother and a cook. The rest of the monthly donation is used for gas, electricity, food, petrol, medical expenses and cleaning materials.

In April our Pre-school gained Government status, the South African Government now totally funds the Pre-school. We are no longer financially responsible for the Pre-school which has reduced our monthly costs. In January we purchased a carpet for the pre-school.

School fees, uniforms, graduation, Christmas party, gifts, vehicle insurance and tax are paid in separate payments.

At the end of this financial year we only have £5500 remaining to pay on the vehicle loan. The vehicle has done a lot of miles and is suffering, due to desperate road conditions. We have had a lot of repair bills recently.

We worked together, to organize flood defenses to protect the Crèche and other buildings, being flooded at Ithembalihle. Local builders were employed to build a flood wall behind the property. The wall has since prevented flooding.

Due to Covid February 2022 was the first time we had visited the project in two years. Although regular contact was made with Thandiwe the development of the children could not be fully monitored. In February we were pleased to see how well the children looked. Two children had temporarily returned to live with their mother.

The Pre-school was functioning well. There is now a volunteer and two teachers in the Pre-school for 40 children.

The new kitchen was fully equipped and serving the Pre-school and Foster home.

The dormitory, although in good decorative condition, was no longer functional. Our aim for several years had been to extend the dormitory to suit the needs of our older children.

In July we employed local builders to extend the dormitory to two stories, the build will be complete by October.

We have annual charity insurance and licenses to pay. A Trustee visit to the project is financed by the charity twice in the financial year.

Aims

- 1) A Trustee will meet with volunteers in S. Africa in October to decorate the new dormitory extension.
- 2) To continue to provide the funds necessary to meet all of the needs of our children
- 3) Revamp the play area at the front of the dormitory building by creating a garden.
- 4) To begin the process, of Government recognition and adoption of the foster side of Ithembalihle project



Statement of Income & Expenditure to 14th August 2022

	£	£	£
Donations			
Donations Gift Aided			17023.00
Donations Non Gift Aided			4040.10
HMRC Gift Aid Repayment			1897.48
Amazon Smile			42.42
Fund Raising			
Garden Party			2032.18
Sponsored Runs			4473.50
Bonus Ball			1715.37
May Event			1563.43
Raffle			935.00
Cake Sale			579.00
Carol Singing			252.44
Sale of African Goods			
Sales		1197.68	
Opening Stock	300.00		
Add Purchases	314.00		
Less Closing Stock	416.00		
Cost of goods sold		198.00	
Profit on sale of African Goods			999.68
Gross Interest Savings Account			2.14
Total Income			<u>35555.74</u>
Expenditure			
iThembalhle Core Costs		8698.37	
Education		4461.23	
Pre School		1681.83	
Creche		2511.56	
Car Insurance & Licence		1291.28	
Car Repairs & Service		3256.89	
Petrol		1147.04	
Travel & Accomodation		2185.68	
Building Repairs & Improvements		23374.72	
Charity Insurance		288.97	
Web Site		62.24	

Depreciation of car	2619.70	
		51579.51
Net Income (Loss)		<u><u>-16023.77</u></u>



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Independent examiner's
report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

SPIRIT OF AFRICA

On accounts for the year
ended

14/8/2022

Charity no
(if any)

1141351

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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 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:

24/9/2022

Name:

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

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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.