

Mitchell's Miracles Annual Report & Financial Statements

Year ended 31st December 2023



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Mitchell's Miracles Report Of The Trustees

For The Year Ended 31st December 2023

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Trustees:

Mr P Reynold's (Treasurer) _____



28 Oct 2024

Miss S Barlow (Treasurer) _____



28 Oct 2024

Mr J Harris (Chairman) _____



28 Oct 2024

Mrs D Woodger (Secretary) _____



28 Oct 2024

Independent Examiner:

Plan-a Financials Ltd

Chartered Certified Accountants & Business Advisers

Suite 17, Essex House,

Station Road, Upminster, RM14 2SJ.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated Charity.

Kristel Huth is the founder of the charity, and manages the day-to-day operations of the charity. Decisions are made by unanimous agreement of the Trustees during regular meetings throughout the year.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are recruited by invitation only. All appointments would be based on an assessment of the required abilities, and if applicable, specialist skills required by the board. All current Trustees have received training to brief them on their legal obligations under the Charity Law and Trust Deed. Any new Trustees, as a matter of course, have a commensurate level of induction training. Risk Management The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed, and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the CIO are:

1. To promote and protect the physical and mental health of children suffering from Neuroblastoma a childhood cancer, in the UK through the provision of financial assistance, Support, education and practical advice.
2. To advance the education of the general public in all areas relating to Neuroblastoma In children.

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with their duty to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

About us

Since July 2013, our main aim as a charity has been to make a positive difference to families of a child diagnosed with Neuroblastoma, a childhood cancer, with financial and emotional support. The other main aim is to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms in the hope of saving another child's life.

Every year around 100 children are diagnosed with Neuroblastoma in the UK. With this diagnosis comes emotional and financial pressures for the whole family, on top of caring for their very unwell child, and in some cases more than one child has been diagnosed with the same cancer at the same time.

Our Mission

Since its establishment, the charity's primary mission has revolved around easing the burdens faced by families grappling with the challenging realities of having a child diagnosed with Neuroblastoma. The core objectives of the charity are twofold: to raise awareness about Neuroblastoma and to provide comprehensive support to families emotionally and financially during the treatment process. Financial support plays a crucial role in alleviating the stress and challenges faced by families dealing with a child's Neuroblastoma diagnosis. The charity offers grants directly to families to help offset the financial implications of the disease. These grants are specifically designed to assist families with various expenses, including travel costs to and from the hospital, household utility bills, food expenses during hospital stays, and clothing for the affected child. By addressing these financial stressors, the charity aims to enable families to focus on supporting their child through treatment without the added worry of financial strain. In addition to financial assistance, the charity also recognizes the profound emotional toll that a child's cancer diagnosis can have on families. The emotional support provided is tailored to address the unique needs of each family, acknowledging the turmoil and distress that often accompany such challenging circumstances. By offering a compassionate ear and valuable guidance, the charity aims to help families navigate the emotional complexities of coping with a child's illness. Furthermore, by providing benefit advice, the charity ensures that families are aware of and can access available resources and support systems, thereby easing some of the uncertainties and challenges they may face. Emotional support is a vital component of the charity's mission, recognising that the impact of a child's illness extends far beyond the physical aspects of the disease. Families experiencing the upheaval of a cancer diagnosis may find themselves overwhelmed and consumed by the demands of caregiving, often neglecting their own emotional well-being in the process. By offering a supportive and understanding environment, the charity aims to empower families to address their emotional needs and navigate the complex emotions that arise during their child's treatment journey. In conclusion, the mission

of the charity to support families battling Neuroblastoma encompasses a comprehensive approach aimed at addressing both the practical and emotional challenges faced by affected families. By providing financial grants to alleviate the burden of expenses and offering emotional support to navigate the complexities of a child's diagnosis, the charity plays a vital role in supporting families through one of the most challenging experiences they may ever have to face. Through its commitment to raising awareness, providing financial assistance, and offering emotional support, the charity remains steadfast in its dedication to easing the journey of families affected by Neuroblastoma.

Our Objectives and Activities

For the financial year ending 2023, Mitchell's Miracles have been busy trying to raise much needed funds and awareness for Neuroblastoma, within the local community.

Our objectives are:

- To provide financial support to the parents/carers of a child going through treatment for Neuroblastoma, childhood cancer.
- To provide emotional support to family members seeking help with adjusting to the poignant changes in their lives, after their child's diagnosis.
- To provide practical advice around benefit issues and help with understanding the process of some benefit claims they may be entitled to.
- To interact with the social workers & nurses situated across all the specialist oncology hospitals, to help increase the presence of our services and provide the support to the families whose child has been diagnosed with Neuroblastoma.
- To provide gifts for each child, including their siblings, on special national holidays such as Easter and Christmas.
- To continue promoting our objectives and activities through our social media platforms and within our community.
- To make a conscious effort to make a difference to as many families as possible with minimum altercations.

- To be responsive to all applicants by providing high quality, prompt and empathic assistance.
- Providing immunotherapy Backpacks & Hickman line bags to children going

through treatment.

At Mitchell's Miracles, our primary focus has always been to maintain a strong connection within our community and beyond. Through strategic utilisation of social media platforms, we have successfully announced our appeals and events, resulting in a great response from our audience. Our dedicated sponsors and valued partnerships have played a crucial role in supporting our charity all year round, both financially and by raising awareness for our cause. Their generosity has enabled us to provide 48 financial grants to our beneficiaries along with emotional support throughout this financial year. We recognise that without the unwavering support of our sponsors, partners, and devoted supporters, achieving our objectives would not have been possible.

Our Projects:

Financial support

In our organisation, the gravity of a Neuroblastoma diagnosis on a child is not underestimated, as we wholeheartedly acknowledge the profound ripple effects it entails. Beyond the emotional turmoil, financial burdens often loom large, especially for the 50-60% of families in the UK grappling with monthly expenses averaging £600. To support these families during such trying times, we offer swift and vital assistance through a straightforward grant application process. Whether it's aiding transportation, utilities, clothing, or other essential needs, our goal is to alleviate financial strains so parents can focus on their child's care. Amid another tumultuous year where escalating living costs and heightened energy expenses added to the challenges each family was already facing, we still successfully provided grants to 48 families. This enabled them to navigate their financial obligations with ease while ensuring their children received the attention and care they deserve. Moreover, our unwavering dedication extended beyond financial aid as we continued to steer families towards additional support networks, emphasising that no family should ever navigate these hurdles alone.

Emotional Support

At Mitchell's Miracles, we acknowledge the significant emotional impact that accompanies a Neuroblastoma diagnosis in a child. We are committed to offering steadfast emotional support to families navigating this challenging journey. We understand the vital role that parents and caregivers play in assisting their child's emotional well-being throughout treatment. Our dedicated emotional support worker is available to provide expert guidance in emotional support, bereavement counselling, and necessary advice. Our goal is to not only address the physical aspects of the illness but also to provide emotional assistance to the entire family as they navigate the challenges of this chronic illness. Families facing Neuroblastoma can take comfort in knowing they are not alone during these difficult times with our compassionate support.

Welfare & Benefit Advice

Along with emotional support, we also provide welfare and benefit advice. This service entails working with the families to ensure they are aware of all the beneficial services they may be entitled to. The forms which have to be completed can be a long process. We are here to go through the claim forms with the parents to double-check they are wording them accurately and receiving the correct amount of benefit. We can assess the needs of each family individually, to their specific needs, and reinforce our support for further assistance, such as Personal Independent Payment, Employment & support allowance or mobility grants. We also provide information about individual grants and often apply on behalf of our families. Our emotional support worker provides her services on a part-time basis, however, she volunteers extra hours to be able to cater for all the families who turn to us for help. We feel that this support we offer is sometimes just as helpful as funding. Just by showing empathy towards our families and reassuring them they are not alone, and we are here for them, really eases their pain and suffering just a little more.

Hickman Line Bags

Ensuring the safety and well-being of children with Hickman lines is so important, which is why Hickman line bags play a crucial role in maintaining the cleanliness and stability of these vital tubes inserted into the main artery of a child's chest. These lines serve a multitude of purposes, from blood transfusions to chemotherapy delivery, all while eliminating the need for continuous injections. Thanks

to the dedication of our remarkable volunteer, who has tirelessly crafted Hickman line bags, we have been able to provide the children referred to us with a pack of Hickman line bags. The unwavering commitment to our cause from our volunteers ensures that every child under our care receives the necessary support, and we are grateful for the ongoing contribution that promises to make a difference each year.

Immunotherapy Backpacks

A big part of the protocol for children receiving treatment for Neuroblastoma involves receiving immunotherapy. When a child undergoes immunotherapy, they require attachment to a medical pump and may need to stay in the hospital for up to a week at a time, spanning a course of six months. However, thanks to the innovation of small backpacks, the immunotherapy bottle can now be securely placed inside, empowering the child to go home rather than enduring extended hospital stays.

Easter appeal 2023

Chocolate eggs are a popular gift for children at Easter time, however most of the children we support cannot eat Easter eggs, as the chemotherapy treatment they are receiving may be making them feel very sick, or their tummies and mouth could have ulcers. To be handed an egg at Easter can be another added piece of sadness to these children. Therefore, we reached out to our incredible supporters, and asked for a donation of Easter craft gifts. We achieved this by setting up an Amazon Wishlist filled with Easter fun and all items purchased were sent directly to our office, where we evenly distributed between our supported children and their siblings.

Christmas appeal 2023

Christmas holidays can be a stressful and financially straining time of the year for most, but especially so, for our supported families whose children may be spending their Christmas Day in a hospital bed isolated from friends and family. Many of the families we have provided financial grants and emotional support to have not only endured the heartache of watching their child go

through such intense treatment, but have had the added upset of their child missing out on the one special day of the year, being Christmas day.

Mitchell's Miracles proudly donated each of our supported families with a £130.00 e-gift card. This enabled the children to choose a gift of their choice.

Highlights for the year.

Despite a difficult year for Mitchell's Miracles Charity, due to the upheavals experienced globally due to the cost of living crisis. It was touch and go as to whether we were able to continue operating the charity. For the first time since the opening of Mitchell's Miracles, we had to sadly pause providing grants to our families for a whole month.

But, we were saved due to the wonderful fundraiser organised by the Liberty Shopping Centre in Romford, with their Christmas Santa's Grotto, where they raised an outstanding £11k. Then another fabulous donation of £20k was received from The Les Ambassadeurs Club.

We also organised a SuperHero family fun day at a local school, where we welcomed local singers, craft stalls, had funfair rides, and we had a visit from some Superheros to entertain our visitors.

We had some great partnerships and support throughout the year, from businesses including, Mills & Reeve Solicitors, Infinity Print & Embroidery, Millmo Glazing, The Liberty Shopping Centre, Les Ambassadeurs Club, DEO Confidimus Masonic Lodge.

Two of our greatest supporters, Mr Norman James, and Sheila hosted their annual charity golf day.

The majority of our funding for this financial year were donated from many Trust funds & Grant makers, including:

- Union of The Sisters of Mercy of Great Britain
- Mills and Reeve
- Gallagher Re
- Sylvia Aitken's Charitable Trust

- Christadelphian Samaritan Fund
- Mickel Fund
- Taylor Wimpey
- Albert Hunt Trust
- The Music Sales Charitable Trust
- Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust
- Abbey Merton Masonic Lodge

Financial Review

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

MITCHELL'S MIRACLES

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on thirteen to seventeen.

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 period (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and - to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

MITCHELL'S MIRACLES

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28th October 2024

**MITCHELL'S MIRACLES
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted Fund £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income		107,107	-
Activities for generating funds	2	<u>6,037</u>	-
Total incoming resources		<u>113,144</u>	<u>0</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Costs of generating funds			
Fundraising		2,274	
Charitable activities			
Donations made		21,450	
Gift Appeal		4,591	
Governance costs		78,892	
Total resources expended		<u>107,207</u>	<u>0</u>
NET OUTGOING RESOURCES		<u>5,937</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		<u>31,926</u>	
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>37,863</u>	<u>0</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All incoming resources and resources expended arise from continuing activities.

**MITCHELL'S MIRACLES
BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	3	5,017	
Total Tangible Assets		<u>5,017</u>	
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		35,854	
Cash in Hand		290	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>36,144</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accruals		800	
HMRC PAYE (Quarterly)		2,177	
Credit card		321	
Amounts falling due within one year		<u>5,543</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>37,863</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>37,863</u>	
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	5	<u>37,863</u>	
TOTAL FUNDS		37,863	

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 28th October 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr.P Reynolds -Trustee

Mr.J Harris –Trustee

Miss.S.Barlow – Trustee

Mrs D Woodger – Trustee

MITCHELL'S MIRACLES
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £
Fundraising events	1,452	-
Other Income	<u>4,585</u>	=
	<u>6,037</u>	

3. Tangible Assets

	Motor Vehicles £
Cost	
As at 1 st January 2023	-
Additions	7,000
As at 31 st December 2023	<u>7,000</u>
Depreciation	
As at 1 st January 2023	583
Provided during the period	1,400
As at 31 st December 2023	<u>1,983</u>
Net Book Value	
As at 1 st January 2023	<u>6,417</u>
As at 31 st December 2023	<u>5,017</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

The trustees expenses of £Nil for travel and administrative costs were reimbursed in the year.

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Net Movement in Funds £	At 31.12.2023 £	At 31.12.2022 £
Unrestricted funds	37,863	5,937	31,926
Restricted funds	=	=	=
Total Funds	<u>37,863</u>	<u>5,937</u>	<u>31,926</u>

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds	113,144	107,207	5,937
Restricted funds	-	-	-
Total Funds	113,144	107,207	5,937

MITCHELL'S MIRACLES
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Incoming Resources	Notes	Unrestricted fund	Restricted Fund
		£	£
Voluntary Income			
Donations & Gift Aid		76,113	
Corporate Donations		30,000	
Facebook Donations		994	
Total voluntary income		107,107	
Activities for generating funds			
Fundraising		1,452	
Other Income		4,585	
Total incoming resources		113,144	
Resources Expended			
Fundraising			
Fundraising Events & Challenges		2,274	
Family Support Grants		21,450	
Gift Appeal		4,591	
Charitable Activities		28,315	
Support Costs			
Wages incl. NIC & pensions		56,162	
Accountancy		944	
Insurance		2,247	
Travel/Motor Expenses		1,347	
Telephone		1,031	
Postage & Stationery		729	
IT Software and Consumables		67	
Advertising		2,978	
Bank/Card Charges		348	
Staff Training		216	
Subscriptions		1,280	
Office Rent & Rates		9,966	
Sundry costs		177	
Depreciation of Motor Vehicles		1,400	
Total Governance		<u>22,792</u>	
Total resources expended		107,207	
Net Income		5,937	



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