

# Give A Child A Hope

UK Registered Charity 1153184



## Annual Report and Accounts

1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024

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## Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for 2023-24

This is the report of the trustees of 'Give A Child A Hope' (UK registered charity 1153184) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 as required by the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the relevant Charities SORP.

### 1. The charity and its trustees

#### 1.1 The charity

Charity name: Give A Child A Hope  
Registered charity number: 1153184  
Principal office address: St John's Church Office, Bolling Road, Ilkley  
West Yorkshire. LS29 8PN

#### 1.2 The Trustees

The people elected as trustees for the year were:

Trustee name	Office/Role (if any)
Deborah Walker	Chairman
Martin Smith	Operations Manager
Mary Booluck	
Sharon Crosby	
Hannah Osieku	
Peter Willox	
Sheila Lewis	
Marion Hetherington	
Matthew Nice	<i>Resigned Nov 2022</i>

Following the resignation of trustee Mathew Nice in November 2022, the board are looking to recruit new trustees, with a view to them joining for the financial year 2024/25

#### 1.3 Other people.

Carole Riley resigned from her role with Give A Child A Hope in December 2023, but has continued to support the charity on a freelance basis while the recruitment of a new Administrator was in progress. Interviews for this position took place in early March 2024, with Helen Harland being appointed. Helen will join officially in the role of Administrator in early April 2024, in line with the start of the new financial year 2024-25.

Several volunteers continue to support the charity in valuable roles. Julia Jordan remains our bookkeeper and Frank Milward our independent reviewer for our accounts.

## **2. Establishment of charity and appointment of trustees**

### **2.1 Establishment of charity**

The charity is a charitable trust which was established and is governed by a trust deed dated 12 February 2013. The trust deed was drawn up using the model trust deed issued by the Charity Commission.

### **2.2 Appointment of trustees**

Trustees are selected based on their possession of skills and experience that are relevant to the work and effective administration of the charity. Under clause 9 of the trust deed trustees are appointed for an initial 3-year term by a resolution of the trustees passed by a vote in accordance with clause 15 of the trust deed.

## **3. The objects and activities of the charity**

The charity works in partnership with the directors of the Revival Centre in Matugga, Uganda to support the work of the centre and a group of around 150 disadvantaged children who attend the centre.

The two primary objects of the charity as stated in the trust deed are:

- a) To prevent or relieve poverty in Uganda by providing or assisting in the provision of education, vocational skills training, and healthcare to children, and by providing or assisting in the provision of support to impoverished or vulnerable individuals, families, and communities, with an emphasis on helping them generate a sustainable income and become self-sufficient in the future; and*
- b) To advance the education of school pupils in the UK and in Uganda by assisting the development of partnerships between schools in the UK and in Uganda.*  
*UK schools are visited by trustees often accompanied by the head of Revival Centre providing input to curriculum projects, and school assemblies. Some schools have embarked on a class twinning exercise and exchange materials with classes in Uganda. All to foster global citizenship and mutual understanding.*

## **4. The public benefit of the charity's activities**

The trustees confirm that they have taken full account of the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

### **4.1 In Uganda the public beneficiaries of the charity's work include:**

- 1) 150 children at various ages from nursery to secondary school age. These children are supported by the charity which pays the Revival Centre for their education and welfare needs, which includes living in dormitories on site during term time.**
- 2) a further 400/500 children who attend the centre as fee payers benefit from the improved conditions resulting from the projects funded by the charity.**
- 3) all these children receive the benefit of education and skills to help them, and their families gain work and avoid living in poverty in the future.**



- 4) the staff who are living in the local community are employed by the school and receive salaries, which helps them and their families from falling into or remaining in poverty.
- 5) the medical centre offers the pupils and staff, and citizens in the wider community the benefit of basic health care services
- 6) many local businesses benefit from supplying Revival Centre with services and goods which helps relieve poverty for those involved.
- 7) A small number of graduating senior pupils are assisted into further education, either University based or Vocational learning.

#### 4.2 In the UK, public beneficiaries of the charity's work include:

- 1) Pupils in the 12 to 15 link schools who receive input from the charity in assemblies, lessons and projects that educate them about life in Uganda, promoting the concept of global citizenship.
- 2) Some schools use the charity's website as a learning resource.
- 3) Many churches and community groups support the charity and receive regular updates from trustees and look forward to Bishop Ivan's annual visit.
- 4) We help prepare visitors from the UK (on behalf of the Directors of Revival Centre) and elsewhere who wish to volunteer their time and skills at the Revival Centre in Matugga, Uganda.

## 5. The charity's achievements in 2023-24

### 5.1 Fundraising and activity in the UK

2023 saw a continuation of a gradual return to normality, following the Covid pandemic. The on-going impact of Covid however blended with new challenges, as a worldwide economic crisis continued to heavily impact many, including the Revival Centre in Matugga and our UK supporters. Nevertheless, UK supporters continued to help raise funds via a variety of means. Many supporters continued to donate on a regular basis both to support the younger most needy 150 children (the Champions) and those at University through the Further Education Scholarship Fund. Donations were also received from community groups for example: St. John's Church Ben Rhydding and various supporting schools, from the Ilkley, Ben Rhydding and surrounding area. Specific fund-raising events held within the year included: the annual Pete Sheilds Trail Race, organised by the Ilkley Harriers, which took place in May 2023. This resulted in over £1000 in donations towards GACAH. In October 2023 we launched our 'Kits for Kids' Appeal raising money to provide the necessary items that the most needy children required help with in order to be able to attend school, e.g. school uniform, shoes, bedding and personal hygiene items. In November 2023, GACAH held a 'Rock for Revival' event at St. John's Church in Ben Rhydding, with the sole focus of raising funds for the 'Kits for Kids' Appeal. This event was a great success. This appeal was also supported via the sale of Gift Vouchers and Christmas Cards over the festive period, which were promoted on our website, in newsletters and on social media.

In Spring 2024, Ilkley Rotary Club supported GACAH with our fundraising by organising for Steeton Male Voice Choir to perform at Christchurch Ilkley. This resulted in a donation of £1500 being made.

Early in 2024 two major needs were identified at the Revival Centre. Firstly, the need to replace the girls' toilets on the school site, and secondly purchases and improvements to meet requirements raised during a routine inspection conducted by the Uganda Education Department in order to renew the Revival Centre's registration as an examination centre and as is common in Africa, they gave a tight deadline to meet their requirements. Upon hearing these needs the Ilkley Rotary Club requested that their donation be put towards the cost of replacing the girls' toilets which were anticipated to be in excess of £5,000. In March 2024 GACAH directed a donation for £1,000 received from Harrogate Grammar School toward the costs of meeting the School Inspector's requirements.

## **5.2 Reports and observations from the Revival Centre**

In Spring 2022, we reported that although the Revival Centre was able to reopen following the Covid pandemic, the knock-on effect of this was still being keenly felt and it was necessary for the school to close earlier than normal and for a longer than usual summer break. Thanks to the fundraising efforts and generous supporter donations received however, GACAH was able to support the Revival Centre through this difficult period and they were able to reopen and continue to run. However, Spring 2023 brought continued difficulties, as the worldwide economic crisis continued, and inflation caused the price of food and goods to rise significantly.

Bishop Ivan and Madam Allen awarded the 2023/24 Further Education Scholarship to Fred Kyaka supporting him to study for a BSc in Chemical Engineering at Kyambogo University. GACAH Scholarship funds continue to support the FE students on a monthly basis including Joshua studying for a BSc in Bio Processing Engineering at Makerere University, and Fisal studying for a BSc in Chemical Engineering and Denis studying for a BSc. In Mechatronics and Biomedical Engineering both at Kyambogo University.

In April, trustee and Chair of GACAH Debbie Walker returned to the Revival Centre for two weeks and was able to see first-hand some of the recently completed works, following our Winter appeal for funds and GACAH's increased support. As previously reported, these included a new dining shelter for Senior 1 pupils, a refurbished primary school kitchen, a new toilet block for the boys, and a protective wall to help prevent flooding when the rains return. A new classroom for Senior 1 class had also been added, along with a new handwashing station placed at the Revival Church.

All in all, the visit was a positive one, and Debbie reported that despite the challenge of rising costs the Revival Centre looked smart and that the children were healthy, busy and happy as they approached the final school term.

Summer 2023 saw Bishop Ivan's return to the UK for the first time in four years due to the Covid Pandemic where he was able to spend three weeks visiting supporter schools and other supporters, including church, youth and community groups and family groups. During this visit, Ivan was able to re-establish a personal link with our supporters and visit and thank in person the Ilkley Harriers, for their continued support and fundraising efforts with the annual Pete Sheilds Trail Race.

During this vital time together, Ivan and the trustees of GACAH were able to make plans together for the year ahead, identifying key needs and ongoing requirements of the Revival Centre.

The key needs identified during this visit were as follows:



1. The children have been slow to return to school following the pandemic, as parents struggle to provide the basic requirements to return, bedding, soap etc. This led to the GACAH 'Kits 4 Kids' Appeal.
2. The Ministry of Education appear to be moving toward requiring that all teachers with Diploma level education now train to degree level. GACAH agreed to follow the developments on this with the Revival Centre Directors and where possible help with funding the conversion of any Revival Centre teachers diplomas to degree level.
3. We agreed that personalised links between UK supporters with named champions should end, due to increased pressures and challenges faced at the Revival Centre. It was agreed that efforts in Matugga and here in the UK were better placed in supporting the day-to-day needs of the school and its pupils, most namely through fundraising here in the UK and in supporting the group of Champions as a whole through the Champions Support Programme.
4. The class-twinning project should be re-established whereby classes in the UK would exchange project work with reciprocal classes at the Revival Centre Schools, thereby increasing the cultural exchange and ensuring that all the children at the Revival Centre received a form of communication from the UK rather than just the lucky few whose supporters wrote letters to them

In Autumn 2023, a number of trustees were once again able to return to Matugga. Debbie Walker in September, followed by Marion Hetherington and Sharon Crosby in October.

Many observations were shared by both visiting parties which gave valuable feedback on how GACAH funds are being appropriately utilised and also helped to shape the focus of future fund-raising efforts. Both Marion and Sharon were able to assist the teaching team at the Revival Centre and were reported to have contributed toward the extremely good exam results achieved in early 2024. These self-funded trustee visits to the Revival Centre are a valuable contribution to maintaining the partnership between GACAH and the Revival Centre Team. Trustees are also able to see first-hand the use to which GACAH funds have been put and also better understand future needs.

### **5.3 GACAH links with schools in Ilkley and Community Engagement**

GACAH and the school's links task group were able to visit a number of schools during Bishop Ivans visit to the UK in June. A packed schedule saw Ivan visit Ashlands, All Saints and Moorfield Primary Schools in Ilkley, Ben Rhydding Primary School, St. Margarets Primary in Horsforth and Wycliffe Primary in Shipley. Ivan was also able to attend Ilkley Grammar School. The children visited greeted Ivan with a huge enthusiasm and interest for the work and life at the Revival Centre.

This visit was a fantastic opportunity to strengthen links with long-standing supporters, as well as to build relationships with new.

## **6. Financial review and accounts 2023-24**

### **6.1 Financial review**

The charity started the year with a balance of £22,919 in its account at HSBC, a balance of £100 in the CAF account. During the year it raised £85,468 and made payments of £81,379, leaving a closing balance on 31 March 2024 of £26,827 in the HSBC account, and £281 in the CAF Bank Account, totalling £27,108 at the end of the financial year, as per the accounts.

In 2023-24 the charity did not own any physical assets or employ any staff and did not have any large capital sums to invest to generate income, so its finances are relatively straightforward.

As total income is less than £250,000 per year the charity is allowed to maintain 'receipts and payments' accounts as presented below.


## 6.2 The Accounts

Below we present our 'receipts and payments' account for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.


The receipts account shows the monthly income from donations and fundraising events.

Projects sponsored by specific donations have been shown as restricted funds. Specific donations were also received towards the cost of further education of five students therefore the funding and payments for them has also been treated as a restricted fund.

The charity is working with our partners at the Revival Centre to further establish a system of regular feedback, with receipts where possible, including photographic evidence, of purchases made and projects undertaken and completed, utilising funds supplied by GACAH.

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Charity name Give a Child a Hope						Charity no. 1153184	CC16 a	
	Receipts and payments accounts								
	Period start date						Period end date		
	1 April 2023						31 March 2024		
Section A Receipts and payments									
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds						Total	Last Year
		Scholarship Fund	Land Fund	Buildings Fund	Toilets Fund	K4K Fund	Bed		Restated
A1 Receipts	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations April 23	5411	732	0	0	0	0	0	6143	6904
Donations May 23	4780	2361	0	0	0	0	0	7140	8010
Donations June 23	4075	509	0	0	0	0	0	4584	3960
Donations July 23	6271	509	0	0	0	0	0	6781	5274
Donations Aug 23	7050	1430	5500	6000	0	0	0	19980	6031
Donations Sept 23	2493	509	0	0	0	0	0	3003	4927
Donations Oct 23	2125	606	0	0	0	0	0	2731	12555
Donations Nov 23	5659	954	0	0	0	830	0	7443	8957
Donations Dec 23	4680	509	0	2000	0	10	0	7199	15846
Donations Jan 24	3142	509	0	0	0	0	0	3651	4626
Donations Feb 24	4721	877	0	0	0	0	0	5597	6279
Donations Mar 24	8013	703	0	0	2500	0	0	11216	10851
Sub total (Net Income)	58418	10209	5500	8000	2500	840	0	85468	94220
A2 assets and investment sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts	58418	10209	5500	8000	2500	840	0	85468	94220
A3 Payments									
Payments April 23	5700	0	0	0	0	0	0	5700	9084
Payments May 23	7943	0	0	0	0	0	0	7943	305
Payments June 23	1297	0	0	0	0	0	0	1297	7618
Payments July 23	4173	2410	4500	0	0	0	1306	12388	6295
Payments Aug 23	8478	800	5500	6000	0	0	0	20778	9167
Payments Sept 23	338	0	0	0	0	0	0	338	8673
Payments Oct 23	4408	500	0	0	0	0	0	4908	10028
Payments Nov 23	7942	0	0	0	0	0	0	7942	7203
Payments Dec 23	4120	218	0	2000	0	0	0	6338	10333
Payments Jan 24	3493	3100	0	0	0	0	0	6593	4920
Payments Feb 24	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	9756
Payments March 24	7044	0	0	0	0	0	0	7044	9402
Sub total	55045	7028	10000	8000	0	0	1306	81379	92783
A4 Asset and investment purchase	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Payments	55045	7028	10000	8000	0	0	1306	81379	92783
Net of Receipts/(Payments)	3374	3181	(4500)	0	2500	840	(1306)	4089	1437
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	3031	14029	4653	0	0	0	1306	23019	21582
Cash funds this year end	6405	17210	153	0	2500	840	0	27108	23019



 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Charity name Give a Child a Hope						Charity no. 1153184	CC16 a	
	Receipts and payments accounts								
		Period start date 1 April 2023							Period end date 31 March 2024
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period									
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds						Total	
		Scholarship Fund	Land Fund	Buildings Fund	Toilets Fund	K4K Fund	Bed		
B1 Cash funds	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Cash at bank and in hand	6405	17210	153	0	2500	840	0	27108	
B2 Other monetary assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
B3 Investment assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
B4 Investments retained for the charity's own use	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
B5 Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

#### Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

**Note 1** Unrestricted funds represent donations and subscriptions received into the general fund from which financial support is given to the Revival Centre in Matugga, Uganda. The general fund makes a monthly gift by bank transfer to the Revival Centre in Matugga, Uganda. This funding is primarily for the financial support of the Champions' programme and for other disadvantaged students at the school as a contribution towards the cost of their accommodation, food and education. Restricted funds currently include further education for a small number of students whose sponsors continue to support their education beyond school age, the bed appeal and the land fund (see Note 3).

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 have been restated to include the Partnership Trust administration charges of £1,778 (2023/24: £1,663).

**Note 2** A private donation was made by 4 supporters in 2019 for £8,250 to RC so that a deposit could be put down on the land for the church. Although the land for the church is not a GACAH project, it saves RC £200/month on properties occupied by staff on the land. There is no liability to repay but GACAH has refunded the supporters as funds allowed. Up to 31 March 2024, £5,200 of the loan had been repaid. The balance outstanding was waived by the supporters in November 2024, the funds remaining with Give A Child A Hope for the benefit of the Revival Centre.

**Note 3** Private donations of £31,783k were made by several supporters, during 2021/22, to purchase the title of the land on which the Primary School, formerly leasehold, is located. Two supporters made a loan to the charity of £5,500 to cover a shortfall in the amount required for the land purchase. A grant for this amount was received from CMS Ireland, and the loans repaid, in August 2023.

**Note 4** A grant of £10,000 was received from CMS Ireland, and paid over to the Revival Centre, in December 2022 towards the Church build project. Although this is not a GACAH project, the trustees agreed that the charity would act as an agency for the transmission of these funds. Further funds of £8,000 were received and paid over for the Church building project in 2023.

		Restated	
Note 5	Total donations of £85,468 include the following gifts	2023/24	2022/23
		£	£
	PT Champion gift	39,574	45,807
	Unrestricted donations - CAF/Virgin/Other	18,845	27,805
	Scholarship fund gifts (restricted)	10,209	10,608
	Church projects (restricted)	13,500	10,000
	Girls' Toilets Appeal	2,500	0
	Kits4Kids Appeal	840	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>85,468</b>	<b>94,220</b>
Note 6	(a) Analysis of payments made from the Unrestricted fund (General fund)	2023/24	2022/23
		£	£
	Transfers for Champions Programme	39,826	52,037
	Personal gifts and salary	6,452	7,353
	Administration costs and trustee expenses	6,728	7,081
	Financial charges	2,039	2302
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>55,045</b>	<b>68,773</b>
	<b>(b) Special projects</b>		
		2023/24	2022/23
		£	£
	Land fund loan repayments Note 4	0	2,400
	Scholarship fund	7,028	8,057
	Bed appeal	1,306	3,533
	Church projects	18,000	10,020
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>26,334</b>	<b>24,010</b>
	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>81,379</b>	<b>92,783</b>



## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Give A Child A Hope

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Charity no  
(if any) 1153184

Set out on pages

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**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 year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent  
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 statement below.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

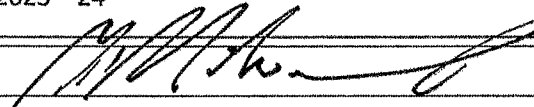
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)

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

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



Signature:

 17.1.25

Name: Francis Milward

Address: 2 Manor Rise, Ilkley LS29 8QL

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

**8. Declaration**

This report and accounts were approved by the trustees on 23.1.25

Signed on behalf of the trustees by

  
Deborah Walker

Date 23.1.25