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Charity Information

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Registered Charity Number	1160134
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The trustees present their report along with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December, 2023.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Giving Hands Mission is a charitable incorporated organisation. The trustees adopted the constitution on 23 January 2015 in accordance with the 'Association Model' published by the Charity Commission. The Giving Hands Mission is established for charitable purposes for the public benefit and entered onto the Register of charities on 24 January 2015 with the Registered Charity Number 1160134.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The trustees meet on a regular basis. The board of trustees have a broad range of skills represented in education, social work and service to the community.

The Board of Trustees have overall responsibility for the direction, management and control of the charity. The board shall comprise of no fewer than three members, maximum of twelve members. At the period end there were four members, all of whom are unpaid.

The board have the power to appoint a member at any time to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing members. Members would be appointed according to their relevant skills, competencies and experience.

A member can retire at any point by resigning his office in writing. The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:

(a) a copy of this constitution and any amendments made to it; and (b) a copy of the CIO's latest trustees' annual report and statement of accounts.

If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. For the public benefit, the relief of poverty throughout England and Wales by providing item and services to individuals in need, training, money and debt management counselling, pastoral care and counselling to enable them generate a sustainable income, be self-sufficient and gain employment.
2. For the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian religion throughout England and Wales by encouraging and facilitating its practice among existing followers or adherents, providing places of worship, raising awareness and understanding of Christian beliefs, carrying out devotional acts, missionary and outreach work.

ACHIEVEMENT, PERFORMANCE AND VOLUNTEERS

Overall, as at December 2023 we have supported up to 12,820 people.

In the financial year ended 31 December, 2023; we continued our work assiduously in the fight against the rising cost of living, rising food and energy costs and especially its effects on the people in our local community. In various ways, we supported up to 1,300 people, including families with children. In addition, we prevented 61 households from being made homeless, totalling 244 people. 82% of our service users were helped food, toiletries, clothing and household items. 28% were given sleeping bags, mattresses, and beddings. 25% we provided advice or referred to partner agencies for specialised support. As a way of reaching out to families in need that have children, 24% were helped with the provision of toys. 100% of the referring organizations that work with us report that the support provided by us has made a positive impact on the lives of their clients.

The following is a summary of the statistics of people we supported in 2023: 28% were homeless or at risk of being homeless, 36% were rough sleepers, 88% were unemployed, 43% had debt issues, 15% were fleeing domestic violence or leaving hostels, 28% had a disability and 17% had mental health issues. 96% of the people we have supported are families in need, living below the poverty line. The percentage of people supported; Female 68%, Male 32%. We had up to 11 committed volunteers that helped us in carrying out this work. Our volunteers are experienced, well trained and dedicated.

As part of our core values, we operate to demonstrate the unconditional love and compassion of Jesus Christ by reaching out to help those individuals and families in crisis. We are committed to improving the quality of life of people irrespective of religion, race, gender, age and sexual orientation.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Under the Charities Act 2011, charities are required to demonstrate that their aims are for the public benefit. The two key principles which must be met in this context are, first, that there must be an identifiable benefit or benefits; and secondly, that the benefit must be to the public, or a section of the public. Charity trustees must ensure that they carry out their charity's aims for the public benefit, must have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance, and must report on public benefit in their Annual Report.

The charities board of trustees regularly monitors and reviews the success of the organisation in meeting its key objectives of relieving poverty. The Trustees confirm, in the light of the guidance, that these aims fully meet the public benefit test and that all the activities of the charity, described in the Report of the Trustees, are undertaken in pursuit of these aims.

The charity trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charities total incoming resources for the year £22,978. The total resources expended by the charity £24,502 which represent the costs incurred to enable the charity to carry out its operations. The charity had a net of payments of £1,524.

RESERVES AND GOING CONCERN

In line with our Christian values, we believe in the exercising of Faith in the area of provision. The trustees will continue to act prudently in the financial management of the charity and aim to subsequently develop a policy on reserves as our finances improve. Our reserve policy will be to maintain sufficient reserves at all time.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the organisation operates an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise, to provide reasonable assurance that the charity is operating efficiently and effectively, proper records are maintained and financial information, used within the charity or for publication is reliable and that the charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.

They do this by reviewing the up to date financial information of the charity including a review of its financial procedures and identifying and managing risks that the charity is exposed to.

SERIOUS INCIDENTS

The Trustees confirm that there are no serious incidents to report regarding operations in 2023.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The key priority for the coming year will be to make this project achieve more of the planned outcome and to remain on the frontline in the fight against the rising cost of living as it continues to be felt in our local community. We remain committed in helping local people in need, especially the elderly, the homeless and people living in poverty. The key outcome is to help and support our service users to develop their independence, increase their ability to tackle setbacks, and generally to have better lives. Thus enabling our service users to become healthier, more resilient, more active and productive in the community.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act. 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 the trustees on 29th September, 2024 and signed on their behalf by

George Peter
Trustee



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name THE GIVING HANDS MISSION		No (if any) 1160134		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2023	To	Period end date 31/12/2023	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Trading Income	110	-	-	110	121
Donations	21,585	-	-	21,585	35,300
Other Income	1,283	-	-	1,283	5,002
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	22,978	-	-	22,978	40,423
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,978	-	-	22,978	40,423
A3 Payments					
Rent	9,947	-	-	9,947	14,917
Repairs and Maintenance	781	-	-	781	841
Electricity & Heating	1,633	-	-	1,633	2,450
Travel cost	1,692	-	-	1,692	2,988
Subscriptions	462	-	-	462	462
Refurbish cost	640	-	-	640	831
Insurance	3,610	-	-	3,610	3,610
Furniture	369	-	-	369	510
Equipment and Computers	528	-	-	528	925
Sound System	-	-	-	-	-
Rails and Materials	-	-	-	-	-
Postage and Stationeries	1,765	-	-	1,765	1,860
Office and trading expenses	230	-	-	230	734
Supplies and Materials	2,845	-	-	2,845	16,120
Sub total	24,502	-	-	24,502	46,248
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	24,502	-	-	24,502	46,248
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,524	-	-	- 1,524	- 5,825
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,106	-	-	2,106	7,931
Cash funds this year end	582	-	-	582	2,106

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash balance	582	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	582	-	-
		OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Rent deposit	3,410	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
	Motor Vehicle	Unrestricted Fund	769	-
	Furniture	Restricted Fund	1,758	-
	Equipment and Computers	Unrestricted Fund	4,120	-
	Sound System	Unrestricted Fund	790	-
	Rails, Supplies and Materials	Restricted Fund	2,000	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities				
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	<i>George Peter</i>	George Peter	29/09/2024	