



The Playhouse
FOUNDATION



**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

Charity Number – 1164341



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for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

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The Playhouse Foundation
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023. 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 2019).

Given that our work evolves around the UK school academic year, our accounts reflect all activities over the last academic year.

LETTER OF THANKS FROM OUR FOUNDER & CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

I am delighted to present this year's annual report and to highlight the impact of our work.

Since its inception, our profound wish was for The Playhouse Foundation to have the highest quality provision and opportunity for children and their families affected by autism. For our family and for many others, the initial discovery of ABA is the first hope they will have felt, since they discovered they were affected by autism. This first sense of optimism remains crystal clear nearly twenty years later. It was of intense importance to us to share the optimism and knowledge we gained from our experiences, and of the possibilities that ABA offers that led to the extraordinary creation of the Foundation to enable young children with autism to achieve their full potential.

The UK is facing a growing national crisis: Autism now affects 1 in 44 children in the UK with boys being four times more likely to have autism than girls and approximately 40% of children with autism unable to speak. With an increase in children being diagnosed and more children in receipt of Education Health and Care Plans, both state and special schools are grossly oversubscribed. In the last five years, there have been 42,000 more UK children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) in specialist schools. Due to the financial challenges and lack of specialist support, mainstream schools can no longer meet the needs of children with disabilities and are in desperate need for investment in school training, specifically educational psychologists to help meet the needs of their individual pupils.

For too many families, the ongoing fight for their child's education is overwhelming and for their local authority and school, a judgement of Solomon in how to apportion their resources. Our intense efforts and ongoing desire to work in partnership with our Local Authority have continued to flourish and a progressive pathway has enabled us to strengthen and collaborate mutual goals.

Like all charities, The Playhouse is entirely dependent on donations. It is humbling to have a front row seat on how, (often very quietly in the background) incredible individuals philanthropic intentions can be channelled into direct action. The powerful testimonials that we receive from parents are profoundly moving and motivating. Sometimes though, the most affecting are from professionals with less emotional connection but a wider vision on impact. I was particularly struck by one from a Learning Support Assistant who wrote, 'the support received from the ABA consultant has been fundamental, it has empowered me to develop the strategies to use with other key members of staff to ensure that the child is widely supported.'

The Playhouse Foundation is empowered by its network of consultants, practitioners, dedicated trustees and from its leadership. It exists thanks to immeasurable support from its associates, volunteers, and incredible donors, most notably, The O'Sullivan Charitable Trust, St James's Charitable Trust, Brian Murtagh Charitable Trust and the Winchester Rotary Youth Team.

This is also a time to thank everyone who helped in a myriad of ways during the year; in particular, to Winchester Sport & Leisure Park, who actively promoted and supported TPF through raising awareness. My special thanks to those individuals who volunteered to help raise funds through their own endeavours; to our Trustee Zaenia for her half marathon and to Jane for her Pilates event.

Very best wishes and thank you,

Giles Stanley

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity's principal objective is:

To provide specialised educational provision and social inclusion for young children with autism to improve functional daily living, communication, and interactive play skills; enabling them to achieve their fullest potential.

Our approach is intense and proactive.

We believe that early intervention is pivotal to outcome. We work with children from disadvantaged backgrounds and communities where parents and educational settings are struggling to meet their needs and provide financial assistance and support to the most vulnerable of families to provide a brighter and inclusive future for children with autism.

We harness collective support, in collaboration with the local authority, educational providers, voluntary organisations and community organisations to work together to identify 'hard to reach' children.

We improve access to Applied Behavioural Analysis (ABA) educational based provision for children and families through support for higher education students, and trainee teachers and therapists. We support children in both the home and school environments to maintain consistency as part of our Team Around the Child approach.

Regular consultation and tutor visits in both the home and school setting include essential assessments and reports to determine provision as part of the school Annual Review. It is the intensity, consistency and collaboration within our programmes that guarantee 100% successful outcomes for the children involved.

Our programmes have an onward impact in supporting their families, teachers, support workers and external professionals. In total, we have worked across twenty-five schools in Hampshire. As a result of the training process, school staff have been able to develop an understanding of how autism affects individuals and adopt a whole school approach across multiple children within their setting.

Our programmes are completely driven by the child and their needs. Our aim is to support at a very early stage, which means that the children we support have the best chance of reaching their true potential and less chance of suffering social isolation, mental illness, and anxiety. We believe that if children are able to communicate and understand the world, then they are less likely to be labelled as disruptive, less likely to become disruptive, less likely to become frustrated and more likely to grow up to lead independent and purposeful lives. In essence, the effects are far-reaching in terms of significantly improving the health and well-being of their family, school, and local community.

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Families in receipt of our ABA Programmes

At the time of this report, we are working with six families across different communities within Hampshire and families are in receipt of a co-funded agreement between The Playhouse Foundation and our Local Authority.

Advocacy within the community

In addition to our programmes, we provide a robust signposting scheme to support local families in search of help and resources to improve access and acceptance within the local community. Families may be in need of respite services such as parent support groups, information in response to a recent autism diagnosis, information about other early interventions, webinars, referrals to professionals or to start their own ABA Programmes. To date, we have supported over four-hundred families as part of our outreach service, many of whom we support for up to eighteen months and beyond. Our families report that they are able to engage with their child in a more meaningful and positive way, using effective coping strategies to manage behavioural difficulties. All our services are designed to improve the mental and physical wellbeing, self-belief and support families with a growth pathway to a brighter future.

Our recent collaboration with NHS Southern Health has ensured that even more families have access to our services.

Partnership with our Local Authority

The development of a progressive pathway between the Foundation and the Local Authority has significantly enabled us to be visible to the SEND team, ensure that our support will be well received by our beneficiaries and above all, emphasizes the effectiveness of our model.

We continue to extend our reach alongside other local authorities within the UK, who have expressed an interest in replicating our model.

Collaboration with Universities

We engage with local universities to host student internships, volunteer placements and student mentoring to further the careers of Psychology students, who become tutors for our beneficiaries. We also acquire volunteers to drive awareness of our impact across all digital platforms, develop compelling stories, promote fund raising and maximise our reach within and surrounding our community.

We are in partnership with Winchester, Reading and Southampton Universities and have a variety of innovation projects with ambitious students, aimed to demonstrate the profound impact that our organisation has created to children with autism and disadvantaged families.

Ongoing charitable activities

Over the next twelve-month period, we will continue to:

Incorporate means in which to strengthen and grow our collective impact with the local authority and schools to ensure that the value of early intervention through ABA reaches as many children as possible within mainstream primary schools where the school can no longer meet their needs.

Expand and grow beyond Hampshire, using a tried and tested effective protocol.

Extend and develop advocacy provision for families to reduce the burden on them, the local authority and the family courts while achieving the right educational support for children.

Create an impact measurement strategy, building on the work accomplished to date as a key part of sustainability planning and to ensure that families, schools, and the local authority remain invested in our programmes.

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Build upon our database of suitably trained staff to speed up the decision-making process that it takes to create efficient programmes and become better equipped for a role in supporting a child with autism in school at no extra costs to the local authority or the school. The reassurance and legitimacy that the local authority endorses, has the potential to make this process much easier.

Expand our clinical network of Supervisors to meet the demand and expanse of our services and to operate close supervision of all consultants, providing guidance and up to date training including new approaches for the career development and fulfilment.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Early intervention with ABA is expensive - costing up to £45,000 per year per family. However, the savings from keeping children in mainstream schools with provision that does not disrupt the education of others, compared with resorting to specialist provision amounts to very much the same.

The intangible benefit of ABA training for teachers and support staff to allow reduced disruption in the classroom is difficult to quantify, but the number of teachers working with the Foundation rises year on year. Over the course of the year, there has been further modification of expenditure and reduction of costs and revised and formalised Agreements for those beneficiaries with whom match funding has been achieved. By supporting the training and qualification of ABA consultants and providing voluntary placements to Psychology students, the Foundation is investing in the future of education for children with autism and reducing the annual cost to under £30,000 per year for ABA home programmes with a further reduction of under £6,000 for provision within the school reception year.

Reserves policy

The trustees have reviewed unrestricted funds hold a reserves policy of £35,000 for the purpose of enabling the charity's ongoing activities to continue for 3-6 months, should other sources of funding not be available.

Our current total of free reserves stands at £95,020 (2022: £73,294). The charity's reserve policy is to create long term financial sustainability by maximising our income to further its objectives by sound financial management and forward financial planning. The treasurer (Trustee) and Bookkeeper look to maintain enough money in the bank account to continue to fund all forthcoming planned commitments, designations, and expenses for the services as part of the families' ABA programmes (currently for one year), as well as the running costs of the Charity. At no point in the year is the bank account to be overdrawn.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 10 November 2015.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees is conducted with an interview process with ultimate decision of appoint by existing trustees.

Induction and training of new trustees

Trustees will be given a copy of the Trustee Code of Conduct which details rules and any training required.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1164341

The Playhouse Foundation
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23.01.2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Z Rogers', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Z Rogers - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Playhouse Foundation

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Playhouse Foundation

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Playhouse Foundation (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2023.

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').

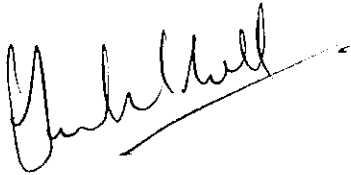
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



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Date: 24 January 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year Ended 31.8.23 Total funds	Period 1.4.21 to 31.8.22 Total funds as restated £
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	103,810	7,920	111,730	151,883
Other income		2,180	-	2,180	466
Total		<u>105,990</u>	<u>7,920</u>	<u>113,910</u>	<u>152,349</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		<u>85,420</u>	<u>3,368</u>	<u>88,788</u>	<u>144,630</u>
NET INCOME		20,570	4,552	25,122	7,719
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		74,964	4,490	79,454	71,735
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>95,534</u></u>	<u><u>9,042</u></u>	<u><u>104,576</u></u>	<u><u>79,454</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Financial Position
31 August 2023

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds as restated
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	514	-	514	1,670
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	9	816	-	816	24,576
Cash at bank		125,560	9,042	134,602	75,901
		<u>126,376</u>	<u>9,042</u>	<u>135,418</u>	<u>100,477</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(31,356)	-	(31,356)	(22,693)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>95,020</u>	<u>9,042</u>	<u>104,062</u>	<u>77,784</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>95,534</u>	<u>9,042</u>	<u>104,576</u>	<u>79,454</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>95,534</u>	<u>9,042</u>	<u>104,576</u>	<u>79,454</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				95,534	74,964
Restricted funds				9,042	4,490
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>104,576</u>	<u>79,454</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23.01.2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



N Cotton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Playhouse Foundation
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

1. LEGAL FORM

The Playhouse Foundation is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission in England. The principal office address can be found on page 5 of these financial statements.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', 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.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

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 that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 3 years

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.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Year Ended 31.8.23	Period 1.4.21 to 31.8.22 as restated
	£	£
The O'Sullivan Charitable Trust	86,281	127,682
Other trust funds	12,736	19,889
Personal donations	2,293	2,837
Grants	10,420	1,475
	<u>111,730</u>	<u>151,883</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	Year Ended 31.8.23	Period 1.4.21 to 31.8.22 as restated
	£	£
St James Place	2,500	-
Brian Murtagh Trust	7,920	1,475
	<u>10,420</u>	<u>1,475</u>

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Charitable activities	<u>20,552</u>

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4. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Independent Examiners' remuneration was £2,700 including VAT (2022: £2,700 including VAT).

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the period ended 31 August 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the period ended 31 August 2022.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds as restated
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	150,108	1,775	151,883
Other income	466	-	466
Total	150,574	1,775	152,349
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	135,878	8,752	144,630
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	14,696	(6,977)	7,719
Transfers between funds	510	(510)	-
Net movement in funds	15,206	(7,487)	7,719
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	59,758	11,977	71,735
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	74,964	4,490	79,454

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7. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

A prior year adjustment was performed to correct income recognition treatment in relation to The O'Sullivan Charitable Trust funding. The prior year adjustment has reallocated the final quarter funding recognised which related to September 2022-October 2022 from income to deferred income. The total effect on the brought forward funds is a decrease of £15,687.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 September 2022	5,185	2,307	7,492
Disposals	(157)	-	(157)
Reclassification	(2,827)	2,827	-
At 31 August 2023	2,201	5,134	7,335
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 September 2022	3,700	2,123	5,823
Charge for year	343	655	998
Reclassification/transfer	(2,288)	2,288	-
At 31 August 2023	1,755	5,066	6,821
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 August 2023	446	68	514
At 31 August 2022	1,485	184	1,669

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 as restated £
Trade debtors	80	23,612
Other debtors	125	125
Prepayments and accrued income	611	839
	816	24,576

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10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2023	2022 as restated
	£	£
Trade creditors	4,713	3,601
Other creditors	26,643	19,092
	<u>31,356</u>	<u>22,693</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	74,964	20,570	95,534
Restricted funds			
Brighter Life	4,490	(735)	3,755
The Brian Murtagh Trust	-	5,287	5,287
	<u>4,490</u>	<u>4,552</u>	<u>9,042</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>79,454</u>	<u>25,122</u>	<u>104,576</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	105,990	(85,420)	20,570
Restricted funds			
Brighter Life	-	(735)	(735)
The Brian Murtagh Trust	7,920	(2,633)	5,287
	<u>7,920</u>	<u>(3,368)</u>	<u>4,552</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>113,910</u>	<u>(88,788)</u>	<u>25,122</u>

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	59,758	14,696	510	74,964
Restricted funds				
Winchester Roundtable	1,922	(1,922)	-	-
Brighter Life	5,000	-	(510)	4,490
St James Place	5,055	(5,055)	-	-
	<u>11,977</u>	<u>(6,977)</u>	<u>(510)</u>	<u>4,490</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>71,735</u>	<u>7,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,454</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	150,574	(135,878)	14,696
Restricted funds			
Winchester Roundtable	-	(1,922)	(1,922)
St James Place	-	(5,055)	(5,055)
The Brian Murtagh Trust	1,475	(1,475)	-
Team Teach Training	300	(300)	-
	<u>1,775</u>	<u>(8,752)</u>	<u>(6,977)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>152,349</u>	<u>(144,630)</u>	<u>7,719</u>

Winchester Roundtable

Funding towards the use of an online platform system called 'Hi Rasmus' which will allow consultants, tutors, schools and parents to access information pertaining to individual children.

Brighter life

Funding for the provision of resources such as equipment, toys and activities for children with autism and their families.

Brian Murtagh Trust

Funding received to provide ABA school consultation and training services for a child with autism across three terms within his primary school.

Team Teach Training

Funding received in the form of two donations to covers costs of the Team Teach subscription.

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

St James Place

Funding received to provide 'Practical Training Sessions', 'Consultation Visits' and 'Workshop sessions via zoom' to support parents of children with autism.

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Victoria Stanley - Wife of the chair of trustees was paid £25,380 (2022 - £32,733) in management and consultancy fees during the year, of which £2,556 (2022 - £1,458) is outstanding to be paid at year end. These costs incurred by the charity have been categorised as Charitable activity expenditure in the Statement of financial activities.

