



Universal Harvest Trustees' Annual Report 2019/2020

From: 01/12/2019

To: 30/11/2020

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name: Universal Harvest

Other Names Charity Is Known By: UH

Registered Charity Number: 1164628

Charity Principle Address: 4 ROEBOURNE WAY
NORTH WOOLWICH
LONDON
E16 2JH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

EMMANUEL FALUSI (CEO) TRUSTEE – CHAIR	JEFFREY NKETIA TRUSTEE
DAMILOLA FALUSI TRUSTEE	SARAH APPIAH TRUSTEE
CECILIA FALUSI TRUSTEE	LULI ADEWUNMI TRUSTEE



STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Description of the charity's trust

Type of governing document:	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees
How the charity is constituted:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods:	Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed (for a term of [three years] by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity set up in its governing document:

For the benefit of the public in the UK, the relief of poverty of people who are in conditions of need by reason of sickness, age or economic circumstances, by the provision of non-perishable and in-date food.

At Universal Harvest we provide a range of services in tackling poverty where it matters most. Our primary aim is the provision of bags; filled with non-perishable and in-date food items as a delivery service.

Main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects:

Our Mission Statement

Universal Harvest's mission is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of poverty and homelessness by mobilizing the power of volunteers and support workers and the generosity of donors. Universal Harvest aims to turn compassion into action so that our communities are free from starvation through the act of giving non-perishable foods because everyone in the world should have access to the basic necessities of life.

Our Values

1. **Practicing what we advise others** – we firmly believe in leading by example. It is very easy to give others advice, but showing others how to practically use the knowledge goes that mile further. Application of knowledge to us is greater than the obtainment of it.
2. **Equip people so they have better chances in life** – with better access to training and development to improve their life skills. Encouraging them to fulfil their potentials after failing on hard times.
3. **Working with hope** – Our aim is never to bash any of our beneficiaries, whom may come from all backgrounds, but to educate them and get their minds on thinking about the root causes of what may have got them into the place we want to help them out of.
4. **Building strong, better networks and communities** – From ensuring we train our volunteers as responsible stewards, to collaborating with communities to reach out those in need.



Our Activities

Universal Harvest is set up to relief people of all background in the UK of poverty by;

1. Offering those who fall into unexpected hardship (homelessness, sickness, age and economic circumstances) support through non-perishable nutritious food provisions
2. Bridging gaps identified in current food banks by also providing effective advisory services and workshops for beneficiaries on; dealing with poverty and how to regain stability to increase their chances in life.
3. Building a supportive partnership network with existing charities who would know our beneficiaries best and aid each other's objectives.
4. Promote public awareness of Poverty in the UK to increase pressure for change on social exclusion in communities and start though-provoking discussions on how to tackle root causes of poverty.

We achieve this by developing projects where it matters most by;

- A. Focusing on areas research has highlighted to have the highest poverty deprivation rates.
- B. Operating a project in our home borough – Newham for twelve months. London borough of Newham has been identified as one of the four lowest performing boroughs in London.
- C. We provide ten bags of healthy non-perishable food items a month for the period of six months to local voluntary groups and charities, they will then distribute these food bags to identified individuals of their services that are in need.
- D. After six months, Universal Harvest will then make plans to move on to others boroughs (such as; Tower Hamlets, Barking & Dagenham and Greenwich), taking action and contributing our efforts to reduce poverty and build stronger communities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year:

Activities and achievements

This financial year has been extremely challenging for us at Universal Harvest due to the pandemic and other internal and external factors. Regardless, we have still managed to make some awesome achievements. We continue to work with some of the biggest supermarkets in the UK including Tesco and Asda where we collect long life food items. For a period of time during the year we had to completely stop all work in order to reduce the spread of the COVID19 virus. Since the ease on lockdown, just like most other organisations and business', we took a huge and this has affected how much we have been able to reach our service users.

We continue to execute and support the interest and needs of the wider community. The vision and aims of Universal Harvest remains the same and this financial year we have been able raise more donations this year which will continue to go towards our cause. We aim to continue to branch out of the local boroughs and support boroughs who are suffering from poverty.

Following on from our activities from last year, we have been working more on how we can be self-sustainable and we are still in the process of doing research on how best to go about this as we do not feel relying completely on grant is the safest option for what we are doing and for what we plan to do in the future.

We have continued working with people and families who have faced unexpected life changing events by supplying them with non-perishable packed food bags and according to the feedback forms that we continuously use. This is really making changes in the lives of the service user especially in times like these.

Inside these bags include:

- Rice
- Pasta/Spaghetti/ Noodles
- Tea Bags
- Vegetable Oil
- Seasoning
- Beans

These non-perishable foods are items that were personally selected as foods that we may eat every day or maybe once a week in one bag. No matter what kind of circumstances you may be facing, you should not be torn away from the source of your energy and health. It may not be seen as a buffet but these foods will definitely and have made a difference in many people's lives already.

These bags can be used for the homeless, and it can also be used for people who have a roof over their heads but are lacking financially.

Universal Harvest successfully obtained its formal CIO charitable status with the Charity Commission late 2015. Since then, it has been working on engaging with local supporters for gifts in kind, promoting our cause in the borough and have established a supporting relationship with many organisations locally.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves:

Universal Harvest Trustees agreed that the Charity should aim to hold sufficient balances on its general and other accounts to allow it to continue operating even if there was a significant reduction in the level of donations and gifts in kind.

This is now our fourth year in operation, which has been extremely busy and difficult due to the pandemic but we are still standing and operating in the best way we can. The Trustees' aim is a reserve sufficient to cover at least three month's operating costs in the future.

Details of any funds materially in deficit:

The charity has no funds materially in deficit.

DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	Trustee 1	Trustee 2
Signature		
Full Name	EMMANUEL FALUSI	DAMILOLA FALUSI
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	TRUSTEE
Date	24/09/2021	24/09/2021



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/12/2019

To

30/11/2020

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					
Donations	7,796	-	-	7,796	339
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Refunds	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,796	-	-	7,796	339
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,796	-	-	7,796	339
A3 Payments					
Volunteer Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Vehicle Lease	3,516	-	-	3,516	-
Storage Rent	148	-	-	148	-
Repairs and Core Cost	1,300	-	-	1,300	-
Telephone & Postage	430	-	-	430	-
Computer Supplies & Stationery	130	-	-	130	-
Training	310	-	-	310	-
Food Purchase	330	-	-	330	-
Insurance	1,625	-	-	1,625	-
Sub total	7,789	-	-	7,789	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7,789	-	-	7,789	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	7	-	-	7	339
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	339	-	-	339	-
Cash funds this year end	346	-	-	346	339

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
E. Falusi	EMMANUEL FALUSI	24/09/21
D. Falusi	DAMILOLA FALUSI	24/09/21