



Universal Harvest Trustees' Annual Report 2022/2023

From: 01/12/2022

To: 30/11/2023

Charity no. 1164628

Universal Harvest – *Tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for today!*

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name:	Universal Harvest
Other Names Charity Is Known By:	UH
Registered Charity Number:	1164628
Charity Principle Address:	UNIVERSAL HARVEST 6758 182-184 HIGH STREET NORTH LONDON E6 2JA
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 remains committed to relieving poverty across the UK, ensuring that individuals from all backgrounds are supported in times of need. Over the past year, we have not only expanded the scale of our operations but also achieved some of the ambitious goals we set out last year. Our efforts focus on:

1. **Providing Comprehensive Support** - We continue to offer vital assistance to those facing unexpected hardship, such as homelessness, illness, unemployment, and age-related challenges, by distributing nutritious, non-perishable food provisions. This year, we have increased the number of families reached, ensuring no one in need is left behind.
2. **Expanding Advisory and Workshop Services** - In addition to food support, we've significantly expanded our advisory services and workshops. Beneficiaries now receive tailored guidance on overcoming poverty, regaining stability, and enhancing financial literacy. This year, we launched new workshops focused on employment skills and mental health, recognizing that a holistic approach is essential to breaking the cycle of poverty.
3. **Strengthening Partnerships with Charities** - Our partnership network has grown substantially, with over 15 local and national charities collaborating with us to identify beneficiaries and maximize our collective impact. This has allowed us to reach some of the most vulnerable populations across multiple boroughs and increase the depth of our assistance.

Our Achievements in 2022/2023

We achieved significant milestones in 2022/ 2023 by:

1. **Targeting Areas of Highest Need** - Leveraging the latest research, we expanded our focus to include some of the most deprived areas across London and beyond. We identified and supported high-need areas in Newham, Tower Hamlets, Barking & Dagenham, and Greenwich, where poverty rates continue to be a pressing concern.
2. **Sustained Operation in Newham** - Our Newham project, which has now operated for two years, remains a cornerstone of our efforts. Over 1,000 food bags have been distributed in Newham alone, with an expanded network of local voluntary groups and charities helping to identify individuals in need.



3. **Increasing Food Distribution Capacity** - Over the past year, we've tripled our food distribution efforts, providing healthy, non-perishable food items each month to local charities and community groups. Our beneficiaries have expressed profound gratitude, and we're proud to have expanded the reach of these services beyond the initial six months.
4. **Broadening Our Impact** - This year, we successfully expanded our footprint to include three additional boroughs: Tower Hamlets, Barking & Dagenham, and Greenwich. As a result, we've touched the lives of hundreds more individuals, and our food distribution and support services continue to grow, building stronger and more resilient communities.

Looking Ahead

As we move forward, Universal Harvest remains committed to reducing poverty through sustained efforts, continued partnerships, and innovative approaches to food security. Our vision for the future includes:

- Expanding our advisory and employment support services to address long-term solutions to poverty.
- Strengthening our network of partnerships to ensure a greater impact on a national level.
- Continuing to raise awareness and advocate for systemic changes to address poverty and social exclusion in the UK.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of Main Achievements:

This year, Universal Harvest continued to uphold its vision and mission, serving the wider community despite the challenges posed by the ongoing recovery from the pandemic. Our commitment to addressing poverty and food insecurity remains unwavering, and we have successfully navigated through these difficult times to provide essential services to those in need.

Key highlights of our achievements include:

Resilience Through Adversity

The past year tested our ability to adapt and overcome unprecedented challenges. Despite these obstacles, we maintained our operations and support to local communities, offering critical assistance to those facing financial hardship. We have emerged stronger, with a focus on sustainability and future growth.

Successful Efforts to Increase Donations

Through a concentrated effort in fundraising and community outreach, we saw a significant increase in donations over the past year. This increase in financial support has been instrumental in expanding our capacity to help more individuals and families. Thanks to this generosity, Universal Harvest has grown considerably, allowing us to broaden our reach and deepen our impact across several boroughs.

Expanding Reach and Impact

While we faced logistical challenges, we remain determined to expand our services to new boroughs that suffer from high levels of poverty. This year, we laid the groundwork for outreach into additional areas,



ensuring that Universal Harvest will be able to continue supporting those who need it the most across different boroughs.

Provision of Non-Perishable Food Packs

Our core activity of providing non-perishable food packs continues to have a meaningful impact on individuals and families experiencing hardship. Each pack is thoughtfully prepared, containing everyday essentials such as rice, pasta, tea bags, vegetable oil, seasoning, and beans. These items are crucial for those who may not have regular access to nutritious meals, whether they are homeless or struggling financially.

Community Feedback and Positive Outcomes

Feedback from our service users consistently highlights the difference our food packs are making in their lives. Whether providing immediate relief to the homeless or offering support to families facing economic difficulties, our food bags are helping people stay nourished and maintain their health during tough times.

Pursuit of Self-Sustainability

In the face of ongoing challenges, we have been exploring ways to become more self-sustainable. Research into alternative revenue streams and long-term sustainability models is ongoing, and we remain committed to ensuring that Universal Harvest can continue to thrive and provide for those in need.

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		Damilola Falusi
Full Name	Emmanuel Falusi	Damilola Falusi
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	28/09/2024	28/09/2024



Universal Harvest		1164628		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/12/2022	To	30/11/2023	

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					
Donations	77,762	-	-	77,762	434
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other	19,441	-	-	19,441	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	97,203	-	-	97,203	434
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	97,203	-	-	97,203	434
A3 Payments					
Volunteer Expenses	5,176	-	-	5,176	-
Vehicle Expenses	48,117	-	-	48,117	-
Storage Rent	182	-	-	182	-
Core Costs	2,147	-	-	2,147	-
Repairs	7,500	-	-	7,500	-
Telephone & Postage	1,606	-	-	1,606	-
Computer Supplies & Stationery	8,166	-	-	8,166	-
Office	6,886	-	-	6,886	-
Food Purchase	15,201	-	-	15,201	-
Travel	886	-	-	886	-
Insurance	1,431	-	-	1,431	-
Sub total	97,298	-	-	97,298	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	97,298	-	-	97,298	-
Net of receipts/(payments)		-	-		434
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	339	-	-	339	-
Cash funds this year end	339	-	-	339	434

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
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Emmanuel Falusi Damilola Falusi	Emmanuel Falusi Damilola Falusi	28/09/2024 28/09/2024	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

UNIVERSAL HARVEST

On accounts for the year
ended

2023

Charity no
(if any)

1164628

Set out on pages

1-2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30 / 11 / 2023**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

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

Signed:

V Oshin

Date:

20/12/2024

Name:

Victor Oshin

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

N/A

Address:

7 Coronation Court

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

N/A