

**Please Take Me There
Financial Statements
For the Period Ended
31 December 2023**

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Trustees' Report for the Period Ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees present their Report and the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2023. This report has been prepared in accordance with the provision under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 which allows for the preparation of Receipts and Payments accounts by charities with income less than £250,000.

The Amélia Project Foundation is a UK registered charity (No. 1169127) in England and Wales and has adopted the working name Please Take Me There.

Our principal operating office is:

9 Hills Road
Cambridge
CB2 1GE

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Access to transport changes everything

One billion people in the world live without access to adequate transport infrastructure.

Something as simple as transport can have a huge impact on the lives of sick or struggling children all over the world. Medical and family support is available, but children face the hidden challenge of getting to the location where such medical and family support is provided. They need to overcome seemingly impossible journeys.

In developing countries, children with cancer need to find a way to reach the one hospital in the country that can offer treatment – sometimes, the hospital is up to three days away. Some families sell all they have to pay for transport. They often give up treatment because the journey is too complex and expensive.

In the UK, travel expenses for children with cancer are often unmanageable, amounting to hundreds of pounds a month, and journeys to appointments, consultations, treatment and important family gatherings, become unattainable.

Young cancer patients often travel twice as far – a 60-mile round trip on average – and at double the cost of an adult diagnosed with the same illness. And, in certain parts of the country, this average is considerably higher – roughly 90 miles in the East of England and almost 130 in Cornwall. Not to mention all those children who have to travel abroad or stay away from home for long periods.

Please Take Me There was founded to help change this situation. We believe transport is a human right priority, and we want to help those in need to get access to it, giving them access to healthcare, new opportunities and empowering their lives.

We are a volunteer-led charity. Our main objective is to enable access to transport facilities for persons worldwide who have special needs such facilities because they are elderly, poor or disabled, people with young children or those living in isolated areas where there is no adequate public transport.

Supporting families

At Please Take Me There, we are helping people get to places they need to be and have a life of hope, dignity and opportunity. Whether a child needs to have access to treatment, or palliative care, be reunited with their family, or have a well-deserved break from treatment, we are there for them. In partnership with other charities, we assess the transport challenges faced by communities and develop, test and implement sustainable solutions with an immediate impact on hundreds of children.

Put simply, Please Take Me There does the following:

- We identify communities or groups of patients at risk due to inadequate transport provision or affected by poverty.
- We assess and implement transport solutions to increase access to healthcare.
- We run pilot projects to determine the effectiveness of new transport ideas.
- We pay for the transport of children and adults with cancer, and other conditions, who can't afford to travel for treatment or are experiencing financial hardship.
- We raise awareness among charities, local government and the general public for the positive impact that adequate transport can have on people's treatment and lives.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The impact of COVID-19 and the cost of living crisis on our charity

The unexpected event of the COVID-19 pandemic had a significant effect on our ability to fundraise and gave us the opportunity to revise our priorities and the way we operate.

In 2020, the British government suspended and then cancelled the funding for our programme in Myanmar. Furthermore, the charity saw a reduction of 42% in donations over a period of two years.

Despite the expected donation revenue loss, we continued supporting the Myanmar programme.

While the pandemic created a very challenging environment in which to work, it also allowed us to refocus on our programme in the UK.

We are a micro charity run exclusively by a very small group of volunteers. While we recognise that progress isn't happening as we wished, we are very proud of the research we've produced and the support we are still able to offer.

We keep assessing the circumstances and the best way to move forward.

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Programme Highlights of 2023

Myanmar

In 2023, we helped over 100 families in Myanmar navigate the perilous journey to essential cancer treatment for their children.

Despite the escalating conflict and its devastating effects on the country, we remain committed to supporting these families. Civil war has turned the simple act of seeking medical care into a life-threatening ordeal.

With only one hospital accessible for children with cancer, families must brave active war zones, risking attacks on convoys and schools, to reach life-saving treatment.

Through our continued partnership with World Child Cancer, we provide the technology and systems that empower the social care team at Yangon Children's Hospital to effectively deliver support and assistance to families facing these extraordinary challenges. Financial support is a lifeline for these families. It enables them to choose safer transportation options, whether that means avoiding dangerous routes or utilising private vehicles instead of relying on vulnerable public transport.

Now, more than ever, these families need our help. Your support can make a real difference in ensuring that children with cancer in Myanmar have a chance at survival.

Future Developments in our East of England programme

Successive lockdowns and the cost of living crisis have hindered our ability to fundraise effectively and raise awareness for our campaign. This and very limited human resources have made it challenging to pursue our initial goal of a 24/7 dedicated transport service.

Instead, we are considering a shift in the way we support families in our region. This would include direct financial support to cover transport costs and bringing back the pleasure flights for families we introduced in 2018, which will provide children and families with a much-needed opportunity for joy and respite. This approach allows us to provide more immediate and targeted assistance, ensuring families have the extra support they need to access critical treatment.

Future decisions regarding how we will shape the UK programme are expected to be made by the end of 2024.

Furthermore, the Board of Trustees is currently working to increase the number of trustees to include representation of our beneficiaries and aviation and ground transportation experts. This expanded expertise will be crucial in ensuring we deliver effective and impactful support to families affected by childhood cancer. We invite individuals passionate about our mission to consider joining our team of dedicated volunteers.

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FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The main source of income for the charity is donations made by private donors and supporters. For the year ended in 31 December 2023, the amount of donations and other revenue received was £12,119.

Reserves and Reserves Policy

In deciding on the level of reserves required, Please Take Me There has considered the environment in which it operates, the risks it faces, its strategic and operational objectives and the type of income it receives. Furthermore, Please Take Me There wishes to ensure that essential services to beneficiaries can be maintained, particularly given the vulnerability of the children and the families who are helped by the organisation.

As a result, Please Take Me There has adopted a policy of having reserves sufficient to ensure 12 months' worth of direct annual programme costs are covered: as each programme's budget is agreed annually and the majority of the programmes do not have alternative sources of funding.

As of 31 December 2023, Please Take Me There meets its reserves policy. The reserve committed to direct programme costs in Myanmar in 2022 was £5,000, and the Charity's free reserves, equivalent to its unrestricted monetary assets, were £12,119.

The reserves policy is reviewed annually to ensure it is appropriate and offers satisfactory safeguards to the charity's beneficiaries, its staff and other relevant parties.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution and Organisational Structure

Please Take Me There is constituted and governed by a constitution dated 9 September 2016. The Trustees are responsible for the overall governance of the Charity.

The number of Trustees shall be not less than three persons. Trustees shall, in the ordinary course, be appointed by resolution of the Trustees.

Trustees

Ana Pessoa
Fernando Pinho
Robert Dyer

Officers

There were no senior officers in place for the period.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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 and signed on their behalf by:



F Pinho
Trustee

Date:

22th October 2024

Trustees

Ana Pessoa
Fernando Pinho
Robert Dyer

Charity's Address

9 Hills Road
Cambridge
CB2 1GE

Legal Status

The charity is a foundation CIO registered on the 9 September 2016.
Charity Commission registration No: 1169127
Please Take Me There is the charity's working name.

Bankers

Natwest
56 St Andrews Street
Cambridge
CB2 3DA

Accountants

Peters, Elworthy & Moore
Chartered Accountants
Salisbury House
Station Road
Cambridge
CB1 2LA

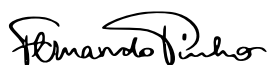
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	Unrestricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds	
	Year ended 31 Dec 2023		Year ended 31 Dec 2022	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Receipts				
Donations		10,277		13,367
Other Revenue		1,842		3,084
Total receipts for period		<u>12,119</u>		<u>16,451</u>
Payments				
Cost of fundraising		58		332
Charitable expenditure				
Direct and support costs	9208		16,810	
Governance Costs	<u>227</u>		<u>435</u>	
		9,493		17,245
Purchase of Equipment		0		0
Total payments for period		<u>9,493</u>		<u>17,577</u>
Net receipts/(payments) being net movement in funds		2,626		(1,126)
Cash funds at beginning of the period		12,169		13,295
Cash funds at the end of the period		<u>14,795</u>		<u>12,169</u>

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	Year ended 31 Dec 2023	Year ended 31 Dec 2022
	£	£
Monetary Assets		
Natwest Donations Account	11,925	10,327
Business Account	2,220	1,192
Petty Cash USD	589	589
iZettle Cash	24	24
Paypal	37	37
Cash funds at end of period being Total Monetary Assets	14,795	12,169
Non-monetary Assets		
Investment in Amelia Project C.I.C. (registered company 09361155)	1	1
Computer Equipment (at cost)	2,608	2,608
Office Equipment (at cost)	4,337	4,337
Deposit	960	960
Loan to Amelia Project C.I.C. (registered company 09361155)	299	299
	8,205	8,205
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable - various sums due to be paid	1,940	1,684
Total Liabilites	1,940	1,684

Approved by the Trustees and Signed on their behalf by:



F Pinho
Trustee

Date: 22th October 2024

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Notes to the Financial Statements
Period Ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under Section 42(3) of the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Particular accounting policies adopted by the trustees are described below.

a) Income and Expenditure

Income and expenditure are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis.

2. Assets

Camera-drone	Cost £699 in 2016/17
MacBook Pro	Cost £1,059 in 2016/17
iPad	Cost £279 in 2016/17
Hard-drive	Cost £323 in 2016/17
Nespresso Machine	Cost £170 in 2017/18
GoPro Camera	Cost £279 in 2017/18
DJI Osmo Pocket	Cost £289 in 2018/19
iPad Mini Kneeboard	Cost £66 in 2018/19
iPad Mini	Cost £399 in 2018/19
iPad keyboard	Cost £174 in 2020
iPad & accessories	Cost £1,362 in 2020
Desktop Computer	Cost £1,049 in 2021

3. Trustees' Expenses

No trustees received reimbursement for expenses during the period.

4. Related Party Transactions

No related party transactions were identified during the period.