



Street Children Iringa

REG CHARITY NO. 1171821

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

Governing Document: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered on the 28th February 2017.

#### **RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES**

The trustees may appoint a person who is willing to act as a trustee, with the best interests of the charity at heart. The recruitment of trustees would come from contacts approved by existing trustees.

#### **INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF NEW TRUSTEES**

Training will involve briefing new trustees of the in detailed activities of Street Children Iringa and how these are best addressed. The training and induction provided for new trustees will depend on their existing experience.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

*Charitable Objectives (as stated in the constitution)*

To relieve poverty among children living in Iringa, Tanzania, through the provision of housing, food, education and health care.

To provide care and support to children who have been orphaned, or who are from poor backgrounds that are unable to support themselves. Providing these children with a stable home environment and an education that they would not otherwise get, in order to have a better life.

The provision of financial support to children and young people between the ages of 3 and 22, by giving them access to quality education, housing and health care in Iringa. To assist in such ways as the Trustees think fit, in advancing the lives of these children by developing their mental, physical and moral capabilities through education.

To advance provision of necessary support to children for educational and health needs, for the public benefit in Iringa, who can then contribute positively to society, as a means of fighting against poverty, ignorance and disease.

To advise and raise awareness to family members and relatives of these children to take their responsibilities, so that children could be supported, protected and cared for by their relatives and residences.



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#### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

In setting objectives, planning for activities and delivering those activities the trustees have given due consideration to the Charities Act and Charities Regulations 2008 guidance and requirements, with the trustees having regard for these to ensure the public benefit while operating Street Children Iringa.

The activities taken to benefit the public have been that of providing previous street children between the ages of 10 - 19 with a home, food, education and medical needs. By having a stable home environment to live in, these children can excel in all other aspects of their life. They are provided with 3 meals a day along with a loving home, psychological, emotional and medical support. Street Children Iringa aims to raise these children to become positive influences and role models for change in their local communities, helping other street children also escape from a life of poverty.

Street Children Iringa has opened a second house, a safe house, where between 20 and 30 current street children come three times a week to gain food, guidance and support in a life away from the streets. Since opening this house in October 2019 Street Children Iringa has successfully re-homed and supported another 30 children and young adults in a life away from the streets through the Safe House.

Street Children Iringa regularly responds to urgent cases from the Tanzanian social welfare office, police and regional officers in Tanzania to help children and young adults that are the most vulnerable.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Activities undertaken during the period of 1st January 2023 until 31st December 2023 are those listed below.

#### **FUNDRAISING**

We held our annual fundraising ball hosting over 120 people where we raised £9820.

#### **RESTRICTED GRANTS**

In January 2023 we received a restricted grant of £5,000 from Meeting Needs.

In October 2023 we received a restricted grant of £7,200 towards costs of The Home & The Safe House.

#### **UNRESTRICTED GRANTS**

Unrestricted grant of £5,000 received in September 2023.

Unrestricted grant of £10,000 received in October 2023.

Unrestricted grant of £2,000 received in December 2023.

All grants were put towards our charitable activities, supporting children and youths off the streets of Iringa, Tanzania.



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#### **THE HOME**

On September 28th 2023 we celebrated seven years of having a home.

Over the past seven years this house has provided previous street children and young adults with a safe and loving place to call home and a family. Seven years since our Founder worked alongside social welfare and regional officers to open the home and become the legal guardian of 9 previous street children that were unable to be re-homed.

As of 2023, this house has been a long term home for 15 children and supported another 26 children and young adults for shorter periods of time.

In this time we have supported 15 children and young adults in the house through their primary and secondary education, with two who have finished University and are now employed, and one starting University in Cape Town next year. This house has provided these children with a place to call home and a family, that the children call 'MUCU Family'.

Outside the home we support another 9 children and young adults through their education, 8 are in secondary school and one finishing University.

Because of our amazing supporters, when we find children on the streets in dangerous situations, we are able to take them straight to social welfare or the police and welcome them into the home, until we find the best solution for their situation.

In some cases, when poverty is the main cause for children being on the streets, we are able to re home them with relatives and support their immediate needs such as food and school. Then we will support them with a small sustainable business.

Where this is not possible, and the reasons for the child being on the streets are much more complicated and dangerous than poverty, we work alongside the social welfare office to welcome them into the family home, where they can begin building a life away from the streets.

Over the past seven years we have provided a family home for 36 previous street children and young adults, re-homing children with relatives and helped many more (50+) to move their lives away from the streets, and helped support girls facing forced marriage with a chance of education.

We are so incredibly grateful for all of Street Children Iringa's supporters over the years. Thanks to our supporters, we have provided children who were living at a very abusive orphanage with no love or safety, an amazing family home to live in, where each child has received the love and support they needed to thrive in so many ways.









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### EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

All the children and young adults in the house are supported in education or a vocational course. Over the past seven years we have supported 22 children and young adults through education, primary and secondary school, A levels and University.

Samson, Maggie, Pishon, Kepha, Ester and Grace live outside the home and study at a secondary boarding school. We also supported Grace at University with her medical laboratory course and Hamisi who we supported through his A level education and now with help when he needs it at University.

### GOSBERTH - RECEIVED THE BEST A LEVEL RESULTS FOR PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY AND MATHS IN TANZANIA

Gosberth, who we have supported since he was 10 years old, through primary and secondary school, achieved first place at his primary school and then also at the best private secondary school in the region. From living on the streets and starting his education in a government primary school, to now coming first in the top private secondary school in the region made history in his school. This led to him receiving a place at the best A level school in the country in 2021, he moved to study his A levels in Dar Es Salaam.

This year, Gosberth was in his final year of his A levels, finishing and graduating in June. In July Gosberth received the news that he had achieved the best results for A level combination PCM in Tanzania. Gosberth was acknowledged by the president for his amazing results. The head teacher of his school and all students and teachers also congratulated him for breaking history at this school and getting the best results the school had ever seen.

In November 2023 Gosberth received an offer to study Civil Engineering at The University of Cape Town. This is the most incredible achievement we could have imagined for Gosberth and we are so very proud of him. We are so grateful for everyone who is supporting Gosberth in this journey. Letty will go with Gosberth to Cape Town in January 2024 and settle him in where he will start his new chapter of University life.





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**SAMSON**

Our Founder came across Samson in the dump in 2018 and reunited him with his mother. Since then we supported Sam with school needs and his mother and younger brother with food and other costs. We have supported Sam since his primary school education, he is now in his final year of GCSE's and received the top results in his school. We will continue to support Sam with his A levels in 2024.

**MAGGIE**

In 2019 we rescued Maggie, aged 14, who was being followed by older men every day on her way to school. They wanted to kidnap her and sell her to an older man for marriage, in exchange for cows. We have supported Maggie since 2019 into a safe secondary boarding school where she is safe, and this year she finished her education here. She is now ready for the next chapter in her life.

**ELIAH**

We found Eliah on the streets in 2019 and since then have supported him through primary school whilst living at the family home. Eliah is now in his third year of this boarding school and dreams of becoming a Doctor. We are so proud of the beautiful caring person Eliah has become.

**FRED FOOTBALL TRAINING & ENGLISH SCHOOL**

Since finishing primary school in 2021, Fred has been studying english at a local English language school, whilst also having one to one football training in order for him to be accepted into one of the best Tanzania Football academies when he is 17. Fred dreams of becoming a football player and we believe with the right training he can succeed in this. At the end of 2023 Fred started at one of the best football academies in Tanzania, where he is being trained by great coaches. He will study here for a few years. Other students at this academy have made it to Spain and play for teams in LaLiga, watch this space!

**GRACE UNIVERSITY**

After carrying out a social investigation report, in September 2021 Social welfare referred to us a case of a girl called Grace, aged 22, who was unable to continue her Diploma course, due to her mother not having the funds to support her. Grace had been selling T shirts in order to pay off some of her debts at university, so she could sit her exams later in the year which would allow her to finish the second year of her diploma. Grace managed to earn a small amount from her sales to put towards her university fees, but in order to sit these exams more money was needed. Thanks to donations, we were able to support her through her University course. She has now finished her course and is working with the local church and wants to become a Pastor.





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#### **PISHON**

Pishon lived between the abusive orphanage and the streets for most of his childhood. He was welcomed into the home when he was 12. We have supported him through primary and secondary education. He is now in his first year of A level education, we also support him with a room to live in outside of the home whilst carrying out his studies. Pishon hopes to continue on to studying at University and become a teacher.

#### **PATRICK & BRY**

Patrick & Bry are our youngest boys in the home. We found Patrick on the streets when he was 9. He had spent most of his childhood on the streets and has thrived ever since moving into the home. Bry lost his mother when he was 8 and with no relatives able to care for him, social welfare referred him to the family home. They are both doing really well and studying at the local primary school in their fifth year.

#### **KEPHA**

Kepha was referred to us via the social welfare office four years ago, after his relatives were unable to support his education. We supported him through the past four years of his private secondary education. He is now in his final year and hopes to get good results so that he can continue onto A level studies.

#### **OMARY**

We have supported Omary via the Safe House since 2019, rehoming him with his mother and setting her up with a business in order for her to support her family. We helped Omary through his primary education, which he finished this year. He has now started a course in car mechanics which he is really enjoying and hopes to get employment when he finishes the course.

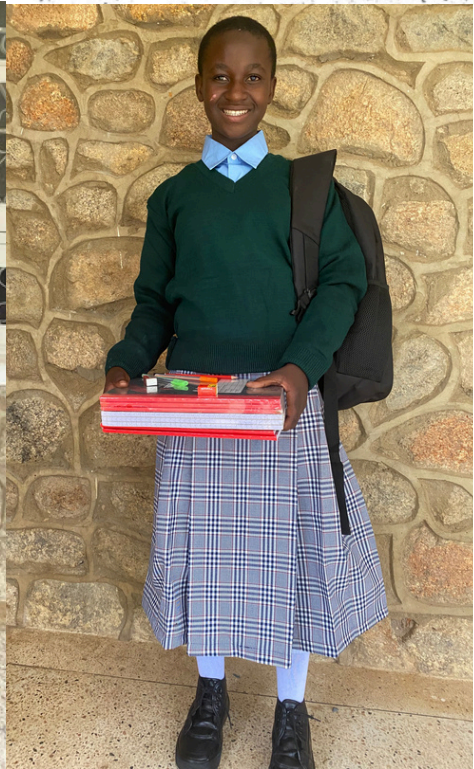
#### **ESTER & GRACE**

Ester & Grace are two girls we found searching for scraps in the dump to buy food for their families and school equipment. After doing family home visits we helped support both the girls and their families with their needs. The girls finished their primary school education this year and enjoyed their graduation day. They are both looking forward to starting secondary education.

#### **HAMISI**

We have supported Hamisi since 2019, helping him through his A levels and to start University. He was able to get a loan from the government for his University fees and we have supported him when he has needed it. He is now in his final year of University and hopes to gain employment when he graduates.









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### **THE SAFE HOUSE**

The Safe house was opened in 2019 and is near to the family home. It acts as a middle ground where current street children and young adults are able to visit and receive three meals a day, sleep, wash, play football, watch tv and relax after harsh days on the streets.

It is a vital safe space for around 30 current street children and young adults to gain support and guidance. Over the past five years we have supported over 30 children and young adults away from the streets via the Safe House, rehoming them with relatives where safe, renting them a room, supporting them in vocational courses and businesses in order for them to become independent.



Street Children Iringa operates the only Safe House in the region for vulnerable children and young adults, many who have been victims of abuse, witness to crime and who's parents have passed away or are in jail. In 2021, the local police asked the Safe House to act as a witness protection area for children who were involved in rape cases occurring on the streets.

The Safe House provides immediate and temporary shelter for current street children, giving them access to food, support and guidance in a life away from the streets. At the Safe House, children and young adults are able to relax and engage in games and sport whilst we work alongside the local social welfare to re-home them with a safe place to thrive.





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## **OUTREACH**

Outside the home and Safe House we support young adults with a room to live in for £10- £15 per month. This is very helpful in supporting them to independently remove themselves from street life. In 2023 we have supported five young adults in this way, helping them to get away from addiction and gangs on the streets and instead build their lives and small microbusinesses.

We do regular visits to the streets where we come across new children who are then referred via the Safe House.

## **NEW CHILDREN INTO THE HOME 2023**

Via the Safe House, Social Welfare and our day and night street visits, we welcomed another 3 children into the Home in 2023.

One boy aged 11 we found on the streets and took him in until he could be rehomed with his relatives. Another two boys we came across via our Safe House days, they were both welcomed into the home for short periods of time until we could be rehomed with relatives.

## **THE NEED FOR STREET CHILDREN IRINGA**

Iringa is a large town in the region of Iringa in the southern highlands of Tanzania in Sub-Saharan East Africa. Iringa town has a population of approximately 151,000 people, and the Iringa region is one of 31 regions in Tanzania.

On the Global Hunger Index 2022, 22.6% of the population of Tanzania are undernourished and 31.8% of children under five have stunted growth indicating chronic undernutrition. According to the UK's international Consortium for Street Children, only 19% of births in Tanzania are registered, which means that the majority of children are unaccounted for and children who end up on the streets disappear. Street children are the world's most vulnerable and most invisible population. When given a loving family home these children and young adults are able to thrive.

Children in Iringa end up on the streets because they have travelled from surrounding villages to escape rural poverty, or they have left home to escape domestic violence, abuse and forced marriage. Many children are orphaned; an estimated 2 million children in Tanzania have lost their parents to HIV AIDS.

In Iringa, street children survive by begging, searching in rubbish dumps for items they can sell to buy food and clothes. Involvement with street gangs is a means of survival and many children use drugs and alcohol to numb hunger and pain. The home and the safe house enables these children to get out of this cycle of poverty and street life. Here they are able to transform their lives and become self sufficient, proud members of society.



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## **NEW TRUSTEES**

No new trustees

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **RESERVES POLICY**

It is the policy of the charity to maintain reserves of 5% of income to provide sufficient funds to cover unexpected costs.

## **FUTURE PLANS FOR 2024**

### **FUNDRAISING**

We plan to host our annual fundraising ball again in March 2024. This is a very important event for us to increase the exposure of Street Children Iringa's activities and raise vital funds needed to support the children and young adults in Iringa, Tanzania.

## **TRUST FUNDS**

This year we have expanded our network of trust funds and successfully received grants from four new trusts, amounting to over £29,200 of our income for 2023. In 2024 we aim to continue expanding our network of trust funds and grant donations. Each year we aim to increase our focus on trust fund and grant applications in order to raise the income of funds, allowing us to continue supporting our current activities whilst also starting new projects helping more children with a life away from the streets.

## **CORPORATE SPONSORS**

We are so grateful to Acquis Insurance who have been an incredible support to us since 2019. We are always looking to connect with more corporate sponsors to support the work of Street Children Iringa.

## **BENEFICIARIES**

In 2023 9 children and young adults lived in the home full time, 3 children were looked after in the home for a shorter period of time. 30 children and young adults benefit from the Safe House and another 9 are supported in secondary and University education. On top of this we support five young adults with a room to live in whilst they are working in their chosen jobs or studying.

The numbers of beneficiaries regularly fluctuates due to us supporting new children and young adults referred to us through social welfare, the safe house and our street visits.

Street Children Iringa will continue working closely with the local social welfare office, police and regional officers in Tanzania in order to help with cases of the most vulnerable children and young adults.



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## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Registered Charity no.**

1171821

### **Principle Address**

Maplehurst  
Third Street  
Langton Green  
Tunbridge Wells  
Kent  
TN3 0EN

### **Trustees**

D McMaster (Chairperson)  
D Phillips  
A Hanley  
P McMaster  
Nick Green

### **Bankers**

Lloyds Bank  
Business Banking  
BX1 1LT

Approved by Order of the Board of Trustees on 29th October 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

...**D McMaster**.....

D McMaster (Chairperson)





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**STREET CHILDREN IRINGA**  
**CHARITY NO: 1171821**  
**Independent Examiner's Report**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Street Children Iringa for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 15 to 16.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Graham Hole*

Dated: 29/10/2024

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West Sussex  
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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Voluntary receipts:				
Donations	36,184	3,500	39,684	47,926
Grants	17,000	12,200	29,200	8,000
Fundraising activities	9,820	0	9,820	7,290
	<u>63,004</u>	<u>15,700</u>	<u>78,704</u>	<u>63,216</u>
<b>Asset and investment sales</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>63,004</u>	<u>15,700</u>	<u>78,704</u>	<u>63,216</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Costs of charitable activities	57,102	8,700	65,802	67,089
Fundraising costs	5,116	0	5,116	3,280
	<u>62,218</u>	<u>8,700</u>	<u>70,918</u>	<u>70,369</u>
<b>Asset and investment purchases</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>62,218</u>	<u>8,700</u>	<u>70,918</u>	<u>70,369</u>
Net payments	785	7,000	7,785	(7,153)
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
Cash funds last year end	3,236	0	3,236	10,389
Cash funds this year end	4,021	7,000	11,021	3,236



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**CHARITY NO: 1171821**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE PERIOD**

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Bank balance	4,021	7,000	11,021	3,236
	<u>4,021</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>11,021</u>	<u>3,236</u>

Liabilities at the year end amounted to £953.00

Receipts and payments accounts on pages 15-16 approved on behalf of the Trustees by:

Signed: *D McMaster*  
Name: D McMaster (Chairperson)

Date: 29/10/2024