

**TALITA KUM
SCHOOL FUND**
Every Child Matters

Trustee Annual Report January 1st 2024- December 31st 2024

Charitable Incorporated Organisation from 23rd March 2017

Charity Commission No. 1172220

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Talita Kum School Fund raises funds and supports the school of that name in Chachagüí, Colombia, for disadvantaged and disabled children who are offered a caring education in small groups which they would have difficulty finding in state schools. Our charity's aim is to help the school establish itself sufficiently to be able to make itself independent of our financial help and to this end in 2019 we embarked on a funded programme which had a promising start with responsibility for administrative systems, including accounts and health and safety policy being transferred to the school. By 2020 progress had been made with the database and local fundraising. The school started collecting fees again from those families who could afford to pay and they relied again on support from us and from charities in Italy. Progress has been very limited in raising funds in Colombia and the school becoming financially self-sustaining.

Our income in 2024, as in 2023, relied on our regular sponsors and donors. Following a request for additional funding from the school we sent £12,500 to the school which we advised them had reduced our reserves.

Our charity's costs remain negligible; We have no offices, paid staff or equipment and this year's small charges are again for foreign currency transactions.

Trustees

Trustees as above

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News from Colombia

Excerpt from Headteacher's report:

Pupil performance

This year, students' academic performance has shown significant progress.

Students have met and exceeded the established goals in key areas such as mathematics, language, science, technology and physical education. Thanks to reinforcement programs and personalized support, we have seen improvements in overall grade point average and increased participation in school activities.

The school restaurant has also had a positive impact on academic performance.

Before, some children arrived without breakfast, which affected their concentration and performance in class. With daily breakfast in the restaurant students are now starting the day with energy, which has been reflected in their attention span and their performance in the classroom. The children's progress has improved a lot, since they have the opportunity to have breakfast in the school which helps their concentration and allows them to learn easily, develop activities with more enthusiasm and creativity.

The future

We have to accept that fundraising in Colombia is a challenge. The school management in Colombia is taken up with teaching the children and do not have time or expertise for matters outside of school. We have concerns that school expenses are exceeding income and needs to be addressed by the school management.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Talita Kum School Fund

No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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|------------------------|------------|----|------------|
| For the period from | 01/01/2024 | To | 31/12/2024 |
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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 AND SPONSORSHIP | 5,222 | - | - | 5,222 | - |
| GIFTAID | 1,615 | - | - | 1,615 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 6,837 | - | - | 6,837 | - |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 6,837 | - | - | 6,837 | - |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Sent to TKS | 12,500 | - | - | 12,500 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 12,500 | - | - | 12,500 | - |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 12,500 | - | - | 12,500 | - |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 5,663 | - | - | - 5,663 | - |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 7,816 | - | - | 7,816 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 2,153 | - | - | 2,153 | - |

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 | 2,153 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | 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 | | | | |
| | | | - | |
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| | | | - | |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
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