

FAMILY UNITED

Report of the Trustees

The charity is managed and run by the trustees according to its constitution. The trustees are responsible for managing and safeguarding the assets of the charity.

Objectives and activities

Family United is a registered charity in England committed to combating social isolation and loneliness within the MRU Community in the UK. This community is defined as descendants of Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia, and Ivory Coast living in the UK.

Since we registered as a charity in the UK, our work had been in supporting struggling families across Southeast London with food and essential household items. During the peak of Covid-19, we supported thousands of families and vulnerable individuals with food and essential products. Details of this work including photographs can be downloaded from our website site.

During the delivery of these services, we discovered that there are thousands of elderly and young community members battling with social isolation and loneliness. We also discovered that, due to cultural and other barriers, these community members could not access the range of support provided by social isolation and loneliness organisations operating in the area such as Age UK among others.

As the number of sufferers from social isolation and loneliness within the MRU Community continue to grow in an alarming rate, we collaborated with a sister organisation, Centre for the Advancement of Development and Human Rights (CAD-HR) to conduct a needs assessment and to consider what we could possibly do to provide support to these community members. Details of our assessment and strategy to combating social isolation and loneliness can be found and downloaded on our website.

Achievements and performance

During the year the charity performed various activities successfully such as donations for burials and made donations to other charitable organisations.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Mr M Jah – Trustee

30 January 2025

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Income and Expenditure Account
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24		31.3.23	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations	61,005		11,166	
Gift Aid	<u>4,805</u>		<u>11,390</u>	
		65,810		22,556
Charitable costs				
Community events	35,513		6,798	
Charity & fundraising expenses	<u>18,269</u>		<u>4,730</u>	
		<u>53,782</u>		<u>11,528</u>
GROSS INCOME AFTER CHARITABLE COSTS		12,028		11,028
Other income				
Deposit account interest		<u>57</u>		<u>12</u>
		12,085		11,040
Expenditure				
Telephone & internet	131		194	
Printing, postage & stationery	891		395	
Computer running expenses	480		462	
Sundry expenses	32		566	
Accountancy	480		480	
Donations	<u>8,350</u>		<u>3,310</u>	
		<u>10,364</u>		<u>5,407</u>
		1,721		5,633
Depreciation				
Computer equipment		<u>158</u>		<u>158</u>
NET INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u><u>1,563</u></u>		<u><u>5,475</u></u>

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
FAMILY UNITED
CHARITY NO. 1174731**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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.

The charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

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:

- 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.

Sam Ayoade FCCA
Independent Examiner

Date: 30 January 2025