



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1<sup>st</sup> May 2022** To **30<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Charity name: Our Father's Heart**

**Charity registration number: 1175341**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects ('objects') of the CIO for the public benefit and in accordance with Christian principles are to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health and education (a) of children and young people in Uganda by the provision of funds, goods, or services of any kind in such parts of Uganda or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit and (b) of disadvantaged young people, and those who are marginalised, vulnerable and socially disconnected in the United Kingdom, to advance in life and relieve needs particularly but not exclusively by the provision of training, resources and mentoring which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>1) The organisation sponsors individual children in Kumi, Uganda to pay for their medical treatment, education and training. The charity's purposes are aimed towards four keys areas, health, education, empowerment and employment:</p> <p><b>Health:</b> helping children and young people develop healthy habits and connect them to medical services when needed. This is carried out through the transportation to and from and access to medical services where needed, as well as the payment for treatments provided. The provision of essential food items where it is identified that there is an extreme lack within the immediate families of our sponsored children to aid their well-being and general health and to ensure they are</p>

		<p>capable of attending school.</p> <p><b>Education:</b> helping children and young people complete a level of education or training that will bring them most benefit, to enable them to break the cycle of poverty. This is done through the financial sponsorship of the children, with the provision of school fees, scholastic materials, and boarding fees where appropriate.</p> <p><b>Empowerment:</b> helping children and young people to build their confidence and self-belief, to enable them to push through the barriers to employment, done through mentoring from our manager and support worker in Uganda via one to ones with the children.</p> <p><b>Employment:</b> help older teenagers to develop workplace and technical skills to change their life through practical employment and business opportunities. The sponsorship program provides technical skills training in the young person's chosen vocation, leading to increased employability with local employers. We also offer financial provision to business start-ups for our trained young adults where it is identified there is a lack of local supply, offering a greater opportunity for a successful business. This includes the provision of required tools, and premises.</p> <p>2) In addition, the organisation benefits people in the York area (UK) who are marginalised, socially disconnected, have a record of unlawful behaviour or an addiction and who struggle to obtain and sustain employment. This is carried out by providing work-based employment opportunities, both paid and voluntary, with one-to-one mentoring to facilitate the employment. The organisation seeks to offer a person centered approach around the employment offering the best chance of sustaining it, with the aim to facilitate sustained employment elsewhere which the charity supports the beneficiary in finding.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees of the charity trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance as published by the Charity Commission.



### Additional information

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our Father's Heart has several volunteers, working in various part time roles, ensuring the ongoing viability of the charity. We are incredibly grateful to all they do in this capacity

### Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>2022/2023 has seen Our Father's Heart continue its work in Uganda as, things settled down after the covid pandemic. We continue to rent a property in the centre of Kumi township to provide a safe place for the children on the program and for those living on the streets of Kumi to continue to receive mentoring and support. The landlord has made improvements to the property, including a brick wall surrounding the enclosure adding to its security. We are able to continue to rent the property on a long-term basis.</p> <p>Many of our young people have been adapting to the resumption of the school program. Those boarding have returned to live at school throughout term time, alleviating pressure from their families.</p> <p>Robinah Akiteng continues to manage the project in Kumi, Uganda with the support of a new intern Samuel Ogwang. Samuel is a 22-year-old nursery teacher who previously lived at the COHAD children's home. Having been the beneficiary of sponsorship for his education, accommodation and pastoral care for over a decade Samuel has the potential to make a great role model for the young beneficiaries of OFH in Kumi. He has shown commitment and enthusiasm for our young people and has now been recruited to assist Robinah with some day-to-day tasks. Before he can take on more responsibility and be able to undertake tasks independently Samuel needs a formal qualification in social work. He is now attending collage to ensure that he obtains the most appropriate qualifications to enable him to work in the</p>

		<p>project for the longer term.</p> <p>The local board of trustees remains the same, with 5 members, whom consistently support in an advisory capacity due to their experience in their various roles and positions. They bring a wealth of wisdom and guidance to support Robinah. Joyce Ajilong works with the NGO Action aid, Catherine Aboyi is a Probation Officer, Susan Auma works with Compassion as a Project director, Peter Okion is a tribal leader and a local church leader, Susan Amodean, a local secondary school teacher.</p> <p>We also continue to employ a house-keeper and use a freelance driver. The OFH house provides a home for two siblings on the program during term-time – this situation at home means they are able to go home during school holidays only. Susan, the OFH housekeeper, also operates as a foster mother during term time – this arrangement has been approved by the local Children’s Services Department, and with the express permission of the children’s father who is ill with HIV.</p> <p>2022/23 have been challenging for the project following the pandemic, especially in terms of finances. Several sponsors have been unable to continue with their commitments due to the financial challenges here in the UK and consequent changes in circumstances. Costs in Uganda are constantly rising with school fees, food and scholastic materials going up every term.</p> <p>Well into 2022 we have also suffered the financial impact of the repeated stop starts of school terms as fees were still not refundable in this situation. Despite implementing quite tough rules / guidelines with families about the replacement of the scholastic provisions, such as uniforms, shoes, mattresses, buckets and mosquito nets, in the event they had to be replaced during these periods at home, many of these items have had to be replaced from the sponsorship fund for a second year running.</p> <p>OFH has again had some very specific health related situations to assist with, for example Robinah received an urgent call regarding a child who was suffering from a life-threatening bout of malaria in April 2022. Phoebe was dying when the</p>
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		<p>call came through to Robinah asking for help. After several days visiting a number of hospitals in the region Phoebe eventually diagnosed and received treatment for a very severe bout of malaria that left her extremely ill with liver failure. Following a 2-week hospital stay Phoebe returned to the OFH house to recuperate before she returned home to her village. Phoebe is fully recovered and thriving. Robinah's determination and tenacity without doubt ensured this child eventually received life-saving treatment.</p> <p>May 2022 saw Linda Barrie and Gillian Dickons from the UK visiting the project after a 2-year gap due to covid. During the visit a meeting was held with the local board on the 27.05.22 where the project was reviewed and updates made to protocols. Further to this Linda and Gilly visited the majority of young people on the project to assess the progress. During the visit OFH hosted an event for women at the local Baptist church.</p> <p>During their visit Linda and Gilly visited a village where there was a disabled child of 14 years, Lydia. It was clear that Lydia had muscle wasting and cerebral issues – during the visit Lydia's younger sister appeared to also have some mobility issues. The project arranged for both girls to be assessed at a hospital in Mbale and have regular appointments with a specialist physiotherapist following a diagnosis of a degenerative muscular dystrophy. OFH will continue to support the children with these appointments and with regard to educating the family as to how best to care for them.</p> <p>We currently have several teenage mothers on the program, one remains at secondary school and two are completing skills training. Caroline who has remained in secondary school is an amazing young woman. Linda and Gilly met with her at school and her head teacher – the baby was 6 weeks old and Caroline was back in full time education. The family would walk the baby to school to be breast fed once or twice during the day. The situation was being incredibly well managed as family and school aimed to support this bright young lady. This plan, implemented by Robinah, has opened the door for other young women in the same situation to try to remain in education – the school are going to adopt this way of supporting teenage mothers in the hope more young women</p>
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		<p>can complete their education.</p> <p>One of our pregnant young women is being fast tracked through a private hairdressing course to ensure she has a way of providing for herself and the child she is expecting – the outcome of this approach will be monitored and if successful can be adopted in future when similar circumstances arise.</p> <p>Towards the end of lockdown a large number of the street youth were imprisoned – there had been an increasing number of serious assaults, including rape, burglaries and fights involving weapons in the town and the decision was made to ‘clean up the streets’ as the community believed the street youth were the main cause of the increase in crime. Following a roundup of street youth and on mass they were put into the local prison where they still remain on remand almost 18 months later. During the trip in May Linda and Gilly visited the prison to try to gain more understanding of the situation, however it is clear that the system will move slowly. The project sends in regular supplies of tea, sugar, oil for cooking, soap for washing both clothes and for bathing, as well as buckets, and offers medical care where possible. Robinah, OFH project manager, visits when permitted, and is in communication with the prison governor, who informs her when one of the young people is ill or if they are moved.</p> <p>The project continues to work on a small scale, making a difference where possible to one life at a time. We are currently looking at grant funding to be able to increase the scope of the work we do in the Kumĩ community.</p> <p>This year has seen the Uk side of the charity continue to grow, going from strength to strength. We have begun to establish an excellent reputation within the city of York for the work we are undertaking. The income generation aspect of the mobile unit has been good, and we have been able to transition a second team member into a full-time employment position, as planned. A further member of Chocolate &amp; Co team is being promoted to a role of Peer mentor supervisor and will be staying on as part of the core team for the longer term, helping to maintain stability as the project grows.</p>
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		<p>We are delighted that a retired chartered accountant has joined us, coming on board as a volunteer. This has already helped enormously with our financial reporting and will be much needed support as we grow. Our board of trustees is currently made up of 4 board members, with a fifth waiting to join at the next board meeting.</p> <p>We began negotiations on a permanent premises in June 2022, finally taking possession of the keys in July of this year from York City Council. Works are now well underway to refit the premises as a community focused café. This permeant base will allow for more employment opportunities for our beneficiaries moving forwards, and we already have our next two employees/beneficiaries lined up for when we open the cafe, in September.</p> <p>Unfortunately, very recently we've had a fire on the mobile catering unit, which has brought an abrupt halt to our income generation – we are anticipating this project will be paused for the foreseeable future. This income generation was key to the launch of the new café, so we are needing to look to alternative support. We have approached some of our generous funders of the café project for their help, and they've responded with understanding and generosity, enabling us to keep the plans on track - we are incredibly grateful for this support. The new cafe is due to open early in September and we are now focusing on this launch as it is critical to the charity that we ensure a strong and vibrant start. We need to ensure that we honour the support we have received to date and hope to continue to receive.</p> <p>Over the last 12 months we've continued to work on strengthening our relationships with other community groups and organisations working in this field within York and the wider North Yorkshire area. We have worked hard to establish a good reputation as a charity working hard in the city with a focus on this particular area of need.</p> <p>Chocolate &amp; Co currently holds a weekly badminton session every Friday evening to facilitate a much-needed social opportunity for service users – this is consistently well attended. The project has also entered a team in the local Dragon Boat race in July - which was a successful day on several counts, helping to raise our profile, as</p>
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		<p>raising funds for the charity and providing a great, uplifting opportunity to socialise and build the team.</p> <p>As we look ahead to the next 12 months, we are excited to have been successful in a bid for funding, to offer one to one counselling sessions for our beneficiaries, and this is due to take place from a designated area in the new premises, under the name of Coffee Shop Counselling. This is a trial for the project funder, and we will be required to provide concise reporting to ensure the results can be evaluated as to the effectiveness of the project.</p>
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Net incoming resources for the year amounted to £59,119 (2021/22: £4,146), and this total has been added to total funds carried forward in the statement of assets and liabilities.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The total reserves held by the charity are £106,901. These consist of a combination of general reserves £53,984 (held as unrestricted or designated funds) and restricted funds £52,917.</p> <p>The general reserves are held to enable the charity to carry out its day-to-day functions. The charity's reserve policy is to hold 4 months' of associated costs for both the Uganda and UK sides of the charity, to allow for any periods of reduced income to facilitate and maintain the charitable purposes for the beneficiaries.</p> <p>The designated funds are for a new project within the UK side of the charity, which will grow significantly in 23/24 and so required additional reserves for this projected growth.</p> <p>The restricted reserves are held for the purpose of specified purposes for the UK side of the charity and will be spent during 2023/24.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£106,901
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

### Additional information

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>The principal sources of funds are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• grants for specific purposes and</li> <li>• charitable donations from individuals and businesses.</li> </ul>
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## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees have previously been selected through their interest in the activity of the charity and the commitment they can offer. As we grow, we are identifying areas we require particular skills and recruiting accordingly

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Our Father's Heart
Other name the charity uses	Chocolate & Co
Registered charity number	1175341
Charity's principal address	Unit 1, Yorvale Business Park Hazel Court York YO10 3D

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rachel Bell			
2	Ben Gaddass			
3	Lorena Healey			
4	Bryan Elder			
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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

n/a

## Exemptions from disclosure

#### Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

#### Other optional information



n/a



## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Lorena Healey	Bryan Elor
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	TRUSTEE
Date	10.09.23	



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Our Fathers Heart

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/05/2022

To

Period end date  
30/04/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Designated funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary income	20,901	18,247	54,873	94,021	48,767
Activities for generating funds	2,514	57,235	-	59,749	12,606
Investment income	11	493	-	504	24
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>23,425</b>	<b>75,975</b>	<b>54,873</b>	<b>154,274</b>	<b>61,397</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>23,425</b>	<b>75,975</b>	<b>54,873</b>	<b>154,274</b>	<b>61,397</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Donations paid (overseas work)	13,500	-	-	13,500	18,000
Personnel costs	1,739	27,134	7,367	36,240	15,371
Cost of sales	1,175	22,669	-	23,844	6,036
Refitting café	-	3,754	-	3,754	-
Overheads	1,698	14,162	1,956	17,816	7,596
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>18,112</b>	<b>67,719</b>	<b>9,323</b>	<b>95,154</b>	<b>47,003</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Choc & Co Pod	-	-	-	-	6,984
Choc & Co Coffee Machine	-	-	-	-	3,264
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,248</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>18,112</b>	<b>67,719</b>	<b>9,323</b>	<b>95,154</b>	<b>57,251</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>5,313</b>	<b>8,256</b>	<b>45,550</b>	<b>59,119</b>	<b>4,146</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,266</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>40,415</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,367</b>	<b>47,782</b>	<b>43,636</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>34,462</b>	<b>19,522</b>	<b>52,917</b>	<b>106,901</b>	<b>47,782</b>



## 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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	Agreement Error

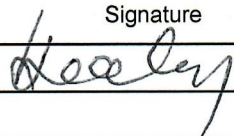
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	LORENA HEALEY	10.09.23

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Our Father's Heart, a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO).**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Our Father's Heart for the year to 30 April 2023.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees 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 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Name: Peter Taylor, Taylor-Made Accountancy Ltd

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Date: 19 July 2023