



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st May 2023** To **30th April 2024**

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>Education: 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>Empowerment: helping children and</p>

		<p>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>Health: 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 can attend school or training.</p> <p>Employment: 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 centred 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>Uganda</p> <p>2023/24 has seen Our Father's Heart continue its work in Uganda supporting young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. We continue to rent a property in Kumi township to provide a safe place for the children on the program to receive mentoring and support. The landlord continues to make improvements to the property, including a brick wall surrounding the enclosure adding to its security. We've also repainted the property throughout in January 2024. We continue to be able 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 continued support of our new intern Samuel Ogwang. Samuel is in the final year of his studies, and he continues to show commitment and enthusiasm for supporting our young people. He continues to assist Robinah with some day-to-day tasks.</p> <p>The local board of trustees in Uganda remains the same, with 5 members, who 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 Aboyo is a Probation Officer, Susan Auma works with Compassion as a</p>

		<p>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 use a freelance driver but have released the housekeeper as there are no longer young people staying at the house. The two siblings who were living at the house returned to live in their village in January 2024 in line with the latest government requirements. The children continue to be supported by the project.</p> <p>2023/24 continues to be challenging for the project in terms of finances. Several more 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 continue to rise with school fees, food and school materials going up every term.</p> <p>Despite implementing quite tough rules / guidelines with families about contributing to the education of their children in line with the protocols followed by Compassion International it is difficult to enforce with any degree of success.</p> <p>OFH continues to respond to health-related situations, malaria has affected almost all of the beneficiaries, some of whom have had very serious symptoms and repeated bouts of infection. The project carries a supply of early intervention medicine and young people are referred to local health facilities in more urgent and acute cases.</p> <p>January 2024 saw Gillian Dickons, Rachel Bell (trustee) and Lorena Healey (trustee) from the UK visiting the project. The focus of the visit became administration – Rachel and Lorena conducted an audit after which new protocols and reporting systems were put into place. The hope is to improve reporting and accountability between the Ugandan board and the UK board.</p> <p>During the visit all the team met with all the beneficiaries and several parents. There was an open day at the house during which four young men came along to speak with the young people on the project. These four brothers had received support from the project and had each taken the little they had been given in terms of support and training, and, apart from one (Francis),</p>
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		<p>were progressing well with their lives – in terms of family, work, health and success. Francis was very sick at the time of the visit and had lost his business as he has not been able to work as he had sold his sewing machine to raise money for treatment. It was decided that we would pay for further treatment for Francis and would provide him with a new sewing machine to help him to get back on his feet.</p> <p>We again visited the village where Lydia, a severely disabled child lives. It was clear that Lydia's condition was rapidly deteriorating and that other siblings were showing the same symptoms. It was clear from hospital assessments that there is no medical intervention. We brought the girls and the mother to the project house to do a day of care and physio training. Robinah will continue to check on the children however it is clear that the mother is struggling to offer the care needed.</p> <p>We continue to support and encourage our teenage mothers, one remains at secondary school and two have completed skills training.</p> <p>One of our pregnant young women has returned to a private hairdressing course to complete her final term after taking leave to have her baby – we will continue to offer support as she transitions into working life.</p> <p>Many of the street youth remain in prison following a roundup in 2021 – no cases have gone to court and all remain on remand. They have been moved to a prison some 50km away from Kumi. 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 on occasion. Bibles in the Ateso language have also been given to some of the youths. Robinah, the 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 continue to look for grant funding to be able to increase the scope of the work we do in the Kumi community however we have been unsuccessful to date.</p>
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		<p>Conversations during the visit in January broached the need to identify a sustainability project to support the young people into the future as sponsorship is becoming a challenging model to sustain. There is currently approximately 3 years of funding secured to maintain the young people currently on the project.</p> <p>UK</p> <p>This year has been an exciting one for the UK side of Our Fathers Heart. Last financial year we began negotiations on a permanent cafe premises and took the keys in July 2023. We are pleased to report that the café opened its doors in September 2023 and began trading. Footfall has continued to increase, and the café is generating a consistent level of income to help support the charity. However, this cafe income does not cover all the costs of the vcafe and so we continue to seek ways of increasing this income. In addition, one of our volunteer team continues to apply for funding and grants to support our income stream from the cafe, and we recognise that we still need to maintain a high level of grant funding, to allow our employment model to work. Our aim is that over the next 3 – 5 years, the primary trading income grows, to reduce the level of grant funding needed.</p> <p>During the year, we benefitted from some positive publicity, both in the local paper, the local news program and Songs of Praise when the Rev Kate Botley visited us. This has helped raise the profile of the café enormously and our reputation continues to grow, as we work hard in the local community.</p> <p>This year has seen 8 beneficiaries come through our employment and training program. Since we started, we have now successfully transitioned 3 of our beneficiaries into employment elsewhere.</p> <p>We have employed a part time Wellbeing and Outreach Co-ordinator, who runs all our external community activities, liaising with other local organisations, and the numbers attending these sessions remain consistent.</p> <p>The counselling we received funding for has been an incredibly positive addition to our model and we have had more referrals than we have been able to accommodate</p>
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		<p>with 41 people benefitting from the project in the first year of funding. We are grateful for this opportunity and look forward to having secured funding for a second year to allow more to access this service.</p> <p>In addition to our employment model, the café runs an initiative called a Pay It Forward system which allows our customers to pay for a meal for someone who cannot afford it. This allows anyone to come into the café to use the Pay It Forward and enjoy a meal and drink for free. This has continued to grow, and we are seeing a regular number of people access the free meal on a weekly basis.</p> <p>In January 2023, the trustees of OFH made the decision to set up the UK project as a separate charity (known as Chocolate & Co). The new charity was set up on 1 August 2024 with its own trustees identified and already meeting to consider the future activities. Most of the steps needed to transition the operational activities from OFH into the new charity have been done. This will be finalised upon the reassignment of the café lease from OFH to Chocolate & Co, hopefully in the first quarter of 2025.</p> <p>We are incredibly grateful to all our funders and volunteers who have supported the progress of Chocolate & Co, and we look forward to continuing the work we are doing.</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 £30,388 (2022/23: £59,119), 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 £137,289. These consist of a combination of general reserves £83,625 (held as unrestricted and designated funds) and restricted funds £53,644.</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. This would be £71,628 (total costs are £214,884).</p> <p>The designated funds are for a new project within the UK side of the charity, which is growing significantly in and so requires additional reserves for this projected growth. The additional funds held for this project are £50,907.</p> <p>The restricted reserves of £53,644 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	£137,289
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"> • grants for specific purposes and • charitable donations from individuals and businesses.
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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	4 Mansfield House Lowther Street York

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

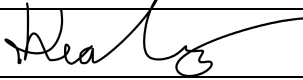
Other optional information

n/a

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		R Bell
Full name(s)	Lorena Healey	Rachel Bell
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	08/01/2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Our Fathers Heart

1175341

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/05/2023

To

Period end date
30/04/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £

A1 Receipts

Voluntary income	24,513	25,637	81,388	131,538	94,021
Activities for generating funds	-	91,257	-	91,257	59,749
Other income	-	21,459	-	21,459	-
Investment income	1	1,016	-	1,017	504
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	24,514	139,369	81,388	245,271	154,274

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total receipts	24,514	139,369	81,388	245,271	154,274
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A3 Payments

Donations paid (overseas work)	20,579	-	-	20,579	13,500
Personnel costs	-	31,648	52,415	84,063	36,240
Cost of sales	-	36,797	1,024	37,820	23,844
Refitting café	-	22,745	9,775	32,520	3,754
Overheads	4,698	17,776	17,427	39,901	17,816
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	25,277	108,966	80,641	214,884	95,154

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

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	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	25,277	108,966	80,641	214,884	95,154
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Net of receipts/(payments)	- 763	30,403	747	30,388	59,119
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A5 Transfers between funds

A6 Cash funds last year end

Cash funds this year end	33,699	49,926	53,664	137,289	106,901
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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	Virgin Money - OFH	33,699	-	-
	Virgin Money - Choc & Co	28,744	-	-
	Virgin Money - Savings/Restricted	21,182	53,664	-
	Total cash funds	83,625	53,664	-
	(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
CCXX R2 accounts (SS)		2		27/12/2024

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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 2024.

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.

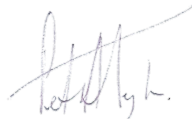
Independent examiner's statement

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

Address: 36 Alwyne Grove, Shipton Road, York YO30 5RT

Date: 08 January 2025