

CASA MEA



“With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Matthew 19:26

**Trustees' Report and Accounts
For the Year ended
31 December 2020
Charity Number 1175421**

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Charity Information

Full name	Casa Mea UK
Charity Registration Number	1175421
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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2019

The trustees have pleasure in submitting their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

Charitable Object

“To meet the spiritual needs, family needs and material needs of people with any disabilities, both children and adults, in institutions and in their homes, preventing discrimination of any kind because of social background, culture, sex, religion or nationality and to promote their rights.”

Organisational Structure and Decision-making processes

The trustees met together 5 times during 2020 and 4 of those meetings were held virtually via zoom because of the Covid pandemic. In some ways virtual meetings have been helpful in that we have been able to communicate directly with new trustees living long distances away from Cardiff; we were able to have profitable discussions with new workers training in the Netherlands who are preparing to move to Moldova and we have been able to think about direct communication with our colleagues in Moldova.

One member of the trustees was able to visit the work at the beginning of the year but subsequent planned visits were not able to go ahead because of the pandemic. Those working for Casa Mea in Moldova however ploughed on valiantly with the work in a very challenging context.

The trustees group represents a strong range of professional experience which includes financial, social work, management, architectural and building, occupational therapy and medical expertise. Three new trustees joined the group during the year, bringing with them additional professional skills in carpentry and speech therapy and a dietician also joined us. The new trustees are considerably younger than most of the existing trustees and it was felt important to begin preparing a new generation of trustees. They have begun to make a significant and helpful contribution to the group.

The trustees give advice on a wide range of issues such as property maintenance, policy development, staff development and training, future strategy and use of available funds in collaboration with those managing the work in Moldova. The trustees are all members of local churches and

undertake to pray for the work regularly. Members of the group undertake speaking engagements about the work in different churches and these took place largely via zoom during the year in question. A prayer letter and news updates are distributed to several hundred people every few months, together with a monthly news up-date for those very committed to the work. All the trustees except one have visited the work in Moldova, usually on a fairly regular basis until the pandemic struck.

Each of the trustees plays a very active practical and spiritual role in the running of the charity and all important decisions are taken after full group discussion. In Moldova Liliana Golovatii is the President of Fundația Casa Mea and she is responsible directly to the Board of Trustees. She and her colleagues are responsible for the day to day running of the work and oversight of the four community homes run for a total of 21 adults with disabilities at different locations in the country.

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the charity is the spiritual, emotional, social, physical and material well-being of adults with disabilities who have lived or are living in long stay institutions in Moldova. In order to achieve its principal objective four homes for such adults have been set up since 2006 in village communities to provide life-long support and as normal a life as possible within the community. The homes are named Casa Bucuriei, Casa Matei, Casa Alex and Casa Ana. Each of them is staffed by Moldovans who are employed by Fundația Casa Mea and supported by regular supervision, staff meetings and training. Although regular staff meetings have taken place during 2020 training opportunities have been fewer because of the pandemic sadly. All members of staff have a job description and terms of service and they would usually have annual appraisals. There are strong links with the local churches in the villages in which each of the houses is situated and staff are drawn from those local churches.

Visits are usually made regularly to large institutions for adults with disabilities in Moldova where Christian services are held and where food and clothing are distributed when available. During 2020 these visits were prevented by the pandemic as the institutions went into immediate quarantine and access to any visitors has been stopped for the time being.

Achievements and Performance

Despite the shut-downs in the UK and the limitations imposed by the pandemic 2020 did prove to be a busy, productive but at the same time a sad year:

- Slava who lived in Casa Matei died in September 2020. All feel his loss deeply. It is possible that he died of Covid although a clear

diagnosis was never given. Slava had lived for years in closed institutions. He had Down's Syndrome and had made great progress socially, spiritually and emotionally since coming to live in Casa Matei. Slava was greatly loved.

- A new, young social work assistant was employed part time (after a job description was drawn up) and admirably mentored by the social worker of Casa Mea. The social work assistant is currently undertaking a social work degree in Moldova and we would hope that she may work with us longer term.
- The possibility of a 5th house was regularly discussed and it was felt that, given our more stable staff situation in Moldova, we should begin to take this idea forward.
- Two new workers, Ben and Esther Smith, are preparing at Missionary College in the Netherlands to join the work next year. They are both very well qualified for the work in Moldova and we give thanks to God for them.
- Staff salaries were increased.
- Some progress was made on the development of a brochure about the work in Romanian (there is already an excellent, well-used brochure in English).
- Trustees undertook an analysis of the charity's progress to date including its strengths and weaknesses and a Statement of Vision for the next 3 years was drawn up and discussed both here and in Moldova. One meeting of the trustees was dedicated to a discussion about future direction of the work.
- A training strategy was developed for staff in Moldova. This has yet to be fully implemented because of the restrictions imposed by the pandemic.

Risk Management

Risk management plans for each person living the four houses were updated.

Financial Review

Income for the year was £47.6k from voluntary donations and Gift Aid claimed from HMRC. This is about 11% less than our 2019 income but as we receive no grants, and as a matter of policy we make no appeals our income is always liable to fluctuation.

We continue to hold in reserve £25k that was given specifically to fund the opening of a 5th house and is held with a further £15k reserve in an investment account at United Trust Bank.

The trustees were managing a gift given solely for the personal benefit of the young Moldovan woman social worker on the team of Fundația Casa Mea in Moldova. During 2020 the final amount of £1.5k was paid to her

and so that fund was reduced to zero at year end. The payment has been posted to *Miscellaneous Costs*.

Expenditure during the year totalled £44.6k including *Grants to Institutions* of £41.2k to Fundația Casa Mea for salaries of our Moldovan staff and for the day-to-day running costs of our 4 houses. A support gift of £240 was given to a Russian-speaking group called *My Child, My Blessing* who care for families looking after a child with disabilities at home. We made *Grants to Individuals* of £1.5k, including £1.2k from our support fund to a trainee missionary couple who plan to work with Fundația Casa Mea in Moldova from September 2021. There were no personal expenses paid to trustees or any other individual during 2020.

The Future

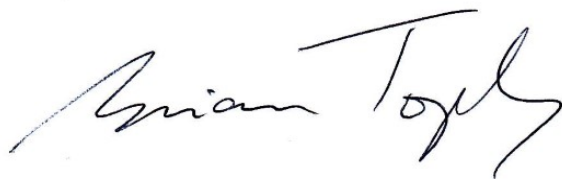
The trustees consider that the charity will continue for the foreseeable future and look forward to the two new leaders joining the work in 2021.

Brian Topley

Trustee Treasurer

Date: 14 September 2021

Signed on behalf of the board of Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Topley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

I, Andrew James Lee, being a Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants (FCCA), confirm that I have carried out an independent examination of the accounts and financial system for Casa Mea UK (registered charity number 1175421).

As a result of carrying out this examination, I would confirm that I have not identified any matters of concern to be drawn to the attention of the Trustees or the Charity Commission. I would further confirm that I am content with the format of the accounts and the accounting records kept, and that these records agree with the accounts. Finally, I am also content that all of the Directions, as set out in the Charity Commission guidance entitled "Independent examination of charity accounts: Directions and guidance for examiners (CC32)", have been adequately satisfied.

I would also confirm that this independent examination and certification has been provided free of charge.

Signed:



Andrew Lee, FCCA

Date:

17/10/21

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricte d funds	Restrict ed funds	Endowme nt funds	Tota l fund s	Prior year total funds
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>					
Donations and legacies	45,169	1,625	—	46,794	50,678
Other income	784	—	—	784	706
Total income	45,953	1,625	—	47,578	51,384
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	41,622	2,875	—	44,497	88,804
Other expenditure	100	—	—	100	--
Total expenditure	41,722	2,875	—	44,597	88,804
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	4,230	(1,250)	—	2,980	(37,419)
<i>Transfers</i>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	596	—	—	596	22,061
Gross transfers between funds - out	(40)	(555)	—	(596)	(22,061)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	
Net movement in funds	4,768	(1,805)	—	2,980	(37,419)
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
Total funds brought forward	68,906	27,193	—	96,100	133,519
Total funds carried forward	73,693	25,387	—	99,080	96,100

Casa Mea UK - 1175421**Balance Sheet detailed**

	As at 31/12/2020	As at 31/12/2019
Current assets		
1501: Lloyds bank account	56,323.47	54,451.29
1502: Nationwide Loyalty Saver B Topley	—	—
1506: United Trust Bank	40,000.00	40,000.00
1507: Galina 3rd account at Nationwide	—	—
Z05: Accounts Receivable	5,532.5	1,648.75
	101,855.97	96,100.04
Liabilities		
Z04: Accounts Payable	2775.00	—
	—	—
	99,080.97	96,100.04
Reserves		
Excess / (deficit) to date	2,980.93	(37,419.93)
Z01: Starting balances	96,100.04	133,519.97
	99,080.97	96,100.04

	Represented by Funds	
Unrestricted	70,250.60	65,793.37
Designated	3,442.43	3,112.76
Restricted	25,387.94	27,193.91
Endowment	—	—
Total	99,080.97	96,100.04

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestrict ed	Designat ed	Restrict ed	Endowme nt	Totals	
					This year	Last year
Income and endowments						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
1101 - Gift Aided income	8,995	360	1,180	—	9,630	9,630
1102 - Gift Aid tax claim	2,202	130	295	—	2,574	2,574
1103 - Non-GA donations	26,046	—	150	—	20,402	20,402
1104 - Donations via Bank	7,435	—	—	—	18,071	18,071
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<i>Donations and legacies Totals</i>	44,679	490	1,625	—	46,794	50,678
<i>Other income</i>						
1105 - Interest	784	—	784	—	784	706
<i>Other income Totals</i>	-	—	-	—	-	706
Income and endowments Grand totals	45,463	490	1,625	—	47,578	51,384
Expenditure						
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>						
1200 - Grants to institutions	40,987	200	—	—	41,187	77,450
1201 - Grants to individuals	200	—	1,350	—	1,550	10,167
1202 - Maintenance	29	—	—	—	29	64
1203 - Salaries	—	—	—	—	—	—
1204 - Vehicle costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
1206 - Miscellaneous costs	53	—	1,525	—	1,578	—
1207 - Literature	151	—	—	—	151	—
1208 - Trustee expenses	—	—	—	—	—	1,121
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</i>	41,422	200	2,875	—	44,497	88,804
<i>Other expenditure</i>						
1205 - Bank charges	100	—	—	—	100	—
<i>Other expenditure Totals</i>	100	—	—	—	100	—
Expenditure Grand totals	41,522	200	2,875	—	44,597	88,804

Notes: Trustees made donations totalling £5,485 during the year.

Casa Mea UK - 1175421**Fund movement summary****Selected period: 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019**

Fund		Fund Balanc es brough t forwar d	Incoming	Outgoin g	Transfe rs	Gains and	Fund balances
			Resources	Resourc es		Losses	Carried forward
	Notes						
Ben & Esther Smith		—	1250	1250	—	—	0
My Child My Blessing		(80)	240	200	40	—	0
Expenses		3,192	—	—	—	—	3,192
General		65,793	45,463	41,522	516	—	70,250
Casa Bucuriei		—	—	—	—	—	—
Casa Matei		—	—	—	—	—	—
Casa Alex		—	—	—	—	—	—
Personal gift to social worker	1	1,525	—	1525	—	—	0
For Anea's salary	2	280	375	100	(555)	—	0
Fifth House		25,387	—	—	—	—	25,387
Totals		96,100	47,578	44,597	—	—	99,080

Notes

1. As planned the balance of this fund was paid to the social worker during 2020.
2. Anea is one of the managers and co-founders of the work in Moldova and this fund identifies gifts from one specific donor who gives regularly to help with Anea's salary. The fund balance is transferred to the General fund from which the Grants to Fundația Casa Mea are made.

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