

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 2021
Charity Number 1175421**

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Charity Information

Full name	Casa Mea UK
Charity Registration Number	1175421
Address	27 Heol Ty'n-y-cae Rhiwbina Cardiff CF14 6DJ
Trustees	Miss Emma Coalter Mrs Jenny McMillan Dr Carwyn Shires (Secretary) Mr Tim Toase (Joint Chair) Mrs Keziah Toase (Joint Chair) Mr Brian Topley (Treasurer) Mr Paul Willis Miss Patricia Wiltshire Miss Maureen Wise (Joint Chair)
Independent Examiner	Mr Andrew Lee FCCA 53 Heol Lewis Rhiwbina Cardiff CF14 6QB
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Business Banking PO Box 1000 Andover BX1 1LT

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees have pleasure in submitting their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021. 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 3 times during 2021 and all of those meetings were held virtually via zoom because of the covid pandemic. Using zoom meetings has meant that communication has been possible with trustees living in different parts of the UK. During the year the practice began of involving one of the 4 houses in Moldova at the beginning of each meeting. This has richly enhanced the meetings and has enabled direct conversation with each of the men and women whom Casa Mea supports in Moldova and has given some excellent insights into their daily life and views and opinions. There is some prior preparation in terms of sharing questions with them beforehand and asking them to think about their replies. They have shared their own prayer requests also at the end of the session and a trustee will pray for those identified needs. The exchange has been mutually enjoyable and beneficial.

Two of the trustees were able to visit the work during the year and brought back first-hand reports of developments. There has been very regular telephone contact in addition to those visits. As during the previous pandemic year, the Moldovan workers of Casa Mea continued to work very hard in a challenging context.

The trustees group represents a strong range of professional experience which includes financial, social work, management, architectural and building, carpentry, occupational therapy, speech therapy, dietetics and medical expertise. Three new trustees had joined during the previous year and the hope is that that will continue the process of handing the work on to a younger generation of committed men and women.

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 new 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 Fundatia 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 Fundatia Casa Mea and supported by regular supervision, staff meetings and training. Although regular staff meetings have taken place during 2021 training opportunities have been fewer than anticipated 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 2021 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

A hoist was provided and sent to Domnul Grisa living in Casa Alex. This was a tremendous help to those supporting him.

Computers were gifted for use in Casa Alex and Casa Matei. These helped during the lock-down in the sense particularly, that those living and working in the houses were able to access online church services and they were able to communicate with trustees.

Further work was undertaken on the development of a training strategy for staff in Casa Mea. Carwyn Shires undertook some staff training on risk management during the year.

Two new younger female staff were employed – one as a trainee social worker and one to cover some night shifts in one of the houses. The period of their respective employment was shorter than expected as a result of the marriage of one of them and the pending marriage of the other.

The men and women in the 4 houses received their covid vaccinations.

Building work was completed in Casa Alex, Casa Matei and Casa Bucuriei. In addition, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms were fitted in each of the 4 houses.

A number of possible locations for the 5th house were explored but so far none have provided the optimum conditions we are looking for.

Ben and Esther Smith spent time in Moldova with their 2 children and are preparing ultimately to join the work of Casa Mea. At present they are engaged in language study but they also spent regular time in one of the houses.

Financial Review

Income for the year totalled £142k from voluntary donations and Gift Aid claimed from HMRC. This is three times our income in 2020 largely because it includes £68k given specifically for the proposed fifth house via just four individual generous donations. This brought the total balance in the Fifth House Fund at year end to £93.6k. As we receive no grants, and as a matter of policy we make no appeals our income is always liable to fluctuation.

In the General fund we brought forward £70k from 2020 and received income of £70.7k during 2021. Our expenditure was £81.4k making a balance in the General fund at year end of £59.6k. Together with a few other minor fund balances our total assets at year-end were £159k.

We now hold £96.3k in reserve that was given specifically to fund the opening of a 5th house of which £25k is deposited in an investment account at United Trust Bank.

Expenditure during the year totalled £84.8k including *Grants to Institutions* of £79.8k to Fundația Casa Mea for salaries of our Moldovan staff and for the day-to-day running costs of our 4 houses. We made

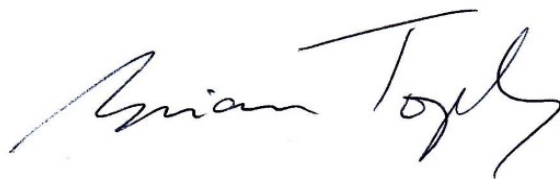
Grants to Individuals of £6.9k including personal gifts to various people in Moldova and to a missionary couple who have begun working with Fundația Casa Mea in Moldova. No personal expenses were paid to trustees or any other individual during 2021.

Brian Topley

Trustee Treasurer

Date: 25 October 2022

Signed on behalf of the board of Trustees

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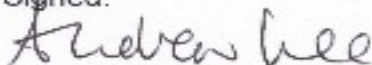
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

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: 18/10/22

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>					
Donations and legacies	70,973	70,850	—	141,823	46,794
Other income	673	—	—	673	784
Total income	71,647	70,850	—	142,497	47,578
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	82,105	2,500	—	84,605	44,497
Other expenditure	175	—	—	175	100
Total expenditure	82,280	2,500	—	84,780	44,597
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(10,633)	68,350	—	57,716	2,980
<i>Transfers</i>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	250	—	—	250	596
Gross transfers between funds - out	(250)	—	—	(250)	(596)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(10,633)	68,350	—	57,716	2,980
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
Total funds brought forward	73,693	25,387	—	99,080	96,100
Total funds carried forward	63,059	93,737	—	156,797	99,080

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Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
Current assets		
1501: Lloyds bank account	99,486.33	56,323.47
1502: Nationwide Loyalty Saver B Topley	—	—
1506: United Trust Bank	25,425.00	40,000.00
1507: Galina 3rd account at Nationwide	—	—
Z05: Accounts Receivable	34,661.38	5,532.50
Total Current assets	159,572.71	101,855.97
Liabilities		
Z04: Accounts Payable	2,775.00	2,775.00
Total Liabilities	2,775.00	2,775.00
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	156,797.71	99,080.97
Reserves		
Excess / (deficit) to date	57,716.74	2,980.93
Z01: Starting balances	99,080.97	96,100.04
Total Reserves	156,797.71	99,080.97

Represented by Funds

Unrestricted	59,061.49	70,250.60
Designated	3,998.28	3,442.43
Restricted	93,737.94	25,387.94
Endowment	—	—
Total	156,797.71	99,080.97

Notes: Trustees made donations totalling £5,095 during the year.

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**Fund movement summary**  
**Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021**

| Fund                             | Fund Balances brought forward | Incoming Resources | Outgoing Resources | Transfers | Gains and Losses | Journal Entries | Fund balances Carried forward |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| BENESTHER - Ben & Esther Smith   | —                             | 2,600              | 2,500              | —         | —                | —               | 100                           |
| Indvsupp - Individual support    | —                             | 805                | —                  | —         | —                | —               | 805                           |
| MyChildMy - My Child My Blessing | —                             | 625                | 875                | 250       | —                | —               | —                             |
| Passage - Passage                | 3,192                         | —                  | —                  | —         | —                | —               | 3,192                         |
| General - General fund           | 70,250                        | 70,216             | 81,405             | —         | —                | —               | 59,061                        |
| BUCURIEI - Casa Bucuriei         | —                             | —                  | —                  | —         | —                | —               | —                             |
| MATEI - Casa Matei               | —                             | —                  | —                  | —         | —                | —               | —                             |
| ALEX - Casa Alex                 | —                             | —                  | —                  | —         | —                | —               | —                             |
| GALINA - Galina                  | —                             | —                  | —                  | —         | —                | —               | —                             |
| MAIBINEACA - Mai bine Acasa      | 250                           | —                  | —                  | (250)     | —                | —               | —                             |
| ANEA - For Anea's salary         | —                             | —                  | —                  | —         | —                | —               | —                             |
| VANYA - Fratele Vanya            | —                             | —                  | —                  | —         | —                | —               | —                             |
| FifthHouse - 5th House           | 25,387                        | 68,250             | —                  | —         | —                | —               | 93,637                        |
| <b>Totals</b>                    | <b>99,080</b>                 | <b>142,497</b>     | <b>84,780</b>      | <b>—</b>  | <b>—</b>         | <b>—</b>        | <b>156,797</b>                |