

GIVE A GIFT

England & Wales · Charity number 1176262

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-12-13

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO RELIEVE NEED OF PEOPLE IN HOSPITAL OR HOSPICE, BY MEANS OF, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, THE PROVISION OR ASSISTANCE IN THE PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND PROVISION OF ITEMS OF COMFORT FOR PEOPLE IN CARE IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR RACE, CREED OR CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS;2. TO RELIEVE NEED AMONG REFUGEES, ASYLUM SEEKERS BY MEANS OF, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, MAKING GRANTS OR LOANS FOR PROVIDING OR PAYING FOR ITEMS INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF FOOD, CLEAN WATER, CLOTHING, AND OTHER BASIC NECESSITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SAID PERSONS;3. TO ADVANCE IN LIFE AND RELIEVE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH:A) THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES PROVIDED IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE, DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE;B) PROVIDING SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES WHICH DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS.4. TO PROMOTE RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS HARMONY AND COMMUNITY COHESION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY PROMOTING KNOWLEDGE AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DIFFERENT RACIAL AND FAITH GROUPS, IN WAYS THAT REDUCES CONFLICT AND CREATES TRUST, UNITY AND PEACE BETWEEN THEM.

Activities: Give a Gift helps facilitate better relations between disparate communities through; supporting, giving; volunteering and raising funds for good causes. We support disadvantaged communities through bridging the void between the assistance provided by the statutory agencies and the actual need of individuals and familiesWe also encourage cohesion and harmony within disparate communities.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£671,489	£563,101	£776,238	6
2024-03-31	£704,706	£484,270	£667,850	5
2023-03-31	£474,375	£402,752	-	-
2022-03-31	£404,534	£233,496	-	-
2021-03-31	£370,614	£227,838	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
HABIB REHMAN KHAN		2017-12-13
MOHAMMED SATTAR ZAMAN		2017-12-13
Mohammed Iqbal Zaman		2023-01-16

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2025**

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To promote racial and religious harmony and community cohesion for the benefit of the public by promoting knowledge and mutual understanding between different racial and faith groups, in ways that reduces conflict and creates trust, unity and peace between them.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects are highlighted in the Trustees report.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Over the past year, Give A Gift has remained true to its vision of standing alongside those most in need. This annual report captures the difference we have made together, particularly in the lives of minority communities, the destitute, and families facing disadvantage.

Our work has spanned a wide range of vital services, from distributing culturally appropriate food parcels and emergency supplies to providing advocacy, befriending, casework, mental health support, and our healthy holidays programme. Each initiative has been developed to tackle isolation, break down barriers, and give individuals the confidence to move forward with dignity and hope. A strong volunteer and user-led ethos continues to underpin all we do, ensuring that our services are shaped by the communities themselves. In the past year alone, we have partnered with more than thirty organisations to maximise our collective impact.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has played a role in this journey—our partners, funders, donors, staff, and volunteers. Their generosity, commitment, and tireless efforts have been at the heart of every success story. Without their contributions, Give A Gift would not have been able to reach the level of impact it has today.

Despite the ongoing challenges of the economic climate, we have carefully managed our finances to protect and sustain our services. Through effective fundraising and sound stewardship, we have built greater resilience and stability, allowing us to continue to grow and serve with inclusivity, collaboration, and responsibility at the core of our work.

Activities & Services

This year has seen the expansion of our projects, deeper engagement with users, and the growth of our influence within the city of Leeds and beyond. Our delivery model is now increasingly co-designed with those with lived experience, thanks to the insights from our 'Listening to Community Perspectives' report.

New Projects & Initiatives

- 'Listening to Community Perspectives' Report Implementation: Based on a major co-produced report, Give A Gift adapted its delivery model to become more user-led, holding regular community listening sessions.
- 'Women Leading Change' Civic & Economic Leadership Project: Funded by the UKSPF Community Power Fund to build the leadership capacity of refugee and asylum-seeking women.
- Social Cohesion & Belonging and the 'Humans of Harehills' Campaign Launch: A storytelling project sharing lived experiences from the local community, particularly asylum seekers and women.
- New Digital Inclusion Workshops: Addressing the digital divide in refugee families by providing devices and basic digital literacy skills.

Events & Celebrations

- Annual Community Eid Celebration 2024: Attended by over 300 individuals, featured food, children's activities, and distribution of over 500 Eid gifts.
- Winter Wellbeing Festival 2024: Delivered a collaborative event bringing together multiple charities, with health stalls, crafts, and warm packs for 300+ attendees.
- Ramadhan Community Iftars 2025: Served over 2,000 meals across 12 community iftars, including interfaith sessions.

Partnerships & Recognition

- Recognised as a key delivery partner by Leeds City Council in the asylum support and food aid network.
- Delivered cross-sector projects in partnership with PAFRAS, RETAS, HELP, LCC, Islamic Relief, Fareshare, and NHS Leeds.
- Received the Kings Award for Voluntary Services and local media coverage on multiple campaigns and events.

Core Activities and Impact

Casework

We again supported several hundred individuals and families through complex casework, including advocacy, referrals, and crisis intervention. Common issues included access to education, housing instability, no recourse to public funds (NRPF), and domestic violence. We worked closely with schools, the Council, PAFRAS, Citizens Advice, and others.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Now in its third year, our mental health programme supported 60+ women from BAME backgrounds. Weekly wellbeing groups included peer support, creative sessions, and religiously and culturally informed guidance. New counselling support was added this year.

Cultural Food Hub and Food Support

We distributed over 300 food parcels weekly to over 2000 beneficiaries as the cultural food hub for East Leeds supporting over 20 partners. Food was tailored to religious and cultural dietary needs and included fresh fruit, vegetables, and vouchers, supported by Fareshare and LCC.

Healthy Holiday Activities and Food

Across Easter, Summer, and Winter 2024-25, we engaged over 90 children from asylum-seeking families in culturally appropriate activities. We also distributed food packs to six organisations supporting children on free school meals.

Women Leading Change

Our UKSPF-funded project supports refugee and asylum-seeking women to gain civic and economic leadership skills. The programme includes mentoring, skills development, and pathways into volunteering and enterprise.

IR Partnership Project – Year 2 of poverty-relief programme delivered vouchers, food, advocacy, and cooked meals to over 200 families and individuals

Strategic Direction and Partnerships

In 2025, we embedded a new user-led delivery model and deepened our collaboration with Leeds City Council, and community partners. We continued to act as a critical access point for new arrivals and destitute individuals in Leeds.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity works towards keeping a surplus in the range of 6 months running costs equating to £300,000 for unforeseen financial circumstances at the end of each year.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board

.....*M Zaman*.....

Mr M Zaman (Trustee)

Date: 26th September 2025

Independent Examiners Report

I report on the accounts of Give A Gift for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages 11 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees

As the trustee of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Basis of independent examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act or;
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records or;
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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 or

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.

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**Mr. Haroon Latif FCCA
Independent Examiner**

**HLA Accountants
21 Hyde Park Road
Leeds
LS6 1PY**

Date: 26th September 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations		21,230	41,207	62,437	25,005
Fundraising		4,000	10,638	14,638	19,253
Grants		-	578759	578759	529101
Gift Aid / Other Income		15,655	-	15,655	131347
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>40,885</u>	<u>630604</u>	<u>671489</u>	<u>704706</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Gross Wages and NI	3	-	123421	123421	97,379
Project Activities		23,712	304431	328143	223595
Events		3,110	7,114	10,224	624
Equipment & Supplies		-	2,553	2,553	1,824
Travel Training& Expenses		-	4,408	4,408	3,754
Printing & Marketing		-	548	548	1,277
Grants & Donations	4	-	62,983	32,983	142315
Rent, Insurance & Overheads		-	23,470	23,470	10,475
Legal and professional		-	7,177	7,177	2,695
Other		-	174	174	332
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>26,822</u>	<u>536,279</u>	<u>563101</u>	<u>484270</u>
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers					
Transfers between Funds		<u>14,063</u>	<u>94,325</u>	<u>108388</u>	<u>220436</u>
Other recognised gains/(losses)		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		14,063	94,325	108388	220436
Total Funds Brought Forward		87,052	580,798	667850	447414
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	9	<u><u>101,115</u></u>	<u><u>675123</u></u>	<u><u>776238</u></u>	<u><u>667850</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	5		-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Reserves Account	6	250,000		147,000	
Designated Funds		100,000		100,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		456,603		204,055	
			<u>776,238</u>		<u>447,414</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7		<u>(30,365)</u>		<u>(3,641)</u>
Net Current Assets			776,238		447,414
Net Assets			<u>776,238</u>		<u>447,414</u>
Funds					
Total Funds	9		776,238		447,414
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>776,238</u>		<u>447,414</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board and signed on its behalf by;

M Zaman

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Mr M Zaman
Trustee

Date: 26th September 2025

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

- (a) The Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities and follow the recommendations in *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice* issued in (SORP 2005).

Incoming Resources

- (b) Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Income from school fees represents fees earned in respect of the provision of education to pupils during the year.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Resources Expended

- (c) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

- (d) Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Fixtures & Fittings

- (e) No depreciation is charged in respect of buildings which are included at cost.

Fund accounting

- (f) Restricted Funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

STAFF NUMBERS

The average weekly number of employees during the year, calculated based on 4.5 FTE Equivalent.

3. STAFF COSTS	2025	2024
Gross wages and Employers NI	123,421	100,622
	<u>123,421</u>	<u>100,622</u>

No Trustees have received remuneration or had expenses met by the Charity.
There are no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

4. GRANTS & DONATIONS TO INSTITUTIONS		
Total grants and donations made during the year to Institutions amounted to £62,983. Included within this total is a grant of £30,000 to Pathways for Change, a CIC established by the charity	62,983	

5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	2025	2024
This is stated after charging:		
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Examiners' fee		
	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Freehold Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
Cost			
At 1 st April 2024	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 st March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Depreciation			
At 1st April 2024	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value			

31st March 2025
31st March 2024

-	-	-
-	-	-

7. RESERVES

	2025	2024
Reserves accounts (6 Months running costs)	250,000	147,000
	<u>250,000</u>	<u>147,000</u>

8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
Other creditors	30,365	1,740
	<u>30,365</u>	<u>1,740</u>

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-
Current Assets	667,850	669,590
Current Liabilities	(30,365)	(1,740)
Net Assets 31 March 2025	<u>637,485</u>	<u>667,850</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1st April 2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	At 31st March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Unrestricted funds	87,052	40,885	26,822		101,115
Charity Restricted funds	580,798	630,604	536,279	-	675,123
Total Funds	<u>667,850</u>	<u>671,489</u>	<u>563,101</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>776,238</u>

Purposes of Restricted Funds

The restricted funds represent funds which trustees are to use in accordance with the purpose outlined in the grant agreement and for the specified cause outlined in the fundraising campaigns run throughout the financial year.

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TRUSTEES REPORT

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This year, we have continued to provide essential services such as emergency food and supply distribution, advocacy and befriending support, mental health and casework projects, our impact has been far-reaching and profound. Our programmes are designed to combat isolation, overcome language barriers, and empower individuals to reclaim their lives with dignity. Our commitment to a volunteer and user-led approach has enabled us to work closely with over thirty organisations, ensuring that every service we offer is shaped by the needs of the communities we serve.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to our valued stakeholders, supporters, staff, and volunteers have all played vital roles in our success, contributing their time, resources, and expertise. Their unwavering support has been crucial, as has the extraordinary dedication of our staff. Without the tireless efforts of our team, Give A Gift would not have achieved the level of success it enjoys today. We also extend our deepest thanks to our generous funders, donors, and supporters. Their continued commitment has been instrumental in enabling us to deliver on our promises and expand our reach.

Despite the challenges posed by the current economic climate, we have managed our financial resources with care and diligence. Through prudent financial management and effective fundraising efforts, we have maintained the stability and sustainability of our organisation, ensuring that we can continue our vital work in the years to come, through building our reserves and fostering a spirit of inclusivity and partnership

Activities & Services

Casework

Over the last year our casework load has continued to increase as the cost-of-living crisis continues to impact many families. Give a Gift have dealt with approximately 510 cases during this reporting period. Half of these cases have come through referral agencies who have been limited in providing the support we provide for individuals/families. Referrals through local schools, social prescribing service and through word of mouth from individuals who have experienced our support service have also increased.

Case workload examples include supporting families advocacy support, requests for urgent clothing/uniform for children, financial issues, short term financial assistance, funeral support, education matters, housing advice and health and welfare matters. In addition to this we have dealt with cases where individuals have no recourse to public funds, destitution/homelessness, bereavement, and domestic violence.

We provide support, guidance and counsel to families in need and have developed partnerships and networks with organisations where we have been able to refer our clients to enhance their support provision. This includes referrals to Citizen Advice Bureau, Manual Bravo project, Red Cross, PAFRAS, LASSN, HELP, Welfare Advice and Green Doctors.

Unlike other organisations and statutory organisations, our support is unlimited. Many organisations provide up to 12 weeks of ongoing support, but where we feel individuals need longer term support, staff are able to accommodate this. Those with longer term support needs are also encouraged to attend our social wellbeing groups and take on volunteering opportunities within the organisation.

Mental Health Inequalities

Our mental health project has now completed its third year which uses a holistic approach to engage and support women from Black, Asian minority ethnic (BAME) communities to access mainstream mental health services and break down stigma. Barriers to accessing mental health support and the role of cultural beliefs and attitudes have contributed to existing mental health inequalities and Give a Gift have been culturally responsive to the needs of the community with provision of activities and services to encourage access to a range of mental health services.

The weekly social and wellbeing group for women support group, where education and awareness of services have been incorporated. The group discuss and share their wellbeing in a supported and culturally appropriate environment. They have also been given the opportunity to receive information and awareness of various organisations/services to support their mental health and encouraged to use these services as their confidence and trust with our mental health worker has been built. The project has had a positive impact on the women with many

attending regularly and become involved in new activities that they would not have necessarily experienced. This has included walks with the Canal Trust, trips to the seaside, theme park experiences and arts and craft sessions. The introduction of consultation with the local imam has also proven successful with the group and the wider community we serve. The feedback gained from these sessions (appointment basis) has been life changing for some:

“Being able to speak to an imam has made me put things into perspective about my mental health and encouraged me to access talking therapies which I would never have attempted to access”

Cultural Food Hub

Give-A-Gift has been collaborating with Leeds City Council for the fourth consecutive year as part of the Cultural Food Hub for East Leeds. This partnership ensures that the dietary needs of those with specific cultural and religious requirements are met. We have been distributing over 420 food parcels weekly, supporting more than 2,100 beneficiaries.

In addition to operating our own food bank two days a week, we also aid other food banks, schools, soup kitchens, community organizations, and third-sector groups such as HELP, RETAS, and Linking Leeds. The food packs we supply include all the basic essentials needed by a family. To enhance the nutritional value of these packs, we have partnered with Fareshare to provide fresh fruit and vegetables.

With the support of the household funding we have also been able to purchase other basic items and supplement the food packs with Aldi and meat vouchers. There has been a considerable rise in referrals on a daily basis, due to the cost of living crisis but we are pleased to state that despite the staffing pressures we have been able to respond to this increased need.

Healthy Holiday Food

Give a Gift received funding from Leeds Community Foundation to provide culturally appropriate food packs to other healthy holidays providers. This is an initiative that predominantly supports families on free school meals with free activities during the holidays and each family that attends receives a weekly food pack. The scheme helps to promote a healthy lifestyle through physical activities and food. We supported 6 different organisations including local schools, third party organisations and communities of interest groups.

Healthy Holiday Activities

In 2023, we received funding to implement the Healthy Holiday Activities Scheme, designed primarily to support asylum seeker and refugee families. The program aimed to deliver culturally-based activities and offer children new experiences and opportunities they might not

otherwise have. Additionally, we provided culturally appropriate meals, leveraging our connections with the food bank to promote the scheme.

The program was conducted during three holiday periods—Easter, summer, and Christmas. Our first session, held in the summer, saw over 30 children sign up and participate. Activities included bhangra and dhol drumming, cooking classes, cricket games, and outings to the cinema, ice skating, and a theme park. The Healthy Holidays initiative has been a tremendous success across all holiday periods, with many children returning to participate in multiple sessions.

ABCD

Asset Based Community Development is a neighbourhood-based community building approach founded on the principle that given the tools and the opportunity, small groups of citizens can change the things they believe need changing. Give A Gift has a dedicated community builder working with the Roma/Romanian communities within Harehills. Our worker is mainly based within the community who identifies community connectors within the locality and empowers them to use their skills and gifts to bring others together. These communities are one of the hardest to reach. Our worker found this role very challenging due to many reasons, one major factor was the cultural barriers, most women in the Rome/Romanian community were homemakers and would have to stay at home to look after the children, and most of the children do not attend school. Or the women would go to work and so in return were looking for a financial return. Although our builder was of the same culture, she struggled to empower the Roma community and wasn't able to achieve the outcomes set.

Asylum Dispersal Fund (funded by Leeds City Council)

This project is aimed at supporting asylum seekers and refugees in hardship and is also supporting an increasing number of clients on visas who have no recourse to Public Funds. In the past year we have assisted more than 200 clients needing emergency food and provisions as well as providing advocacy support and advice to over 300 clients around; asylum issues, settlement, visas, school admissions, NHS, local services and organisations, housing issues, state benefits etc. Working closely with PAFRAS, RETAS, Migrant Action, HELP, Leeds City Council and other LMP partners and organisations we have forged links with new services and groups to increase referral pathways and promote the services we offer to clients in need. We have set up a weekly Well-Being Group for women and a Men's Group is now up and running.

Campaigns

Eid Food/Toy Campaign

We were fortunate to receive funding for the toy campaign from Islamic Relief which enabled us to distribute in excess 600 brand new gifts. Over 500 gifts were given to every child at the Eid ul Adha Prayers at the Caribbean cricket club which was attended by over 600 families. The children all received their Eid gifts and the feedback was very positive; the kids said 'This is the best Eid we have ever had.' We also held an Eid party for our clients and their children providing amazing food, face painters, entertainer, photo booth and all our children received an Eid Gift. The smiles on the children's faces is priceless.

Winter Festive Packs

This year we again distributed culturally appropriate ambient food items but and partnered with fellow charities such as Islamic Relief and the BAK foundation to distribute over 500 Winter festive packs. The packs were given to our clients and to pupils and children at New Bewerley Community school where there is a high percentage of children on Free school meals and many vulnerable families and to Manor wood primary school. The Winter festive packs were also delivered to Maecare who support the elderly who are socially isolated. The feedback was very positive.

Ramadan Campaign

This Ramadhan was by far the busiest Ramadhan due to the cost of living crisis. We received support from Islamic Relief, Church Pharmacy, Zouq foundation, Peace matters, BAK foundation and Muslim Kitchen. Over 250 Ramadhan food packs were distributed weekly during Ramadhan. We also held twice weekly Community Iftar gatherings on a Friday & Saturday for our clients and their children. Many of our families have been struggling to buy luxuries such as Majdool dates and fresh meat so we ensured the families were given a culturally appropriate meal which was gladly received and the children received many weekly treats from our young volunteers who made cupcakes and week packs

IR Funded Project

The cost of living has affected everyone in the UK and the families are more dependent on charities for help than ever. Our partnership with Islamic relief to deliver a UK based programme tackling poverty, has been a lifeline to many. This year Islamic Relief have funded a 2 year project to tackle the cost of living. We have been able to distribute food packs and supermarket vouchers to hundreds of additional families. The project provided advocacy support to help sign post clients to other support services, Part of the project was to continue providing out of hours service to ensure families and individuals are not without supplies during

the weekend or school holidays. The project also enabled us to support vulnerable and elderly clients with cooked food which was a new facet to this service.

Places of Welcome

Places of welcome was safe place for men and women to come relax talk and share life experiences over tea and refreshments

It was a slow start to the drop in with only a handful of people attending however it didn't take long for word to spread and the following week ten people arrived. The numbers increased each week with a regular group attendance of thirteen to sixteen people attending.

Friendships developed and the attendees became a good support system for each other. I learnt a lot from just listening to their stories. It gave me a better insight and understanding of the needs of our communities. The attendees were extremely disappointed that the group finished during summer break and are looking forwards to it starting up in September

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity works towards keeping a surplus in the range of 6 months running costs equating to £250,000 for unforeseen financial circumstances at the end of each year.

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On behalf of the board

.....*M Zaman*.....

Mr M Zaman (Trustee)

Date: 25th September 2024

Independent Examiners Report

I report on the accounts of Give A Gift for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages 11 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees

As the trustee of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Basis of independent examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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.

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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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 or

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.

.....H.Latif.....

Mr. Haroon Latif FCCA
Independent Examiner

HLA Accountants
21 Hyde Park Road
Leeds
LS6 1PY

Date: 25th September 2024

GIVE A GIFT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations		17,820	7,185	25,005	89,764
Fundraising		7,938	11,315	19,253	44,643
Grants Gift Aid		-	529,101	529,101	335,368
Other Income (HATCH Grants to Distribute)		10,104	-	-	4,600
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		35,862	668,844	704,706	474,375
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Gross Wages and NI		-	97,379	97,379	10,622
Project Activities		26,394	197,201	223,595	216,739
Events		-	624	624	12,921
Equipment & Supplies		-	1,824	1,824	1,201
Travel Training & Expenses		-	3,754	3,754	5,010
Printing & Marketing		-	1,277	1,277	1,740
Grants & Donations		-	142,315	142,315	53,419
Rent, Insurance & Overheads		-	10,475	10,475	9,627
Legal and professional		-	2,695	2,695	215
Other		-	332	332	1,258
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		26,394	457,876	484,270	402,752
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers					
Transfers between Funds		9,468	210,968	220,436	71,623
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		9,468	220,968	220,436	71,623
Total Funds Brought Forward		77,584	369,830	447,414	375,791
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	9	87,052	580,798	667,850	447,414

GIVE A GIFT

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2024

	Notes		2024		2023
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	5		-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Reserves Account	6	235,000		147,000	
Designated Funds		100,000		100,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>334,590</u>		<u>204,055</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(1,740)</u>		<u>(3,641)</u>	
Net Current Assets			667,850		447,414
Net Assets			<u>667,850</u>		<u>447,414</u>
Funds					
Total Funds	9		667,850		447,414
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>667,850</u>		<u>447,414</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board and signed on its behalf by;

M Zaman

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Mr M Zaman
Trustee

Date: 25th September 2024

Charity number: 1176262

**GIVE A GIFT
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

- (a) The Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities and follow the recommendations in *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice* issued in (SORP 2005).

Incoming Resources

- (b) Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Income from school fees represents fees earned in respect of the provision of education to pupils during the year.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Resources Expended

- (c) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

- (d) Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Fixtures & Fittings

- (e) No depreciation is charged in respect of buildings which are included at cost.

Fund accounting

- (f) Restricted Funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Grants Breakdown

Main Grants	£
Leeds Christian Community Trust	£186,000.00
NHS West Yorkshire (HATCH)	£131,347.00
Lottery Fund	£72,868.00
Leeds City Council	£66,492.00
Islamic Relief	£62,206.00
Leeds Community Foundation	£44,734.00
Voluntary Action Leeds	£36,850.00
Zouq Foundation	£10,000.00
Sport England	£8,280.00
Moor Allerton Elderly Care	£7,500.00
Peace Matters	£6,000.00
Misc Grants	£5,850.00
Leeds United Foundation	£4,500.00
Parklane Foundation	£3,450.00
BAK Foundation	£3,300.00
Friends Foundation (Church Pharmacy)	£3,000.00
Wellsprings Together	£3,000.00
York St Johns	£2,971.00
Places for People	£2,100.00
Total Grants	£660,448.00

2. STAFF NUMBERS

The average weekly number of employees during the year, calculated based on 3.5 FTE Equivalent.

3. STAFF COSTS	2024	2023
Gross wages and Employers NI	97,379	100,622
	<u>97,379</u>	<u>100,622</u>

No Trustees have received remuneration or had expenses met by the Charity.
There are no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

4. NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	2024	2023
This is stated after charging:		
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Examiners' fee		
	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Freehold Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
Cost			
At 1 st April 2023	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 st March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Depreciation			
At 1st April 2023	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-	-
At 31st March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value			
31 st March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
31 st March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

6. RESERVES

	2024	2023
Reserves accounts (6 Months running costs)	235,000	147,000
	<u>235,000</u>	<u>147,000</u>

7. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
Other creditors	1,740	3,641
	<u>1,740</u>	<u>3,641</u>

8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-
Current Assets	669,590	451,055
Current Liabilities	(1,740)	(3,641)
Net Assets 31 March 2024	<u>667,850</u>	<u>447,414</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1st April 2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	At 31st March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Unrestricted funds	77,584	35,862	26,394		87,052
Charity Restricted funds	369,830	668,844	457,876	-	580,798
Total Funds	<u>447,414</u>	<u>704,706</u>	<u>484,270</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>667,850</u>

Purposes of Restricted Funds

The restricted funds represent funds which trustees are to use in accordance with the purpose outlined in the grant agreement and for the specified cause outlined in the fundraising campaigns run throughout the financial year.

GIVE A GIFT

England & Wales - Charity number 1176262

Accounts



GIVE A GIFT

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2023**

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Legal and administrative information

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS	
Charity Name	Give A Gift
Registered Charity Number	1176262
Charity's Principal Address	233-237 Roundhay Road Leeds LS8 4HS
Trustees	Hanif Malik – resigned December 2022 Habib Khan Starr Zaman Mohammed Iqbal Zaman – Appointed January 2023
Accountant	HLA Accountants, 21 Hyde Park Road, Leeds, LS6 1PY, United Kingdom.
Bank	Yorkshire Bank Penny Hill Centre Hunslet Leeds LS10 2AP

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT	
Type of governing document	Model Constitution
How the charity is registered	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods and induction	Appointed by Trustees and briefed on their legal obligations under charity law, the content of the charity's constitution, and its recent performance.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are:

(1)

To relieve need of people in hospital or hospice, by means of, but not exclusively, the provision or assistance in the provision of equipment and provision of items of comfort for people in care irrespective of their race, creed or cultural backgrounds;

(2)

To relieve need among refugees and asylum seekers by means of, but not exclusively, making grants or loans for providing or paying for items including the provision of food, clean water, clothing, and other basic necessities for the benefit of the said persons;

(3)

To advance in life and relieve needs of young people through:

- a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;
- b) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

(4)

To promote racial and religious harmony and community cohesion for the benefit of the public by promoting knowledge and mutual understanding between different racial and faith groups, in ways that reduces conflict and creates trust, unity and peace between them.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects are highlighted in the Trustees report.

TRUSTEES REPORT

As we reflect upon the past year, it is with great pride and gratitude that we present this annual report to our dedicated stakeholders, supporters, staff and volunteers. The section below provides a summary of the activities and achievements in our continued pursuit of our charitable mission.

Our programmes continue to be impactful and the past year has witnessed our ongoing commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of those we serve. Through our various programmes and initiatives, we have successfully touched the lives of countless individuals, families, and communities. From providing essential food and emergency supplies to those at the very margins of society to our mental health, advocacy and casework projects, our impact has been profound.

Our ethos of working at a grassroots level and being volunteer and user led remains at the forefront of our approach and our engagement with the community is a pivotal aspect of our success. We've worked with over thirty different organisations in the past 12 months and have implemented collaboration and inclusivity, where volunteers, donors, and beneficiaries have all played a vital role in our success. Their unwavering support has been instrumental as has the strong commitment our staff team without whose considerable effort, Give A Gift would not be the success it has become

We would like to place on record our sincere gratitude for the selfless nature of the work they continue to deliver and for support of our generous funders, donors and supporters.

Despite the challenging economic climate, we have managed our financial resources prudently and through sensible financial management and effective fundraising efforts, we have maintained the stability and sustainability of our organisation.

ACTIVITIES

Cultural Food Hub

Give-A-Gift has been working in collaboration with Leeds City Council for the third year running as part of the Cultural food hub for the East of Leeds, to ensure that the needs of those with particular cultural and/or religious dietary requirement are met. We have been providing over

350 food parcels on a weekly basis and supporting over 1760 beneficiaries. Our additional food bank service has served over 100 clients weekly, as well as supporting other organisations such as soup kitchens, community organisations, schools and other third sector organisations such as HELP, RETAS, MEMEC and Linking Leeds.

The food packs supplied had all the basic essentials needed by a family and to supplement the need for nutritionally dense produce, we provided fresh fruit and vegetables through our partnership with Fareshare.

With the support of the household funding we have also been able to purchase other basic items and supplement the food packs with Aldi and meat vouchers. There has been a considerable rise in emergency referrals, due to the cost of living crisis but we are pleased to state that despite the staffing pressures we have been able to respond to this increased need.

Casework

Over the last year our casework load has doubled as the cost-of-living crisis continues to impact many families. Give a Gift have dealt with approximately 480 cases during this reporting period. Half of these cases have come through referral agencies who have been limited in providing the support we provide for individuals/families. Referrals through local schools, social prescribing service and through word of mouth from individuals who have experienced our support service have also increased.

Case workload examples include supporting families with; basic advice and guidance, requests for urgent clothing/uniform for children, financial issues, short term financial assistance, education matters, housing advice and health and welfare matters. In addition to this we have dealt with cases where individuals have no recourse to public funds, destitution/homelessness, bereavement, and domestic violence.

We provide support, guidance and counsel to families in need and have developed partnerships and networks with organisations where we have been able to refer our clients to enhance their support provision. This includes referrals to Citizen Advice Bureau, Manual Bravo project, Red Cross, PAFRAS, LASSN, HELP, Welfare Advice and Green Doctors.

Unlike other organisations and statutory organisations, our support is unlimited. Many organisations provide up to 12 weeks of ongoing support, but where we feel individuals need longer term support, staff are able to accommodate this. Those with longer term support needs are also encouraged to attend our social wellbeing groups and take on volunteering opportunities within the organisation.

ABCD

Asset Based Community Development is a neighbourhood-based community building approach founded on the principle that given the tools and the opportunity, small groups of citizens can change the things they believe need changing. Give A Gift has a dedicated community builder

working with the Roma/Romanian communities within Harehills. Our worker is mainly based within the community who identifies community connectors within the locality and empowers them to use their skills and gifts to bring others together. These communities are one of the hardest to reach and our worker has used her skills to empower them to experience activities that they would not normally partake in. This includes the use of traveling outside of Leeds, discovering new areas and exploring new ways of getting together in groups and being involved in activities such as sewing, cinema trips and attending workshop/events to help them find out what matter to them. These communities are very family orientated and many of the activities often involve bringing their children with them. Our community builder spends much of her time mobilising conversations with people passing by, sitting at local cafes and talking to people, visiting local parks and visiting schools where conversations are more likely to take place.

Mental Health Inequalities

Our mental health project is in now in its third year running which uses a holistic approach to engage and support women from Black, Asian minority ethnic (BAME) communities to access mainstream mental health services and break down stigma. Barriers to accessing mental health support and the role of cultural beliefs and attitudes have contributed to existing mental health inequalities and Give a Gift have been culturally responsive to the needs of the community with provision of activities and services to encourage access to a range of mental health services. This has included a regular social and wellbeing group for women support group, where education and awareness of services have been incorporated. The group discuss and share their wellbeing in a supported and culturally appropriate environment. They have also been given the opportunity to receive information and awareness of various organisations/services to support their mental health and encouraged to use these services as their confidence and trust with our mental health worker has been built. The project has had a positive impact on the women with many attending regularly and become involved in new activities that they would not have necessarily experienced. This has included walks with the Canal Trust, trips to the seaside, theme park experiences and arts and craft sessions. The introduction of consultation with the local imam has also proven successful with the group and the wider community we serve. The feedback gained form these sessions (appointment basis) has been life changing for some:

“Being able to speak to an imam has made me put things into perspective about my mental health and encouraged me to access talking therapies which I would never have attempted to access”

Other Projects & Campaigns

Eid Food/Toy Campaign (RM)

We were fortunate to receive funding for the toy campaign from Islamic relief which enabled us to distribute in excess 2000 brand new gifts. Over 750 gifts were given to every child at Harehills Primary school irrespective of their background or belief. The headteacher was overwhelmed by the generosity of the charity and it was amazing to see so many smiles on young children's faces. The other schools that benefitted were Bankside Primary, Carr Manor Primary school, the children's ward at the LGI and all our clients who access the Cultural food hub. We also held an Eid party for 250 clients who are either Asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable families.

Winter Festive Packs

This year we again distributed culturally appropriate ambient food items but and partnered with fellow charities such as Islamic Relief and the BAK foundation to distribute over 1000 Winter festive packs. The packs were given to our clients and to Parklands Primary, Nightingale Primary and Little London primary school. The feedback was very positive, and we received media coverage from calendar ITV and they were overwhelmed by the generosity given by the charity.

Ramadan Campaign

This Ramadhan was the first we were able to deliver since Covid and this was warmly welcomed by all the families. We received support from Islamic Relief, Zouq foundation, Peace matters and Muslim Kitchen. 200 Ramadhan food packs were distributed weekly during Ramadhan. We also held the first Iftar gatherings since the pandemic, at the Infinity centre where 150 people were supported at each event

IR Funded Project

The cost of living has affected everyone in the UK and the families are more dependent on charities for help than ever. Our partnership with Islamic relief to deliver a UK based programme tackling poverty, has been a lifeline to many. We have been able to distribute food packs and supermarket vouchers to hundreds of additional families. The grant also enabled us to establish a local hardship relief fund to allocate 20 small grants of up to £250 to clients who are struggling financially. The project provided advocacy support to help sign post clients to other support services, Part of the project was to continue providing out of hours service to ensure families and individuals are not without supplies during the weekend or school holidays. The project also enabled us to support vulnerable and elderly clients with cooked food which was a new facet to this service.

Warm Spaces

Leeds City council had allocated funding from West Yorkshire Mayors Cost of Living Emergency Fund to support organisations that wish to operate Warm spaces this Winter. Give a Gift provided a warm space where clients could pop by for support and help and talk to the team about any financial worries such as utilities, budgeting, heating. The staff were able to signpost and also provide additional things such as food vouchers, help with clothing vouchers and help with phone sims and small cost-effective heaters. This was a safe space for clients to come and share some of their concerns and receive advice and guidance.

Afghan Refugee project.

Give a Gift received funding from Leeds city council to work with the Afghan refugee women living in one of the hotels in Leeds. The aim of the project was to deliver a fun and engaging 12-week programme, incorporating cultural activities. The main aim was to tackle social isolation, as the women were struggling with low self-esteem having had to relocate to a new country. The programme allowed them to express their culture, learn new skills and partake in cooking, dance fitness and hair and beauty activities. The project was very successful, with over forty women partaking in the sessions.

Leeds United Winter Food Distribution

Give a Gift in collaboration with the Leeds United foundation distributed over 500 winter food packs to families struggling with the cost of living crisis. The items in the packs included staple items such as oil, rice, milk, cereal, potatoes and bread. This year the demand for the food packs was much greater compared to last year, however to manage the distribution better we allocated a certain number of food packs to specific organisations and schools we were already supporting. They may have struggled on the pitch but off it the Leeds United foundation continue to be an amazing community partner.

Healthy Holidays Food Packs Funding

Give a Gift received funding from Leeds Community Foundation to provide culturally appropriate food packs to other healthy holidays providers. This is an initiative that predominantly supports families on free school meals with free activities during the holidays and each family that attends receives a weekly food pack. The scheme helps to promote a healthy lifestyle through physical activities and food. We supported six different organisations including local schools, third party organisations and communities of interest groups.

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On behalf of the board

.....*M Zaman*.....

Mr M Zaman (Trustee)

Date: 2nd October 2023

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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.

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**Mr. Haroon Latif FCCA
Independent Examiner**

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Date: 2nd October 2023

GIVE A GIFT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations		21,250	68,514	89,764	26,565
Fundraising		17,328	27,315	44,643	63,568
Grants		-	335,368	335,368	306,365
Gift Aid / Other income		4,600	-	4,600	8,036
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		43,178	431,197	474,375	404,534
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Gross Wages and NI		-	100,622	100,622	78,287
Project Activities		38,178	178,561	216,739	114,789
Events		-	12,921	12,921	1,965
Equipment & Supplies		-	1,201	1,201	1,908
Travel Training & Expenses		-	5,010	5,010	1,417
Printing & Marketing		-	1,740	1,740	1,154
Donations		5,000	48,419	53,419	5,570
Rent, Insurance & Overheads		-	9,627	9,627	11,833
Legal and professional		-	215	215	2,940
Other		-	1,258	1,258	13,633
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		43,178	359,574	402,752	233,496
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers					
Transfers between Funds		-	71,623	71,623	171,038
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-	71,623	71,623	171,038
Total Funds Brought Forward		77,584	298,207	375,791	204,753
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	9	77,584	369,830	447,414	375,791

GIVE A GIFT
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	5		-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Reserves Account	6	147,000		150,000	
Designated Funds		100,000		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>204,055</u>		<u>230,101</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(3,641)</u>		<u>(4,310)</u>	
Net Current Assets			447,414		204,753
Net Assets			<u>447,414</u>		<u>375,791</u>
Funds					
Total Funds	9		447,414		375,791
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>447,414</u>		<u>375,791</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board and signed on its behalf by;

M Zaman

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Mr M Zaman
Trustee

Date: 2nd October 2023

Charity number: 1176262

**GIVE A GIFT
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

- (a) The Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities and follow the recommendations in *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice* issued in (SORP 2005).

Incoming Resources

- (b) Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Income from school fees represents fees earned in respect of the provision of education to pupils during the year.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Resources Expended

- (c) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

- (d) Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Fixtures & Fittings

- (e) No depreciation is charged in respect of buildings which are included at cost.

Fund accounting

- (f) Restricted Funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Grants Breakdown

Leeds Christian Community Trust	100,000
Islamic Relief	76,466
Voluntary Action Leeds	29,000
Community Foundation	28,360
Leeds City Council	28,030
LCC Healthy Schools	20,000
Leeds United Foundation	13,500
Peace Matters	13,000
Other Grants	27,012
Total Grants	335,368

2. STAFF NUMBERS

The average weekly number of employees during the year, calculated based on 3.5 FTE Equivalent.

3. STAFF COSTS	2023	2022
Gross wages and Employers NI	100,622	78,287
	<u>100,622</u>	<u>78,287</u>

No Trustees have received remuneration or had expenses met by the Charity.
There are no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

4. NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

This is stated after charging:	2023	2022
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Examiners' fee		
	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
Cost			
At 1 st April 2022	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 st March 2023	-	-	-
Depreciation			
At 1st April 2022	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-	-
At 31st March 2023	-	-	-
Net Book Value			
31 st March 2023	-	-	-
31 st March 2022	-	-	-

6. RESERVES

	2023	2022
Reserves accounts (6 Months running costs)	147,000	150,000
	<u>147,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>

7. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
Other creditors	3,641	4,310
	<u>3,641</u>	<u>4,310</u>

8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-
Current Assets	451,055	380,101
Current Liabilities	(3,641)	(4,310)
Net Assets 31 March 2023	<u>447,414</u>	<u>375,791</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1st April 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2023 £
Restricted Funds					
Unrestricted funds	77,584	43,178	43,178		77,584
Charity Restricted funds	298,207	431,197	359,574	-	369,830
Total Funds	375,791	370,614	227,838	-	447,414

Purposes of Restricted Funds

The restricted funds represent funds which trustees are to use in accordance with the purpose outlined in the grant agreement and for the specified cause outlined in the fundraising campaigns run throughout the financial year.

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GIVE A GIFT

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Registered Charity Number	1176262
Charity's Principal Address	233-237 Roundhay Road Leeds LS8 4HS
Trustees	Hanif Malik Habib Khan Starr Zaman
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT	
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are:

(1)

To relieve need of people in hospital or hospice, by means of, but not exclusively, the provision or assistance in the provision of equipment and provision of items of comfort for people in care irrespective of their race, creed or cultural backgrounds;

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To promote racial and religious harmony and community cohesion for the benefit of the public by promoting knowledge and mutual understanding between different racial and faith groups, in ways that reduces conflict and creates trust, unity and peace between them.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects are highlighted in the Trustees report.

TRUSTEES REPORT

The year has again been both challenging but productive as our staff team and volunteers continue to exert tremendous energy and effort into meeting ever increasing levels of demand. We would like to place on record our sincere gratitude for the selfless nature of the work they continue to deliver, to improve the lives of those less fortunate.

As ever this work would not be possible without the input and support of our generous funders, donors and supporters who continue to invest in the charity and without whom, our work would not be possible. As one of two cultural food hubs in the city, we are grateful to Leeds City Council for their financial backing and the support provided to enable us to expand the reach of our work.

We have continued to invest in our infrastructure and this will be essential in becoming a more robust and sustainable organisation. We remain committed to operating our open-door policy to users of all backgrounds while recognising that the destitute and some minority sections of the community remain a priority. We are confident that the charity is in a strong position to remain a key stakeholder in tackling the inequalities prevalent within our areas of operation.

Activities and Services:

Mental Health Inequalities Project

The Mental health and inequalities project has been running for the last year using a holistic approach to engage and support women from the BAME community. The aim of the project has been to breakdown the stigma of mental health and support women to access mainstream mental health interventions. Give a Gift has provided regular social health and wellbeing sessions and a Muslim women's support group through implementing culturally competent, effective bilingual support while meeting the faith-related needs of beneficiaries. These important factors have enabled women to build a rapport with the project worker who has also provided one to one support in a confidential, safe and trusted space. We have seen over 60 women who have benefited from accessing this project and been given the confidence and education to breakdown the stigma of mental health and the confidence in taking steps to access mainstream mental health interventions.

This has been the direct benefit resulting from the establishment of the support group where demonstration of the link between faith healing and good mental health and emotional wellbeing. The results have been phenomenal and using techniques such as these has had a positive impact from users experiencing emotional distress. The second year has built on this impact and the introduction of a consultation with a local imam (appointment based) to offer information and advice around mental health/managing stress. We have also been able to empower some of these women to co-produce peer support sessions and organise trips out for women who may not have the confidence and motivation to go out. Some of the feedback given by women who were provided the opportunity to go on a day out:

"I longed to take my children out of Leeds but did not have the confidence to the seaside and this truly was a dream come true"

"I have never been to a theme park in my life, this has truly been a wonderful and memorable trip for all my family, we will never forget it"

ABCD

We have recruited an Asset Based Community Development worker to work in the heart of Harehills with the Roma/Romanian communities. Using an asset-based approach, we identify community connectors and empower them to use their skills and experience to bring others together. One of our community connectors skillsets in sewing has brought together a group of woman who meet at Thackrey Medical Museum. They have been provided with a room with sewing machines to support them with developing their sewing skills using a 'small sparks' grant to kick start their ideas. Traditional approaches to working in communities have tended to be top-down but working in collaboration we are delivering interventions with other agencies to resolve problems like poor housing, high unemployment, high crime rates, low education attainment, etc.

Starting with what is strong rather than what is wrong, with what is present not what is lacking, Asset-Based Community Development asks different questions:

- ☐ What is it that local residents care about and are best placed to do themselves?
- ☐ What is it that local residents can best do, but with some outside help that they decide they need?
- ☐ What is it that communities need outside agencies to do for them?

Much of this work is carried out in the community, in local areas such as cafes, community centres, libraries and local parks to mobilise conversations and build rapport.

Casework

Give a Gift has increased its case load over the last year, largely due to the pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis which has had an impact on many families in the community. We have dealt with over 200 cases this year.

We have supported clients have been supported to acquire a range of varied support where other organisations have been limited in doing so. This has ranged from provision of household items, carpets, paint, bus pass, computer equipment for schoolchildren, mobile top ups, clothing, school uniforms and support with gas/ electricity and accommodation.

Having built on our partnerships and networks within Leeds, GAG have been able to make successful referrals to other organisations such as Leeds Baby Bank, Green Doctors, HELP, RETAS, National Zakat Fund, Leeds Grand Mosque, Money Buddies and PAFRAS, (to name a few).

We have seen an increase in referrals from organisations/educational establishments such as schools, children's centres community groups.

Our regular ongoing support includes provision of cultural food parcels, supermarket food vouchers and Primark vouchers.

The number of clients we have supported through our emergency food provision has doubled. Many clients first referred through another organisation after they have exhausted all other avenues or through word of mouth.

Campaigns

Eid Food Campaign- We provided 100's of food packs and fresh meat produce during this campaign which was well received by our service users such as Asylum seekers (some of whom who live on £5per day) and who at times would go without luxuries such as meat. The meat was delivered directly from a farm in Shropshire and we received so very positive feedback.

Eid Toy Campaign- During Eid ul Fitr, we distributed over 2000 toys to 3 schools in inner city Leeds. All children whether celebrating Eid or not benefitted from the Eid toys and the schools were so overwhelmed by the generosity but to the smile on children's faces made it all worthwhile.

Winter Festive packs – We distributed over 1500 Winter packs to children and families who live under the poverty line. The packs contained treats such as Chocolate Santa's, Mince pies, biscuits, luxuries that families would not necessarily receive from a food bank. The feedback from the partner schools and our clients was very positive. We received some media coverage from ITV who filmed us and publicised this fantastic initiative.

Leeds United Foundation food distribution Day- Islamic relief have partnered with Leeds United Foundation to give out 500 food packs to families who struggle financially. Give a Gift assisted Leeds United Foundation as this was their first campaign and they welcomed the help and support we gave to make the campaign a big success.

Ramadhan Campaign – We partnered with Islamic relief and other partners such as the Barakah Team, Peace Matters, BAK foundation Regal Foods and individual donors to provide 100's of Ramadhan food packs, containing dates, flour, pulses, sugar, cakes, oil, spices and Halal meat vouchers to help families during the month of Ramadhan. Many of our families struggle with little or no income and the food

packs are given out weekly by a dedicated team of volunteers who give up their time at the weekend to help pack and distribute the Ramadhan food packs citywide.

Cultural Food Hub

Give-A-Gift has been working in collaboration with Leeds City Council and the Hamara Centre for the second year running as part of the Cultural food hub for the East of Leeds, this is to ensure that those with particular cultural and/or religious dietary requirements needs are met.

Give-A-Gift has been providing over 300 food parcels on a weekly basis and supporting over 1500 beneficiaries. As well as individual clients we have also been supporting external organisations such as soup kitchens and schools.

The food packs supplied had all the basic essentials needed by a family and to supplement the need for nutritionally dense produce, we provided fresh fruit and vegetables through our link with Fareshare and a new recent partnership with Morisons. With the support from other funders we were also able to supplement the food packs with Aldi and meat vouchers which allowed the clients to purchase fresh produce and meat.

Thriving communities

The Thriving communities project was funded by the ARTS council to improve and increase the range and reach of available social prescribing community activities. Give A Gift were working in collaboration with other organisations in the Leeds East area as a delivery partner to work with those that had been impacted by COVID the most, predominantly Refugees and Asylum seekers.

Give a Gift offered culturally based physical activities for women such as cooking, sewing, fitness, arts and craft classes. We were also able to organise a trip to the seaside for women and their children, most of the families, who had been living in the country for years had never been to a beach because they simply cannot afford it. Through this project we were able to tackle social isolation, mental health and improve overall well-being. The project was a great success and the feedback was very positive. All the women who had attended thoroughly enjoyed the activities, not only had they experienced new things but they also felt a lot better mentally within themselves.

Near Neighbours

Give A Gift secured funding to identify and support people willing to volunteer as peers for their communities.

The main aim was to see a reduction in the isolation levels of our beneficiaries and to bring people together to build friendships through user led cultural based activities. This helped to build confidence and the skillset while relieving isolation and empowering them to be at the forefront of the activities.

The three categories of activity selected by the users related to exercise and movement, cultural activities and group therapy sessions led by the users themselves.

This project was a major success and again all delegates learnt new skills, built confidence and were able to enhance their future prospects.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity works towards keeping a surplus in the range of 6 months running costs equating to £90,000 for unforeseen financial circumstances at the end of each year.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board

.....*H.Malik*.....

Mr H. Malik (Trustee)

Date: 2nd November 2022

Independent Examiners Report

I report on the accounts of Give A Gift for the year ended 31 March 2022 set out on pages 10 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees

As the trustee of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Basis of independent examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act or;
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records or;
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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 or

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.

.....H.Latif.....

Mr. Haroon Latif FCCA
Independent Examiner

HLA Accountants
21 Hyde Park Road
Leeds
LS6 1PY

Date: 2nd November 2022

GIVE A GIFT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations		12,420	14,145	26,565	18,813
Fundraising		26,438	37,130	63,568	29,155
Grants		10,000	296,365	306,365	322,479
Gift Aid Tax Refund Received		8,036	-	8,036	2,167
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>69,311</u>	<u>335,223</u>	<u>404,534</u>	<u>370,614</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Gross Wages and NI		-	78,287	78,287	49,865
Project Activities		14,250	100,539	114,789	142,453
Events		-	1,965	1,965	0
Equipment & Supplies		-	1,908	1,908	2,998
Travel Training & Expenses		-	1,417	1,417	417
Printing & Marketing		-	1,154	1,154	2,074
Payments		5,570	-	5,570	21,030
Rent, Insurance & Overheads		-	11,833	11,833	6,390
Legal and professional		-	2,940	2,940	2,035
Other		-	13,633	13,633	486
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>19,820</u>	<u>213,676</u>	<u>233,496</u>	<u>227,838</u>
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers					142,876
Transfers between Funds		49,491	121,547	171,038	-
					142,876
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		49,491	121,547	171,038	142,876
Total Funds Brought Forward		28,093	176,660	204,753	61,877
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	9	<u><u>77,584</u></u>	<u><u>298,207</u></u>	<u><u>375,791</u></u>	<u><u>204,753</u></u>

GIVE A GIFT
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2022

	Notes	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	5		-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Reserves Account	6		150,000	90,000	
Cash at bank and in hand			<u>230,101</u>	<u>122,127</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7		<u>(4,310)</u>	<u>(7,374)</u>	
Net Current Assets			375,791		204,753
Net Assets			<u>375,791</u>		<u>204,753</u>
Funds					
Restricted Funds	9		375,791		204,753
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>375,791</u>		<u>204,753</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board and signed on its behalf by;

H.Malik

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Mr H Malik
Trustee

Date: 2nd November 2022

Charity number: 1176262

**GIVE A GIFT
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022**

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Basis of Accounting

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Incoming Resources

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Income from school fees represents fees earned in respect of the provision of education to pupils during the year.

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Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

- (d) Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Fixtures & Fittings

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Fund accounting

- (f) Restricted Funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Grants Breakdown

Islamic Relief	£82,848.70
LCC Cultural Food	£81,000.00
Lloyds Bank Foundation	£30,000.00
LCC Asset Based Development	£26,000.00
LCC Healthy Schools	£25,000.00
Zouq Zakat	£25,000.00
The Clothworks Foundation	£10,000.00
Community Foundation	£8,020.00
Power 2 Change	£4,900.00
Space2 Thriving Communities	£4,300.00
YEF	£3,403.00
The Church Urban Fund	£3,000.00
Best Beginnings	£2,500.00
Groundwork UK Comic Relief	£394.00

2. STAFF NUMBERS

The average weekly number of employees during the year, calculated based on 3.5 FTE Equivalent.

3. STAFF COSTS	2022	2021
Gross wages and Employers NI	78,287	49,865
	<u>78,287</u>	<u>49,865</u>

No Trustees have received remuneration or had expenses met by the Charity.
There are no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

4. NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	2022	2021
This is stated after charging:		
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Examiners' fee		
	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
Cost			
At 1 st April 2021	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 st March 2022	-	-	-
Depreciation			
At 1st April 2021	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-	-
At 31st March 2022	-	-	-
Net Book Value			
31 st March 2021	-	-	-
31 st March 2022	-	-	-

6. RESERVES

	2022	2021
Reserves accounts (6 Months running costs)	150,000	90,000
	<u>150,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>

7. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
Other creditors	4,310	400
	<u>4,310</u>	<u>400</u>

8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-
Current Assets	183,934	61,576
Current Liabilities	(4,310)	(400)
Net Assets 31 March 2022	<u>176,560</u>	<u>61,176</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1st April 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2022 £
Restricted Funds					
Unrestricted funds	701	39,392	12,000		28,093
Charity Restricted funds	61,176	331,222	215,838	-	176,560
Total Funds	61,877	370,614	227,838	-	204,653

Purposes of Restricted Funds

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TRUSTEES REPORT

The past year has been unprecedented not only for our Charity but for all non-profit organisations working in the sector against the Pandemic backdrop. We would therefore like to record our sincere appreciation to the staff team and volunteers who worked tirelessly to adapt the workings of the organisation to meet unparalleled levels of demand.

We would also take the opportunity to thank and acknowledge the many supporters, donors and funders who enabled us to purchase and procure the resources needed to meet the very significant demand caused by the Covid-19 situation. The flexibility of the team to adapt to becoming almost a fulltime food hub while continuing to provide our other services is testimony to the dedication and commitment of concerned.

The selection of the organisation as one of two appointed cultural food hubs by Leeds City Council played an integral role in fulfilling our charitable objectives (to relieve the need within the most marginalised communities) and is a platform we will look to develop further. We would also like to extend our appreciation to our users, the community partners who play a pivotal role in ensuring Give a Gift remains user led, and grassroots focused.

Activities and Services:

Covid 19 Response:

The financial year began with what we deemed to be a short-term emergency response to Covid-19 but with no inclination that in moving to lockdown in March 2020; we would still be in 'emergency mode' a year later. The impact of the pandemic on the community, families and individuals has affected many financially as well as mentally and is very likely to be influencing our work for the foreseeable future.

The need for food banks/hubs and charities has been challenging, with an ever increasing number of people who would normally not access such facilities becoming dependent on these services. Coupled with a reduction in income streams, and children being at home due to schools being closed, families faced real issues with coping on a day-to-day basis

Our intervention was immediate and with the support of major charities such as Islamic Relief, A grant from DEFRA and Leeds City Council financial assistance, we have provided emergency food provision city wide while delivering thousands of food packs to those who became isolated within their homes. For many this became a crucial element of their weekly source of food and we continue to provide emergency food packs to anyone who needs help.

Through developing links with wholesale cash & carry, local supermarkets and Aldi to source food products at cost price, we have ensured a value for money service, which has enabled us to stretch the resources, secured to their maximum.

As a small part-time staff team who have at times been working almost on a full-time basis, the response to Covid-19 would not have been achieved without a fantastic volunteer base. That input has equated to literally hundreds of hours, allowing us to offer a seven day a week offer at a critical period in society.

Partnerships:

A key strength of the organisation remains the collaborative approach we embed and this year again, we have partnered with a plethora of organisations from across the different sectors. Schools, Faith Groups, Community Organisations and Statutory Agencies all played an important role in creating a referral system and pathway to ensure services were delivered in a responsive and efficient manner.

Partners such as Bankside Primary, Mencap, Bridge Road Church, All Hallows Church, East Leeds Academy, Swahilli Community Group, Peace of Mind, Touchstone, Getaway Girls, Chapeltown Youth Development, NHS, British Red Cross, PAFRAS, LASSN, Women's Health Matters, Parklands Primary, Kerr Mackie Primary, Leeds City Council, BAK foundation, Just Care Charity, RETAS, The Barakah Team., Nerukas Kitchen and Bahar Women's Association are all acknowledged for their input and understanding.

As a smaller third sector organisation, we recognise that there is benefit in collaboration we welcome any opportunity to work in partnership to meet our objective of 'helping people, changing lives'.

Cultural food hub

A major development during the course of the year has been our appointment as the Cultural Food Hub for the East of Leeds in partnership with Leeds City Council.

Give-A-Gift has been working in collaboration with Leeds City Council and the Hamara Centre (the Cultural Food Hub for the remainder of Leeds) to ensure that those with particular cultural and/or religious dietary needs have been catered for during the Pandemic

As foodbanks in the city closed due to Covid-19, since June 2020 Give-A-Gift has been providing over 300 food parcels on a weekly basis and supporting over 1500 beneficiaries. The food packs supplied had all the basic essentials needed by a family and to supplement the need for nutritionally dense produce, we provided fresh fruit and vegetables through our link with Fareshare.

The work with Fareshare and Rethink was instrumental in maintaining adequate levels of stock and replenishing this at regular intervals to keep pace with demand. Both organisations are commended in this report for the role they have played in supporting our work.

ESF Training Project

While a large proportion of our work focused on responding to the Covid-19 situation, we simultaneously had to keep other services operating. Some of these services had been identified through the food bank provision and having received funding from the European Social Fund (administered by Groundwork UK), we delivered a 12-week course for women who were out of work.

Working to criteria, which identified those who had been unemployed or not engaged for over 6 months, and those wanting to enhance their skills or looking for employment, we established a soft skills project. We supported the women to not only learn new skills, but also build on existing skills, develop confidence, motivation and resilience and meet new people.

Give-A-Gift tailored the course around the interest of the women and provided weekly activities such as arts, craft, beauty, cooking, fitness, and sewing, cake decorating and social coffee afternoons. We also delivered training sessions on basic I.T skills and interview preparation. The course ran throughout Covid-19 lockdown and in doing so, we were able to tackle social isolation, mental health and improve overall well-being. The course was a great success and the feedback on the course was very positive. All the women who had attended had learnt a new skill and gained confidence in comparison to when they first joined. After the completion of the course, some of the women had found employment, whilst others had joined a course to further their education.

Refugee & Asylum Seekers Well-Being project

In October 2020, we received funding to support Refugees and Asylum Seekers to improve their mental and physical wellbeing. A programme of social/recreational activities was delivered to support the reduction of isolation and the improvement of their health and wellbeing. Some of these sessions included cake decorating, health and beauty, exercise, healthy eating, mental wellbeing and much more. Due to COVID restrictions, our cohort was reduced to accommodate smaller groups to benefit.

Some of our beneficiaries also completed a volunteering course to support the project and to build their confidence and skills to support the delivery of peer support groups within the project. Give-A-Gift incorporated the Community Health Educator model to support their skills and knowledge in community based work.

“It’s nice to come out and meet new people and learn different things and important to get support from others with similar experiences”

“I feel more confident to talk about my needs and find out about things in my local area”

Casework

Over the last year, we have seen over 80 cases during the last year of which some are still being provided with ongoing support. Currently a two-tier system exists within the Refugee/Asylum Seeking Community. Anyone who comes through the resettlement programme receives full support from caseworkers for a period of 12 months to 5 years. Families and Individuals are supported with housing, advocacy, education and benefits that are fast tracked.

Clients we largely serve have not come through the resettlement scheme and do not receive the same support. Some are left to fend for themselves with little or no support. This results in situations where existing or underlying health issues are escalated through stress, worry and anxiety due to unresolved issues by statutory authorities.

To add further to this, the impact of the pandemic has exacerbated clients circumstances, health and wellbeing extensively and we have been inundated with referrals from other organisations as well as many who have self-referred due to the desperation of their needs. We have had clients who have lost loved ones during this time who have not been given the support they need to cope; those who have been in dire need of food, individuals in isolation who have had no network of support and many other cases that have affected many during this pandemic.

Volunteering

Give a Gift has had an abundance of volunteers at various intervals that come with an array of knowledge and skills. They have enabled Give-A-Gift to ensure that our clients are able to access our services throughout the pandemic whilst bolstering their own confidence along the way.

They have attended volunteer workshops and have been encouraged to attend various training that may interest them. This dedicated team of volunteers have been on-hand to help us through this difficult period and we are indebted to them for their kindness.

Finance and Fundraising

An irony of operating within the Covid-19 year was the sharp increase in our overall income as documented elsewhere in these accounts. However, it is important to highlight that much of the increased revenue was restricted to our Covid-19 emergency work and will not be sustained by the funders. Other grants such as those from Groundwork UK and Comic Relief were also for short-term projects, which have now been completed.

We did however secure some core funding support from The Lloyds Foundation which will help pay for some core cost over the next two years and also increased our income from donations

and our own supporter base. Although reserves seem healthy, a large element of this amount is restricted so as with all charities, a post-Covid era remains uncertain and challenging.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity works towards keeping a surplus in the range of 6 months running costs equating to £90,000 for unforeseen financial circumstances at the end of each year.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board

.....*H.Malik*.....

Mr H. Malik (Trustee)

Date: 19th October 2021

Independent Examiners Report

I report on the accounts of Fountains of Knowledge for the year ended 31 March 2021 set out on pages 4 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees

As the trustee of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Basis of independent examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act or;
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records or;
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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 or

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.

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**Mr. Haroon Latif FCCA
Independent Examiner**

**HLA Accountants
21 Hyde Park Road
Leeds
LS6 1PY**

Date: 19th October 2021

GIVE A GIFT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations		8,075	10,738	18,813	17,452
Fundraising		9,150	20,005	29,155	26,564
Grants		20,000	300,479	322,479	6,191
Gift Aid Tax Refund Received		2,167	-	2,167	107
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		39,392	331,222	370,614	50,314
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Gross Wages and NI		-	49,865	49,865	14,745
Project Activities		-	142,453	142,453	19,066
Events		-	-	0	7,669
Equipment & Supplies		-	2,988	2,998	1,638
Travel & Expenses		-	417	417	959
Printing & Marketing		-	2,074	2,074	891
Payments		12,000	9,030	21,030	2,000
Rent, Insurance & Overheads		-	6,390	6,390	2,245
Legal and professional		-	2,035	2,035	0
Other		-	486	486	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		12,000	215,738	227,838	49,613
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers		27,392	115,484	142,876	701
Transfers between Funds		-	-	-	-
		27,392	115,484	142,876	701
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		27,392	115,484	142,876	701
Total Funds Brought Forward		701	61,176	61,877	61,176
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	9	28,093	176,660	204,753	61,877

GIVE A GIFT
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	5		-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Reserves Account	6	90,000		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>122,127</u>		<u>62,277</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(7,374)</u>		<u>(400)</u>	
Net Current Assets			204,753		61,877
Net Assets			<u>204,753</u>		<u>61,877</u>
Funds					
Restricted Funds	9		204,753		61,877
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>204,753</u>		<u>61,877</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board and signed on its behalf by;

H.Malik

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Mr H Malik
Trustee

Date: 19th October 2021

Charity number: 1176262

**GIVE A GIFT
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

- (a) The Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities and follow the recommendations in *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice* issued in (SORP 2005).

Incoming Resources

- (b) Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Income from school fees represents fees earned in respect of the provision of education to pupils during the year.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Resources Expended

- (c) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

- (d) Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Fixtures & Fittings

- (e) No depreciation is charged in respect of buildings which are included at cost.

Fund accounting

- (f) Restricted Funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Grants Breakdown

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Islamic Relief	£65,650.00
LCC Cultural Food	£60,435.00
DEFRA	£36,363.00
YEF	£32,391.00
DCMS	£25,350.00
Power 2 Change	£24,525.00
Lloyds Bank Foundation	£20,000.00
Groundwork UK ESF	£15,845.00
CAF	£10,000.00
Community Fund	£10,000.00
LCF Resilience Fund	£9,918.00
Other Grants	£6,520.00
Volition	£6,000.00
The Church Urban	£3,936.00
Groundwork UK Comic Relief	£3,546.00

2. STAFF NUMBERS

The average weekly number of employees during the year, calculated based on 2.0 FTE Equivalent.

3. STAFF COSTS

	2021	2020
Gross wages and Employers NI	49,865	14,745
	<u>49,865</u>	<u>14,745</u>

No Trustees have received remuneration or had expenses met by the Charity.
There are no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

4. NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

This is stated after charging:

	2021	2020
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	<i>Nil</i>
Examiners' fee	400	400
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5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
Cost			
At 1 st April 2020	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 st March 2021	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Depreciation			
At 1st April 2020	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-	-
At 31st March 2021	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Net Book Value			
31 st March 2020	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
31 st March 2021	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>

6. RESERVES

	2021	2020
Reserves accounts (6 Months running costs)	90,000	-
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7. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
Other creditors	7,374	400
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8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-
Current Assets	183,934	61,576
Current Liabilities	(7,374)	(400)
Net Assets 31 March 2021	<u>176,560</u>	<u>61,176</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1st April 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2021 £
Restricted Funds					
Unrestricted funds	701	39,392	12,000		28,093
Charity Restricted funds	61,176	331,222	215,838	-	176,560
Total Funds	<u>61,877</u>	<u>370,614</u>	<u>227,838</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>204,653</u>

Purposes of Restricted Funds

The restricted funds represent funds which trustees are to use in accordance with the purpose outlined in the grant agreement and for the specified cause outlined in the fundraising campaigns run throughout the financial year.