



SPONSOR A SIBLING
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDING
31ST AUGUST 2021

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Trustee report for the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2021

The Trustees are pleased to submit the annual report and financial statement for Sponsor a Sibling for the year ending 31st August 2021. Registered Charity number 1176912 operating at 25 Grafton Road, Dovercourt, Essex, CO12 3BD.

Sponsor a Sibling is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution adopted on the 31st January 2018 and is managed by three Charity trustees named below.

Mrs Laura Rolph-Wills	Chair person
Mr Graham Rolph-Wills	Secretary
Miss Michelle Pierce	Treasurer

The above persons were trustees of the charity, as defined by the constitution and were in office at 31st August and served throughout the whole year.

When the time arises, Sponsor a Sibling will appoint new trustees with regard to their experience and background to benefit the charity.

Overview

Sponsor a Sibling founded in 2016, originally registered as charity number 1176130. (All assets and funds transferred to Sponsor a Sibling incorporated 1176912 on 1st February 2018) has had a successful year despite a global pandemic and is continuing to thrive.

2020 has proved challenging to everybody especially in the charity sector, however, we feel we have positively reacted in this difficult time and continued to show our Super siblings how amazing they are and make their time in isolation a little easier.

We have pride in the fact that Sponsor a Sibling continues to be managed in a successful, well organised way with thanks to the trustees who show continued dedication and commitment to achieve our objectives. This is reflected in the growth of the charity financially and by the activities carried out and how Sponsor a Sibling adapted where needed during the Corona virus crisis.

Objective

The objectives of the charity are as defined in the constitution to offer the relief of siblings of children with life limited or life threatening conditions and also bereaved siblings throughout England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales by providing in particular but not exclusively a gift which will boost morale and offer support and encouragement and keepsakes and holidays.

Activities

Sponsor a Sibling offer a range of services which contribute to achieve our objective as detailed above.

Following conversations with families and feedback received the trustees continually re assess the services we provide and determine that we are abiding by our duties as trustees of carrying out these services with the duty to have regard to the regulations provided by the charity commission ensuring we continue to meet requirements for public benefit.

From originally offering just our nominated sibling gift packs, we have grown to include hospital packs, bereavement packs, awards and much needed family holidays in our 'Siblings caravan'. We also offer seasonal packs for holidays and Christmas times when available.

Achievements

Now in its Fifth year Sponsor a sibling is still flourishing and continues to provide the much needed services to the siblings of children with life limiting or life threatening conditions and also bereaved siblings.

Sponsor a sibling has been recognised in both national and local media sources and Laura also received a points of light award from Teresa May for the work that sponsor a sibling carries out.

We continue to offer the same services, gift packs, awards, hospital packs, keepsake packs and family holidays along with seasonal gifts as and when possible. We continue to receive phenomenal feedback from families and the smiles on the sibling's faces show how much a small gesture can go a long way.

We had to temporarily re-evaluate our services during the covid pandemic and due to an amazing funding opportunity from The HM Government in partnership with The National Lottery Fund. We were able to send out weekly gift packs to 40 Siblings to help with their mental health and give them a treat during shielding. Some of these gifts included digital cameras, tie die kits, and many more exciting goodies.

Sadly for all of 2020 our caravan was out of use. National lockdowns meant the site remained closed and upon reopening we were all heartbroken to discover a leak had ruined the bathroom floor deeming it unsafe for use. Due to the hard work of our wonderful supporters over the years, we were able to action repairs and with the help of a wonderful local company, we now have a fully functional wet room. Something which will make taking a holiday so much more user friendly to our families.

In 2021 we see the highly anticipated return of our free of charge holidays, alongside registering to a lettings company. This meant that any weeks that the caravan was unoccupied by qualifying families, we were able to offer the opportunity for private hire in order to recuperate some of the costs. This helped incredibly after a tough year. We also had the cost associated with professional cleaners now used in order to keep the Sponsor a Sibling team, along with our families as safe as could be whilst Covid was still very much present.

Fundraising remains to be a struggle during the current times as echoed by many organisations. We were very grateful to be the chosen charity for The Harwich Angels Charity Football match against The Arsenal Foundation. The event took place earlier this month and raised an incredible amount.

As previously, our biggest financial responsibility is the costs associated with our caravan in order to enable us to continue providing holidays. Due the strong financial position we are currently in, we are pleased to report we can continue to provide much needed free of charge holidays to our Super

Siblings and their families. We know how much these small breaks mean to our families to spend time together and know after the pandemic, it will be needed more than ever.

Financial Review

Thanks to the hard work, dedication and invaluable support throughout the past 5 years, Sponsor a Sibling is currently doing well financially.

Although our fundraising for our second caravan has been affected and is taking longer than planned due to the pandemic, we are confident this is still achievable.

Although we do not hold any reserves or a reserves policy for the time being, we feel we have sufficient funds available for us to continue to comfortably meet our objective.

We receive 'Gifts in kind' in the form of items requested via our amazon wish list along and for the period accounted this amounted to £1,115. The amazon gifts are what enable us to supply our sibling gift packs and we use funds raised to top up where needed.

We continue to use the Just Giving platform giving supporters a trusted site to fundraise or donate through and in August 2018 set up the Facebook donation service which has enabled us to receive additional funds and proved a positive benefit to the charity.

Sponsor a Sibling are excited to be entering another year thriving and would like to take this opportunity to thank all the trustees, supporters and families who have been involved with the charity to date for their continued support. Without the help of others this would not be possible.

Signed on behalf of charity's trustees:

Signature: Michelle Pierce

Full Name: MICHELLE PIERCE

Position: TREASURER

Date: 9 JUNE 2022

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LAURA ROLPH-WILLS

CHAIR PERSON

9 JUNE 2022

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Statement of financial activities for the year ending 31st August 2021

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2020</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	
INCOME					
Voluntary Income		5,589	-	5,589	23,366
Activities for					
Generating funds		12,719	-	12,719	4,666
Other income sources	1	767	-	767	648
Other income sources	2	-	-	-	10,500
TOTAL INCOME		19,075	-	19,075	39,180
EXPENDITURE					
Costs of raising funds		-	-	-	
Fundraising trading costs		132	-	132	102
Charitable expenditure		7,069	5,010	12,079	9,063
Governance costs		5,534	-	5,534	7,394
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		12,735	5,010	17,745	16,559
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		6,340	(5,010)	1,330	22,621
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		42,270	7,304	49,574	26,953
Total funds carried forward		48,610	2,294	50,904	49,574

The charity has no recognised gains or losses for the year ending 31st August 2021.

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Balance sheet for the year ending 31st August 2021

<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2020</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Assets and liabilities</u>				
<u>Fixed assets</u>				
Tangible assets	10,556		10,556	12,335
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	10,556		10,556	12,335
<u>Current assets</u>				
Accrued Income	2,340		2,340	1,550
Bank accounts	38,419	2,294	40,713	34,134
Prepayments and debtors	1,081		1,081	1,555
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	41,840	2,294	44,134	37,239
TOTAL ASSETS	52,396	2,294	54,690	49,574
CREDITORS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR	3,786	-	3,786	-
<u>NET ASSETS</u>	48,610	2,294	50,904	49,574
<u>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</u>				
Surplus income bought forwards	49,574			26,953
Surplus income from this period	1,330			22,621
<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	50,904			49,574

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Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2021

Basis of accounting

The statement of accounts has been prepared under the historical cost convention and is in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the statement of recommended practice,

Accounting by charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the charities act 2011

Accounting policies

Income and expenditure is accounted for when received or paid out by the charity

Resources

<u>Income</u>	<i>Unrestricted funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>
	<i>2021</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2020</i>
Donations received	3,049	-	23,366
Gifts in kind	1,115	-	-
Payroll giving	767	-	648
Fundraising	12,719	-	3,436
Grants			10,500
Plaquesponsorship	140	-	240
Award sponsorship	-	-	-
Bonus ball income	-	-	-
Caravan donations	1,285	-	990
TOTAL	19,075	-	39,180
<u>Expenditure</u>			
To generate voluntary income	-	-	-
Fundraising trading costs	132	-	102
Charitable expenditure	12,079	-	9,063
<i>Governance costs</i>			
<i>Office costs</i>	662	-	564
<i>Promotional events</i>	20	-	224
<i>Expenses Inc. travel</i>	-	-	19
<i>Fees</i>	30	-	270
<i>Adjustment</i>	-	-	-
<i>Postage, printing and stationary</i>	33	-	1,010
<i>Insurance</i>	634	-	475
<i>Equipment</i>			

<i>Rates</i>	-	-	344
<i>Loan interest</i>	-	-	-
<i>Depreciation</i>	4,155	-	4,488
<i>Governance total</i>	5,534		7,394
<i>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</i>	17,745		16,559
<u>Surplus Income</u>	<u>1,330</u>		<u>22,621</u>

Please note none of the trustees received any expenses, salary or benefits from the charity during this period.

Tangible fixed assets

Please find below a list of current Tangible fixed assets belonging to sponsor a sibling.

Caravan	10,088
Asguard shed	5
Molift Hoist	261
Gazebo	202
TOTAL TANGIBLE FIXED ASSET	10,556

NOTES ON STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

1. Payroll giving

This figure is a sum received from payroll giving.

2. Restricted Funding

This figure includes £10,000 awarded from The Government in partnership with the National Lottery Community Fund and £500 Groundworks. All funds used towards Isolation packs.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Sponsor a Sibling

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Sponsor a Sibling (the Charity) for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Ashley Filer MAAT

30 May 2022

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