

HEART OF LOVE CIC

Trustees' Annual Report: 01/05/2022 to 30/04/2023

Introduction

Heart of Love has existed since 2019 and was founded in the United Kingdom. However, the board of trustees came together and changed the name in 2022 from “U Can Do It Foundation” to “Heart of Love” to develop the charity.

The core mission of Heart of Love is to directly support the families and caregivers to respond to issues of overburden, isolation, boredom, and lack of engagement of their children with learning difficulties. Also, to allow caregivers to take a break from caregiving and take care of their own health and other non-related responsibilities.

Heart of Love has been active with respite care services in Southwark London and Milton Keynes. The general focus of the respite care sessions organised by Heart of Love have always been children with: autism, learning difficulties and disabilities, and their caregivers.

The situation

Concerns brought to Heart of Love through networking were raised on restrictions on the children's health seeking behaviours since the pandemic in the UK. Over the past years our activities offered to our service users where successful .

Most disabled people need help when it is time for shopping but with the current pandemic of covid-19 their families were not willing to go shopping with them and were frightened that they were at high risk of catching the virus. Our service users and their families were more demanding than ever. We had numerous phone calls from parents seeking for help. Large proportions of our service users and their families were from ethnic minorities with little or no support from friends and extended families .

The aftermath of Covid -19, impacted negatively on our service users. Most families where now comfortable staying indoors due to the new routine that they have developed with their children and were struggling to find a new way to adapt to the aftermath of Covid-19. Many of our service users have grown up and past the ages that Heart of Love offers services.

Project Preparation

Unfortunately due to funding we were not able to do our project effectively .

Activities

The following activities took place during the project period;

Recommendation

To Change the objective of the charity to the needs of the people in the community.

We were unable to receive funds to carry out our services but we're hoping to apply and contact proposed donors.

Changes

We have added one new board of trustee and the trustees also have decided to change the objective of the charity since our service users have grown-up and no longer fall in the age group we offer our service.

we hope to resume back very soon with our new objective.

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