



*Heart of Love Charity (01/05/2024 – 30/04/2025)*

# Heart of Love Charity – Annual Report

**Reporting period: 01 May 2024 – 30 April 2025**

## Chair of Trustees' Statement

This year has been one of transition and resilience for *Heart of Love Charity*. While financial constraints limited our ability to deliver the scale of support we had hoped for, we are proud of the progress made in strengthening the charity's foundations. The rebranding of our objectives reflects our deep commitment to reaching not only children with disabilities, but also elderly people, vulnerable women, and children both in the UK and abroad.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank our supporters and trustees, who personally contributed resources when external funding was not available. Despite the challenges, their dedication ensured that vulnerable families received food support during a difficult year. Looking ahead, we are determined to build on these foundations, expand our fundraising efforts, and grow our impact.

— *Chair of Trustees*

## Rebranding and Expanded Objectives

In 2024/25, the charity rebranded its name and refined its objectives. While our roots remain in supporting children with disabilities, we have broadened our mission to include:

- Supporting elderly people facing isolation and hardship.
- Assisting vulnerable women, including widows and single mothers.
- Continuing support for children in need, both in the UK and internationally.

The demand for these services has increased, particularly among women and children, and our expanded objectives reflect the pressing need to respond more effectively.

## Governance and Structure

A new **Board of Trustees** was appointed this year, bringing fresh perspectives, energy, and commitment. This strengthened governance structure will help guide the charity through its next phase, ensuring accountability and strategic growth.

## Funding and Financial Position

The period from **May 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025**, was financially challenging. The charity did not receive any grant income. While several applications were submitted, two were declined. We aim to submit many **grant applications** in the next financial year to improve our chances of securing sustainable funding.

Due to the lack of external funds, our activities were significantly limited. However, the Board of Trustees collectively contributed **£500** from personal resources, enabling the charity to provide food support for **five women and their children** during a time of need abroad.

## Challenges and Lessons Learned

The lack of consistent funding restricted our ability to operate as effectively as we wished. This experience has highlighted the importance of:

- Expanding our fundraising base.
- Building strong partnerships with local and international organisations.
- Strengthening monitoring and reporting systems to demonstrate impact to potential funders.

## Looking Forward

Despite the challenges faced this year, the charity is optimistic about the future. Our priorities for the coming year include:

- Increasing the number of grant applications and diversifying income streams.
- Expanding support programmes for children with disabilities, elderly people, and vulnerable women.
- Strengthening partnerships to deliver greater impact in both the UK and abroad.

**Financial Summary (01/05/2024 – 30/04/2025)**

Income	Amount (£)
Grants	0
Donations (Trustees' contribution)	500
Other Income	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>500</b>

Expenditure	Amount (£)
Food support for women & children	250.00
Staffing	0
Programme costs	0
Administrative costs	200.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>450.00</b>

**Net Position:** £50 carried forward into the next financial year.

Chair of Trustees

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Board of Trustees

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