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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1186090

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
FOR
SOUTHWOOD FOUNDATION

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SOUTHWOOD FOUNDATION

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects of the charity are:

1.1 To promote for the benefit of the public in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland but not exclusively, the conservation, protection and improvement of the built environment and natural environment (as defined at article 1.3) in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, by:

- (1) promoting the adoption of sustainability;
- (2) developing and/or promoting new approaches, technology, products, behaviours and policies that support sustainability;
- (3) promoting good practice in sustainability in furtherance of improved and accelerated decarbonisation and working positively with nature and natural systems including, but not limited to, the preservation of biodiversity; and
- (4) developing and/or promoting a better understanding of how nature and natural systems can be emulated and/or applied in the built environment including, but not limited to, biomimicry (as also defined at article 1.3);

1.2 To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the built environment and natural environment.

1.3 In this article:

'built environment' means places and spaces created or modified by people including, but not limited to, buildings, public realm, transportation systems, energy and water systems and food production systems;

'natural environment' means all living and non-living things occurring naturally including, but not limited to, living species, climate, weather and natural resources; and

'biomimicry' means the design and production of materials, structures and systems that are modelled on biological entities and processes

Significant activities 2022-23

Our principle objectives are to address the nature and climate emergencies by:

- forging connections that ensure that people and nature can thrive together.
- promoting climate change mitigation and adaption.

The Southwood Foundation (TSF) continued to contribute to the responses to the nature and climate crises by acting as a convenor, connecting across sectors and bringing expertise to challenges, to accelerate joined up and informed action wherever possible.

Our priority areas of activity for this period were:

- Diversifying and scaling up the work of the TSF expert volunteer platform, the Nature Action Hub.
- Promoting and supporting the creation of Nature Corridors

As part of our Nature Links initiative we have worked with land managers, experts and community groups across the area, bringing in knowledge and connecting groups and individuals where possible to ensure joined up, well informed action on biodiversity loss and climate change. We have also researched purchasing land for nature restoration purposes.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. They have borne this guidance in mind in the governance of TSF as evidenced in this report.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Nature Action Hub

During the 2023-24 period, we prioritised the growth of the Nature Action Hub, our volunteering platform for environment experts wanting to offer their skills to community groups acting for nature. We continued to reach out to community groups and communicate the opportunity for expert assistance through networks, climate hubs and partner relationships.

We have steadily grown our volunteer base, to ensure that we had the number of volunteers and the range of skills and competencies/experience needed. A significant development in this respect was the partnership built with the ERM Foundation who offered significant expert time to community nature restoration through the Nature Action Hub. Temple Group continued its engagement with the Nature Action Hub by offering employees the opportunity to volunteer to support community groups across the region. Discussions are underway with further UK environmental consultancies to grow participation and make the offering a sector-wide initiative.

Projects helped through the Nature Action Hub during this period included:

- o a significant tree planting initiative in East Sussex,
- o advice on digital mapping and planning,
- o help with baseline surveying and species support, and
- o the creation of bespoke apps for community level data gathering, giving much wider access to involvement in monitoring and data collection at the local level.

Nature Corridors

TSF is committed to supporting the development of nature corridors, in particular in the South East, in response to the threat to wildlife of divided and shrinking habitats.

In the 2023 -2024 period we built on our work on nature corridors by being an active partner in the Weald to Waves 100 mile nature corridor along the Adur, Arun and Ouse rivers through East and West Sussex. 15% of the corridor is now pledged, with pledges ranging from intensively farmed arable land to conservation areas, covering over 12,600 acres.

TSF continued to reach out to community groups and landowners about Weald to Waves, particularly along the Ouse, but also the length of the corridor in special interest areas. This involved bringing Weald to Waves to the attention of individuals, communities and nature restoration groups along the Ouse and building links between them and the project leaders.

The Weald to Waves corridor is landowner-led and as such is engaging predominantly with farmers and householders with gardens. In addition to its engagement work along the Ouse, TSF played a significant role in opening the dialogue to include organisations who are not agriculture or domestic landowners. In particular, we reached out to the golf sector who despite some very interesting work on several courses have previously not tended to be part of wider nature recovery discussions.

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In September 2023 we organised the first gathering of golf clubs in and around the Weald to Waves corridor to discuss nature restoration in the sector, and look at best practice, issues overcome and support available. 50 people including 18 golf clubs attended the seminar that was hosted by Lewes Golf Club. Experts from the South Downs National Park, England Golf, the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association, Buglife and RSPB attended. Feedback was very positive and participants requested that the dialogue should continue, in particular bringing senior golf management into the discussions. Further meetings are planned with the intention of developing work on nature restoration in golf and involving as many clubs as possible in the Weald to Waves corridor and local area.

We intend to continue with our initiative to engage with sectors that are often not part of mainstream discussions on nature restoration in the Weald to Waves and local environs and we are currently reviewing how to best replicate the model developed with the golf sector to engage with vineyards along the corridor.

TSF was represented at a wide range of seminars and networking meetings, extending our network, identifying opportunities, connecting individuals and groups to facilitate more joined up thinking and support wherever possible.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Southwood Foundation holds the equivalent of three months' running costs in reserve to cover liabilities. Based on 2023 - 24 expenditure, the amount currently identified for these purposes is £7,000.

There was an unrestricted income received in the period of 2023-24 of £40,000 (2023: £20,000). After expenditure of £28,328 (2023: £31,790), there was a surplus carried forward of £21,712 (2023: £10,040).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Charities Act 2006.

The Southwood Foundation (TSF) exists to promote innovation and action on carbon reduction and restoration of nature, through promoting collaboration, sharing innovation and knowledge, and building connection. The Foundation's Directors are particularly driven to break through professional silos both within and across academia, practitioners (consultants), regulators and policy makers and facilitate joined up thinking to deliver the meaningful change we need for a sustainable future. TSF was established as an open platform deploying expertise to enable good ideas to be shared and implemented as widely as possible.

Trustees

The Trustee Board has been stable over this period after the arrival of Michelle Roffe and Ben Harris at the turn of 2023, giving the Board greater resilience and capacity. The new Trustees were given a full induction and roles were allocated across the Board to cover each of the areas of TSF activity. The TSF Board of Trustees met 3 times during the 2023- 2024 period and held 3 strategy sessions in addition.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

All the Foundation trustees have extensive experience in the environment and sustainability sectors:

Mark Southwood - Founder

Mark has over 40 years' experience in the environmental field and related areas including sustainability and planning.

He has developed environmental policy and strategy for many in the private and public sectors and has led and reviewed numerous research projects and programmes. He has served on a range of Professional and European Committees.

Mark founded Temple in 1997 and has also worked as a Director of SECBE (South East Construction Built Environment) (2004-2019), NERC (Natural Environment Research Council) (2015-2018) - Innovation Advisory Board and was on the Ceequal Board (CIRIA) (2011-2015).

John Turzynski

John is a Chartered Civil and Structural Engineer and has been a TSF trustee since 2018. He was a Director at Arup focusing on large infrastructure projects and programmes in the UK and globally.

Nick Lomax

Nick is a chartered architect with 40+ years of experience at a senior level in the built environment sector. Having developed a broad portfolio of work with his practice LCE architects, founded 30 years ago, he has come to recognise that most ecological and social impacts are locked in at the design phase. As a result, he has set up a new practice, Lomax Design, committed to affect change in the design process and to promote the true values of collaboration, community and legacy to suggest solutions for the problems that humanity faces today.

Michelle Roffe

Michelle has more than 20 years' experience of leadership roles and is currently responsible for the national Lottery Heritage Fund's grant giving activity in London and the South-East. At the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the largest grant funder of the UK's heritage, she leads a talented and committed team to distribute over £90m each year and oversee more than 700 heritage projects being delivered by charitable organisations of all sizes. Michelle passionately believes that by bringing talented people together to collaborate and innovate we can tackle even the toughest challenges and threats to our biodiversity and natural environment.

Ben Harris

Ben is an experienced senior manager and strategy advisor specialising in sustainable development and climate change. He has spent nearly 20 years, leading teams advising on the integration of sustainability into different parts of the economy, including senior roles in consultancy such as UK Climate Change & Sustainability Director for Built Environment Consultancy Arcadis and in the public sector as Head of Strategic Funding for the European Commission funded, EIT Climate-KIC. He brings a combination of commercial, leadership and technical expertise. Ben is currently an independent advisor, working with organisations to promote the transition to sustainable development whilst going through his own transition to establish a small holding on a Welsh hillside.

Foundation Advisor

Gary Kass continued in his capacity as a Foundation Advisor. Gary has more than 30 years' experience as a knowledge broker and advisor in the public, private and professional sectors including his role as Visiting Professor at the University of Surrey, formerly Deputy Chief Scientist in Natural England and various roles in Defra. He specialises in systems thinking, innovation, evaluation, foresight and futures analysis, applied in the development of environment and sustainability strategies. He focusses in particular on knowledge systems, underpinning competences and capacity for sustainability and global megatrends.

Operations

The Board of Trustees are supported by Caroline Croft (Operations Manager) and Sarah Dennis (Senior Administrator).

SOUTHWOOD FOUNDATION (REGISTERED NUMBER: 11668136)**BALANCE SHEET**
31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		25,299	5,000	30,299	12,715
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(3,587)	-	(3,587)	(2,675)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>21,712</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>26,712</u>	<u>10,040</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>21,712</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>26,712</u>	<u>10,040</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>21,712</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>26,712</u>	<u>10,040</u>
FUNDS	7				
Unrestricted funds				21,712	10,040
Restricted funds				<u>5,000</u>	-
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>26,712</u>	<u>10,040</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

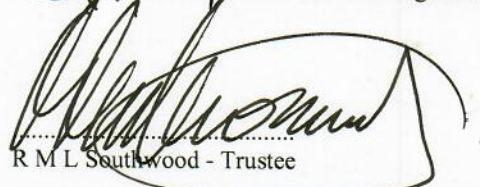
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16/01/24 and were signed on its behalf by:


R M L Southwood - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

SOUTHWOOD FOUNDATION**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		<u>40,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		<u>28,328</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,328</u>	<u>31,790</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		11,672	5,000	16,672	(11,790)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>10,040</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,040</u>	<u>21,830</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>21,712</u></u>	<u><u>5,000</u></u>	<u><u>26,712</u></u>	<u><u>10,040</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SOUTHWOOD FOUNDATION**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Southwood Foundation ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

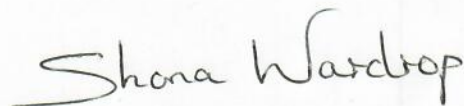
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



Dr Shona F Wardrop C.A.
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

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Date: 26/11/24

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Induction and training of new trustees

The Southwood Foundation trustees' induction was delivered by the TSF founder, Mark Southwood, who was ideally placed to provide trustees with his vision for the foundation's purpose, finances and roles which they then helped to shape. Led by Mark Southwood, the trustees were responsible from the outset for overseeing its legal establishment, governance and strategic direction.

The trustees have gone through a learning process as the foundation has developed from those early stages of establishment into an organisation with a public face interacting with the wider community to start to deliver on its core purpose of promoting sustainability and greater joined up thinking/collaboration.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

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Registered Charity number

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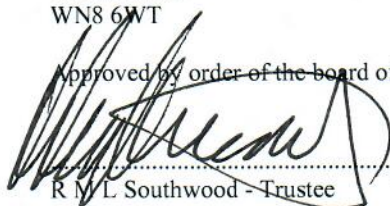
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:


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R M L Southwood - Trustee

16/11/2024

SOUTHWOOD FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and on that basis the charity is considered to be a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK Corporation Tax purposes. Accordingly the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

SOUTHWOOD FOUNDATION**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
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Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examination	<u>1,980</u>	<u>1,710</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	<u>215</u>	<u>-</u>

4. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	20,323	19,904
Other pension costs	<u>610</u>	<u>597</u>
	<u>20,933</u>	<u>20,501</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Charitable activities	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Key management personnel are considered to be the trustees, none of whom received remuneration or other benefits.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	<u>31,790</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,790</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(11,790)	-	(11,790)

SOUTHWOOD FOUNDATION**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	21,830	-	21,830
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>10,040</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,040</u>

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	-	562
Social security and other taxes	189	180
Other creditors	1,598	133
Accrued expenses	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,800</u>
	<u>3,587</u>	<u>2,675</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,040	11,672	21,712
Restricted funds			
The Chalk Cliff Trust	-	5,000	5,000
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,040</u>	<u>16,672</u>	<u>26,712</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	40,000	(28,328)	11,672
Restricted funds			
The Chalk Cliff Trust	5,000	-	5,000
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>45,000</u>	<u>(28,328)</u>	<u>16,672</u>

SOUTHWOOD FOUNDATION**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued****Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	21,830	(11,790)	10,040
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>21,830</u>	<u>(11,790)</u>	<u>10,040</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	20,000	(31,790)	(11,790)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>20,000</u>	<u>(31,790)</u>	<u>(11,790)</u>

The Chalk Cliff Trust has granted the organisation £5,000 to upgrade and improve infrastructure due to the expansion of charitable activity.

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Temple Group Management (TGM) is a major funder of Southwood Foundation and provides office space and related facilities. One trustee is a director and majority shareholder and another is an employee of TGM. Neither TGM nor the individuals connected receive any services or benefits in return for the donation.