



# Rehoboth for families 2023/24 Annual Report



## **Rehoboth for families, children and young people**

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## Chairman's report

Dear Friends and Supporters of Rehoboth for Families,

2023/ 2024 was a time of significant growth and activity for Rehoboth. We launched new projects, leased a key property, and welcomed new team members.

Generous funding from L&Q (formerly Trafford Housing Trust) enabled Rehoboth to lease the Salvation Army Hall on Brunswick Street on the Stretford Meadows Estate for 12 months. This space has been revitalised into a vibrant hub for the local community, hosting not only Rehoboth's activities but also groups such as LifeChurch Stretford, Our Independence, the Medaille Trust, Trafford Community Collective and Trafford Council.

Recognising the continued value of this location, a 6-month lease extension was secured at the end of 2024. This has allowed us to proactively fundraise and explore additional funding opportunities with the goal of purchasing the building. We would be grateful for your prayers as we work towards making this purchase a reality.

The needs identified in a community survey of the Meadows estate in early 2024 paved the way for a successful bid to the National Lottery Community Fund, securing £20,000 over two years. This funding has enabled us to deliver a range of initiatives for the local community, including Community Breakfasts, Warm Welcome, Mental Health/Healthy Lifestyle activities for adults, summer school for children and youth, and a Food Pantry.

Rehoboth continues to foster strong collaborations with a variety of partners: L&Q (formerly Trafford Housing Trust), Trafford Community Collective, Social Prescribers at the Delamare Clinic, Trafford Health Watch, Trafford Council, Stretford Public Hall, NHS Central Neighbourhood Network, LifeChurch Manchester, and the Caribbean and African Health Network on a range of projects.

Some of these collaborative projects included a highly successful Black History Month, the overhaul of a ginnel on the Stretford Meadows Estate, the transformation of a local greenspace through the Meadows Greenfield Project, Freedom in Christ seminars, prayer meetings, parenting courses, and health and welfare talks. Rehoboth has also been active in health & welfare projects overseas in Zambia and Ghana.

During this period, we welcomed two new trustees: Victor Nwegbu and Daniel Akintunde. We also welcomed Neha Tripathi as our bookkeeper. This period also saw some changes, as John Lawrie, who dedicated four years of faithful service as our Chair, stepped down from the board due to increasing commitments.

I wish to sincerely thank all our trustees for their steadfast dedication and the passionate Rehoboth volunteers for their exceptional effort. Lastly, I want to give a special thanks to our Founder and Operations Director, Elizabeth Dotun, for her relentless dedication, enthusiasm, and devotion to helping families flourish and our local community thrive.

In Christ,

Dr Elizabeth King

Chair of Trustees

# ABOUT REHOBOTH FOR FAMILIES

Rehoboth is a registered Christian charity. We aim to provide holistic support for children, young people, parents and families. We promote positive family living, community inclusion, and tackling the issues that affect children and young people, especially how family issues not dealt with appropriately and how an eventual breakdown in relationships may affect children and young people in adulthood. We also seek to work with people from different backgrounds and cultures, by building healthy relationships across diversity, to learn from one another (creating valuable cultural connections). Promoting good family values, unity, enduring love, forgiveness, spiritual and emotional wellbeing, and flourishing family relationships is at the core of all our work.

## **Mission**

Rehoboth works towards building a community where each family can recognise each other as being an important piece of a puzzle and that working together in love, kindness, thoughtfulness, forgiveness, loyalty, and trust is what enables families to flourish.

## **Vision**

Our vision is to see every family that we encounter flourish, through helping them to discover who they really are (identity) and unlocking the potential within (purpose), thereby dealing with limiting beliefs and mindsets. We believe that the family is the foundation of a stable society because it is the first level of any social structure we are exposed to. A family is a nation in its right and children and adults deserve to feel treasured, valued, and nurtured regardless of their race, faith, orientation and circumstance.

### **The objects of the CIO are:**

- To advance the Christian faith for the public benefit in accordance with the statement of faith.
- The prevention or relief of financial hardship, including, but not limited to, assisting in the provision of education, training and all necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.
- To advance in life and help young people through the provision of support and activities which develop their skills, capacities, and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.
- To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society (for the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards; crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society);
- The preservation and protection of physical and mental health for the public benefit, in particular by providing a range of support and advice to families

All the above are to be undertaken in the United Kingdom and such other parts of the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

## Strategic Highlights

### This year's project activity highlights

- Community Connector project comprising:
  - Community Lunch
  - Community Breakfast
  - Parenting with purpose
  - You Matter – health and wellbeing support for women
  - Kid and youth holiday club
  - Food Pantry
- Collaborative work with The Message Trust – fieldwork with their trainee evangelist
- Ongoing working with the residents of the Meadows Estate to formalise an unincorporated group, with active official committee members to enable an effective development of the community
- Black History Month (BHM) 2024 commemoration “Reclaiming Narratives”.
- Collaborative work with the Trafford Community Collective, in conjunction with the Trafford Council’s Early Years, Reducing Parental Conflicts schemes and EPEC.
- Collaborative work with the Grace Community Church, with support for young people and a mentoring scheme
- Ongoing collaborative work with the Friends of Stretford Public Hall and the Stretford Food Bank
- Ongoing collaborative work with LifeChurch Stretford – Let’s Gather and Community Kindness days
- Freedom In Christ Discipleship Programs, including:
  - Freedom in Christ Discipleship Courses
  - Grace Course
  - Keys to Health, Wholeness & Fruitfulness
  - Freed to Lead
- Rehoboth Mum’s Prayer Group Tagged – ‘Destiny Arise’



## **Rehoboth for Families, Children and Young People - Financial Statement**

### **Income and expenditure for the period 2023/24**

#### **Grant funding awarded**

- £20,000 awarded grant funding from the National Lottery Community Fund (Awards for All), for the Community Connector projects for two years.
- £5000 for the development of the Green Space on the Meadows Estate by the Friends of Stretford Public Hall
- £2400 from Trafford Council managed by the Trafford Community Collective

#### **Hall Hire - Various**

- £6,735

#### **Donations - Various**

- £2,616

#### **Bank Interest Received**

- £14

**Total income for the period 2023/24 = £36,765**

**Total expenditure for the period 2023/24 = £41,435**



## Operations Director's Report

As we reflect on the 2023/24 operational year at Rehoboth for Families, Children, and Young People, we do so with hearts full of gratitude, humility, and unwavering hope. It has been a good year, not without its challenges, but one marked by resilience, compassion, and community.

Rehoboth continues to serve the community with limited financial resources, yet we have not allowed this to hinder our mission. By the grace of God and the unwavering dedication of our volunteers, we have pressed forward. Our volunteers remain the heartbeat of this organisation; without them, we simply could not operate. Thank you for being the hands and feet of this vision.

We are also especially grateful to our Chair of Trustees, who has brought much-needed structure to our governance system. Each trustee has shown commitment to fulfilling their responsibilities, and we are encouraged by the growing strength of our leadership team.

The funding received through the Awards for All grant has been a real blessing, enabling us to deliver a range of initiatives, including our Lunch and Breakfast Clubs. These are more than food programmes, they are places of connection, dignity, and care. Through these touchpoints, we have had the privilege of meeting individuals where they are, offering support, signposting, and listening ears.

Our Community Connector Project has also allowed us to walk alongside families, providing not only practical assistance but emotional, mental, and spiritual support. We've been able to connect people with training and job opportunities, business start-up support, and wellbeing resources. Every encounter reminds us that transformation happens when people are seen, heard, and supported holistically.

**To our wonderful partners—thank you.**

- Little Green Sock Project, your relentless generosity in supporting families with clothing, shoes, and toys is deeply appreciated. You are simply amazing.
- Friends of Stretford Public Hall, thank you for your steadfast collaboration in helping us reach the most vulnerable in our area.
- To the Trafford Team Together and Trafford Community Collective, your referrals and shared resources have made such a difference, especially through the Reducing Parental Conflict programme and the wider Family Hub initiatives.
- To LifeChurch Stretford, Grace Community Church, Mums Aloud, and House of Saviours, thank you for journeying with us to be light and love to our community.

We also want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our hall users who provide essential services to families in our community. Your presence and contribution have added great value to the shared vision of seeing families strengthened and supported holistically.

Additionally, our efforts to raise funds for the purchase of the Salvation Army building in Stretford remain ongoing. We are deeply thankful to every individual and organisation that has donated toward this cause. Your generosity is sowing into a future of hope, restoration, and sustainable impact for generations to come.

As we continue to serve Stretford and beyond, we do so with the words of Ubuntu in our hearts: “We are because you are.” Your partnership, support, and belief in our work fuel our ability to keep going. We do not take any of it for granted.

May the LORD continue to grant us grace, strength, and provision as we move forward with courage, purpose, and a deep commitment to restoring families and rebuilding lives.

With heartfelt thanks,

Elizabeth Dotun - Founder and Operations Director

## Projects and collaborations in brief

- Community Connector project comprising:
  - Community breakfast, which happens every Friday morning from 9 am to 10:30 am and Lunch, every Wednesday from 12 pm to 2 pm, at The Living Room, have become a much-enjoyed and good place to meet people, make friends, and find useful information for young and elderly people.
  - Parenting with purpose
  - You Matter – health and wellbeing support for women
  - Kid and youth holiday club
  - Food Pantry
- Black History Month (BHM) 2024 commemoration themed, “Reclaiming Narratives”.

### **Black History Month Report – October 2024**

In October 2024, Rehoboth for Families, Children & Young People proudly delivered a vibrant month-long Black History Month celebration under the theme \*'Reclaiming Narratives'\*, funded by the Arts Council England through Trafford Council and managed by Trafford Community Collective.

The program was designed to showcase the richness of African heritage and cultural expression within the Trafford borough.

Throughout the month, we hosted a series of interactive and educational events, including:

- African food tasting and cookery sessions
- Traditional fashion displays with storytelling about cultural dress
- Live music, drumming, and arts workshops for families and young people
- Craft-making sessions such as basket weaving, beadwork, and mask creation
- African folktales and storytelling, highlighting heritage, values, and resilience

The program culminated in a grand community celebration, which drew together residents, families, and local dignitaries from across Trafford. The final event served as a joyous and unifying gathering that reflected the importance of inclusion, representation, and cross-cultural understanding in community spaces.

This initiative not only amplified Black voices and cultural contributions but also fostered dialogue and celebration across diverse community groups. We strongly believe events like this are essential and should continue to be supported and encouraged in Trafford and beyond.

- Collaborative work with The Message Trust – fieldwork with their trainee evangelist
- Ongoing working with the residents of the Meadows Estate to formalise an unincorporated group, with active official committee members to enable an effective development of the community
- Collaborative work with the Trafford Community Collective, in conjunction with the Trafford Council's Early Years, Reducing Parental Conflicts schemes and EPEC.
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- Rehoboth Mum's Prayer Group Tagged – 'Destiny Arise'

A prayer initiative where we pray for young people, ages 18 and above, for purpose, marriage and career.

### **Drop-ins**

This year, we have welcomed a significant number of drop-in visitors, as our building has been made available for public use. We have supported individuals experiencing homelessness by providing food, a safe space, and a listening ear. Many came in search of employment opportunities or simply someone to talk to. For those seeking work or wishing to start a business, we referred them to the Growth Company, Job Centre and the Training Brokers, and in some cases, assisted them in obtaining their Level 2 Food Hygiene certification.

We have also offered informal counselling, coaching, guidance, and encouragement to individuals facing challenges in family life, recovering from trauma, or feeling uncertain about their next steps. Through compassionate listening and practical support, we have aimed to create a welcoming environment where people can find hope, direction, and the resources they need.

### **Meadows Estate Development Project**

One of our initiatives has now grown to be self-managed by local residents, which has been a great encouragement. The community has formed its own residents' committee, opened a bank account, and is now operating independently. They are actively seeking grant funding to continue the work Rehoboth began in 2020. It has been inspiring to see residents take ownership, organising regular litter-picking and caring for the community orchard.

### **Trafford Council and Trafford Community Collaboration**

Rehoboth is, at its heart, about family. As a family-oriented organisation, we are transitioning toward offering holistic support to the families within our network. This has involved working closely with the Trafford Community Collective and Trafford Council's Early Years, Young People, and Families department to establish a clear referral pathway.

Having completed various trainings in supporting families through a range of challenges, we are now providing direct support to families referred to us by the Trafford Together Team, Trafford Council, and Trafford Community Collective.

We have also completed *Reducing Parental Conflict*, *EPEC*, and *Strengthening Families* training, which we are actively using to help address and resolve family conflicts, promoting stronger and healthier relationships within the community.

### **Grace Community Church**

We continue to work in collaboration with Grace Community Church to support young people. While our activities this year have been limited due to our focus on raising vital funds to purchase the building, we have maintained regular online engagement with young people and their parents, offering life skills training, career guidance, and mentoring.

Grace Community Church has also become one of our building's regular hirers, using the space to continue their valuable community work within Trafford and Manchester.

### **LifeChurch Stretford**

We have partnered with LifeChurch Stretford for several years, and our mutual relationship continues to grow in strength and effectiveness. Meeting the needs of the people we serve remains our priority, and together we have provided support that addresses the physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of children, young people, their parents, and even grandparents.

It has been inspiring to witness the transformations taking place within the community. LifeChurch has been a true lifeline for Rehoboth, offering tremendous support to our charity in many ways, enabling us to continue our mission.

***"Vision and Determination Focused  
"With each step forward, we are reminded that perseverance  
fuels purpose, and our mission to support families and  
communities continues with strength and determination."***



## Picture Gallery









# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Please see attached separately the financial statements for the period 2023/24 and also the Independent Examiner's Report.




## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/10/2023	To	Period end date 30/09/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	2,616	-	-	2,616	1,522
Grants - Charitable Activities	-	27,400	-	27,400	44,500
Hall Hire	6,735	-	-	6,735	-
Interest Received	14	-	-	14	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>9,365</b>	<b>27,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,765</b>	<b>46,022</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>9,365</b>	<b>27,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,765</b>	<b>46,022</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Cost of Charitable Activities	-	41,435	-	41,435	23,576
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,435</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,435</b>	<b>23,576</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,435</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,435</b>	<b>23,576</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>9,365</b>	<b>- 14,035</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 4,670</b>	<b>22,446</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>48,846</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,846</b>	<b>26,400</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>58,211</b>	<b>- 14,035</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,176</b>	<b>48,846</b>

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
	Lloyds Current Account	-	41,287	-
	Lloyds Deposit Account	2,889	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2,889</b>	<b>41,287</b>	<b>-</b>
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			E.O. Dotun-Adejube	29/7/25

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Rehoboth for Families**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view', and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 28/07/2025