Trustees report 2020-2021

Baby Basics Kent has been operational since 2019. As a registered charity since November 2020 Our aim is to support vulnerable families with essential baby care items such as warm clothing, a safe place to sleep and buggies.

Despite the enormous struggles that COVID 19 has brought, there is much to celebrate for Baby Basics Kent. At a time where lots of small charities have not been able to continue, we find ourselves in a place of expansion. We now take referrals for families with children under 5 years of age.

All referrals come via professionals based on need. Our items are nearly exclusively donated by our supporters and all items we gift are in new or nearly new condition. One of our most commonly gifted items is a Moses basket full of essential clothing, blankets, nappies wipes and toiletries containing over 75 items that a mum and baby would need.

Baby basics Kent was born due to unmet need in our local area. In our first year we gifted over 2000 essential baby care items to vulnerable families. Those we supported included but not exclusively families who were financially vulnerable., refugees, victims of domestic violence and mothers receiving in-patient care for mental health treatment. The covid pandemic hit towards the end of our first year and prompted us to apply for an emergency covid national lottery grant. This helped us to expand our storage space and secure future stock items.

The trustees also would like to thank the National lottery fund

We are thrilled to of built up good working relationships with several local agencies, charities and retailers.

Which include – Medway and swale Midwives, Dartford MBU, Several local councils social services dept, family hubs, Sateda, Spurgeon’s. Asda, Morrisons and many others.

The trustees acknowledge the support from local and national retailers in providing much needed items and finance to assist us.

The Duchess of Cambridge has brought together 19 British brands to donate items to ‘baby banks’ across the UK, which includes Baby Basics centres nationwide including Baby Basics Kent. We are thrilled and privileged to be part of the Duchess of Cambridge’s initiative.

Thank you to all our local and national supporters for without your help we would not be able to do it.

Diana

Gemma

Catherine

# BABY BASICS – KENT

## ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 31 AUGUST 2021

Registered Charity Number 119302

Registered Office 72 Victoria Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 5EU

# BABY BASICS - KENT — BALANCE SHEET

| | 2020-21 | 2020-21 | 2019-20 | 2019-20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FIXED ASSETS | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | |
| Bank Account | 358.90 | | 5,403.50 | |
| Debtors | 0.00 | | 0.00 | |
| Pre-Payments: | | | | |
| Subs | 150.00 | | | |
| Rent | 250.00 | | | |
| Insurance | 233.83 | | 233.83 | |
| | | 992.73 | | 5,637.33 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 992.73 | | 5,637.33 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Creditors | 0.00 | | 0.00 | |
| Start-up costs funded by DS | (529.94) | | (529.94) | |
| Loan from DS | (70.00) | | (70.00) | |
| Accruals | 0.00 | | 0.00 | |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | | (599.94) | | (599.94) |
| CURRENT ASSETS LESS CURRENT DEBTORS | | 392.79 | | 5,037.39 |
| General fund | | 5,037.39 | | |
| 2020-21 Deficit | | (4,644.60) | | 5,037.39 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | 392.79 | | 5,037.39 |

BABY BASICS KENT INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

| INCOME | 2020-21 | 2020-21 | 2019-20 | 2019-20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Donations | 720.00 | | 312.06 | |
| Fundraising Events | 0.00 | | 391.50 | |
| Lottery Funding | 0.00 | | 6,300.00 | |
| Sundry | 0.00 | | 0.00 | |
| Total Income | | 720.00 | | 7,003.56 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | |
| Gifting Items | 1,633.56 | | 666.61 | |
| Rent | 2,280.00 | | 385.00 | |
| Insurance | 233.83 | | 284.00 | |
| Office/Storage | 713.38 | | 212.56 | |
| Subscriptions | 180.00 | | 180.00 | |
| Fundraising Events | 0.00 | | 153.00 | |
| Sundries | 323.83 | | 85.00 | |
| Total Expenditure | | 5,364.60 | | 1,966.17 |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | | (4,644.60) | | 5,037.39 |