

RACHEL'S TABLE

TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED

31ST JULY 2023

Our Story

Rachel's Table began at the start of the first coronavirus lockdown in March 2020.

As a family, the Morris' had always tried to support homeless people on a one to one basis, buying them food and drink and having a friendly chat. However, they realised that lockdown would significantly affect homeless people due to the closure of homeless charities, which usually supply much of their daily food. With the Biblical story of Jesus multiplying the 5 loaves and 2 fishes to feed the multitudes in mind; they prepared 6 bags of food and went into Leicester to find homeless people who needed support. Faith in God's care and provision is central to the heart of Rachel's Table.

The 6 bags rapidly grew into feeding 40 – 50 people, 7 days a week. A video was made to share on Facebook, and very soon, churches and individuals right across Leicester, Leicestershire and beyond joined the army of people wanting to help. God's multiplication of those 6 bags of food was, and still is, amazing!

In January 2021 a charity was formed and Rachel's Table was born. The charity was named by the Morris children who saw feeding the homeless and vulnerably housed as an extension of their family dinner table growing up. There was always room for friends, family, people needing help and support to come around the table and the room was always full of fun and laughter.

A whole family affair, the charity is run by the 6 Morris', their spouses, extended family, friends from near and far and churches in the UK and beyond – God's family all working together to see 'His kingdom come' in Leicester.

They currently serve food 3 days a week and continue to see their lovely homeless friends touched by God's love which is shown to them by the army that is Rachel's Table!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?"

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Matthew 25:35, 37-38, 40 NIV

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Charity Name and Number

Rachel's Table
Registration No. 1193033

Trustees

Carl Morris	Chair
Emma Morris	Secretary
Alison Briggs	
Alex Morris	
Benjamin Morris	
Hannah Morris	
Kevin Owen	
Rachel Morris	

Principal Address

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Independent Examiner

Jonathan Hughes FCCA
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TRUSTEES REPORT

Structure, governance and management

The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is covered by a Deed of Incorporation that came into effect 4th January 2021

Trustees are each nominated for their respective experience and abilities, and appointed in Trustees meeting for an initial period of 3 years.

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have established systems and procedures to effectively manage those risks

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are the relief of people in need (those who are homeless, rough sleeping or vulnerably housed) in Leicester and the surrounding areas by the provision of food, clothing supplies and signposting them to relevant information and service providers.

Achievements and performance

Over the last year, Rachel's Table has provided over 8,000 hot meals and over 12,000 picnic food bags, along with warm clothes, to homeless and vulnerably housed people (our 'friends') in Leicester. The Hygiene Bank at Lutterworth has also helped us to distribute toiletries to 60 needy people every month.

Financial review

Our full year income was £33,490 (2022: £41,818).

As at 31st July 2023 the bank balance was £7,091.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Benjamin Morris

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT for the 12mth Period ended 31st July 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME		
Donations - Individuals/Organisations	27,381	28,739
Donations - Fundraising event	0	13,079
Gift Aid claimed (incl PY £2,875)	6,109	0
Total Income	33,490	41,818
 EXPENDITURE		
Direct Activity Expenses		
Foodstuffs	25,350	19,239
Catering Disposables	3,010	2,886
Toiletries	155	161
Other non-food	1,222	249
Total Direct Expenses	29,737	22,535
 Gross Surplus	3,753	19,283
 Administration Expenses	2,016	112
 Depreciation	1,792	0
 Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(55)	19,171
 Retained Funds b/fwd from 2022	20,424	1,253
Surplus Funds carried forward at 31st July 2023	20,369	20,424

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
Motor Vehicle (Van) - cost	8,962	0
Depreciation	(1,792)	0
Net Fixed Assets	7,170	0
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Debtors	6,108	0
Bank & Cash	7,091	20,414
Net Current Assets	13,199	20,414
Net Assets	20,369	20,414
<u>Current Liabilities</u>	0	0
Net Funds	20,369	20,414

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st July 2023.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:
☐ accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or ☐ the accounts do not accord with the accounting records I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed *J. Hughes*

Date 29.02.24

Name Jonathan Hughes FCCA

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