

JOY OF LEARNING

England & Wales · Charity number 1194700

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-06-07

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WHO ARE EITHER CURRENT OR FORMER RESIDENTS OF SANYU BABIES HOME AND ON OCCASION THEIR SIBLINGS OR CHILDREN LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD OF THE PRIMARY CAREGIVER IN UGANDA BY PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF SCHOOL FEES, RELEVANT EDUCATIONAL GOODS, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS AND FOOD AND CLOTHING. THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY OR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IN UGANDA FOR THE PRIMARY CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE FORMER RESIDENTS OF SANYU BABIES HOME BY PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION, TRAINING, HEALTHCARE PROJECTS AND ALL THE NECESSARY SUPPORT DESIGNED TO ENABLE INDIVIDUALS TO GENERATE A SUSTAINABLE INCOME AND BE SELF SUFFICIENT IN ORDER TO INDEPENDENTLY SUPPORT THE CHILD.

Activities: Joy of Learning is a charity working in Uganda and was registered in June 2021. The purpose of Joy of Learning is to advance the education of children in the wider community of Sanyu Babies' Home, Uganda, particularly but not exclusively, by the provision of school fees, school materials and where needed food, clothing and medical support.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Uganda

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£26,792	£26,934	-	-
2024-03-31	£16,022	£16,783	-	-
2023-03-31	£5,514	£4,850	-	-
2022-03-31	£2,567	£1,626	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
EMILY CHEER	Chair	2021-02-27
Chandani Patel		2024-07-17
Hollie Glanfield		2021-02-27
Jacqueline Fuidge		2024-06-08
Lucy Hobbs		2025-01-12

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Joy of Learning

Trustee Report for the financial year ending 31st March 2025.

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Aims for the Year

- Continue to work to meet our objectives, as set out in our constitution, by supporting children who have been reunited with family members after living at Sanyu Babies' Home, and their families.
- Continue to work towards enabling education for the reunited children and their siblings by finding Educational Sponsors.
- Start to implement our Safe Sleep Project.
- Continue to widen our network and increase the number of sponsors and donors.

When planning the aims and activities for the year, the trustees of Joy of Learning considered and have had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance, particularly the specific guidance for charities on the advancement of education and the prevention or relief of poverty.

Review of activities and achievements

General

Joy of Learning has had another successful year, working hard to meet our objectives and widen our reach. The families we support live across Uganda and we endeavour to visit them four times a year, approximately every three months. We have continued to provide basic food and hygiene support to all of the families we work with. As mentioned later in this report, we have also continued to provide medical support to our families in a number of ways.

Our Educational Sponsorship programme is growing and we are seeing huge benefits of enabling children to access education. We believe it is, quite simply, changing lives. We have been able to partner with four more families this year implementing our Safe Sleep project, and have already seen benefits from providing a safe place to sleep.

We have continued to grow our presence on social media and send out a bi-monthly newsletter to our supporters. Our newsletter mailing list has grown significantly during the past year, particularly thanks to some of the fundraising events like the Amalthea Ensemble's Tour that have taken place. We are very grateful for the fundraising that has been done for Joy of Learning, and for the significant sum of money raised through our supporters' efforts. In particular through the Amalthea Ensemble's Tour, we have been able to widen our network and gain a number of new sponsors and donors.

During the last financial year, we have worked with 28 families in total, an increase of 7 compared to the previous year. At the end of the financial year, we had a further 8 families on our referral list. We will conduct initial visits to these families to assess their needs and partner with them as finances allow in the future. We assess each family's needs upon partnering with them and re-assess these needs regularly to ensure that tailored support is given to each family. As part of our hygiene support, we provide toothbrushes and toothpaste. To ensure that maximum benefit is reached, each family takes part in a teeth cleaning workshop conducted by our team when receiving these items for the first time. This is to ensure that each family understands how to brush their teeth and have good oral hygiene and why it is important to do so. Occasionally, we also provide basic clothing and shoes to the families we work with. Some of the clothes and shoes are donated to us, and others we purchase in Uganda.

This year we once again chose to fundraise specifically for Christmas so that we were able give the families we work with additional items to help them enjoy the Christmas period and celebrate together as a family. We did this by setting up a JustGiving fundraising page, and also reaching out to our sponsors, giving them the opportunity to donate a small amount towards a gift for their sponsored child. It was the first time we had done this, but we received a positive uptake from sponsors. Thanks to the fundraising, we were able to buy each child a small gift, and also each family a collection of food and drink items to ensure that they could have a feast on Christmas Day. This was definitely one of the highlights of the year for us, and we hope to be able to do something similar next year.

Medical

In Uganda, it is very common that individuals have to pay for their medical treatment. This means that if you do not have the finances, and therefore cannot afford the consultation or treatment, health can deteriorate quickly. Joy of Learning provides regular medical support such as deworming treatment which is recommended across Uganda. We also provide support with occasional medical needs as and when they arrive.

During the last financial year, we have primarily supported families to access treatment for malaria and bacterial infections. We have provided medical support to some of the caregivers in our families, as well as the children. When supporting a family to access medical care, we ensure that they go to a hospital or visit a medical professional for an initial consultation, and we then support them to access the prescribed treatment and medication. During the last year, we have started working with a Nurse from Sanyu Babies' Home who on occasion gives advice and helps to facilitate hospital visits for some of the families we work with. A number of the children we support have epilepsy and we enable them to have regular consultations with a Paediatric Neurologist and fund any prescribed medications that are needed. It is hoped that in the future, one of these children will be able to have brain surgery to alleviate seizures but until then he is dependant on regular medication to reduce the number of seizures.

One critical project we undertook during the last year, was working with another organisation – Love Without Boundaries – to facilitate major heart surgery in India for one of the children we support. Joy of Learning did not have the expertise or financial capacity to organise life-saving heart surgery ourselves, but we were able to work with a wonderful organisation who did. We assisted the family to attend appointments in Uganda, worked with them to get birth certificates, passports and visas, assisted the child and his mother to have the necessary vaccinations and items needed for travel, and also ensured that the child remained as healthy as possible in the lead up to the surgery by providing additional food support. Love Without Boundaries then organised the surgery, flights and the hospital care in India. The surgery took place in November 2024, and the child returned home to Uganda in December 2024. We are pleased to say he is now doing very well. We will continue to support this child to attend regular reviews and help the family to monitor his progress. His family had given up hope of ever being able to save their little boy, and now he is running around with his siblings and will soon be able to start school.

Educational Sponsorship

Our Educational Sponsorship programme is growing from strength to strength and we are seeing what a huge difference it is making to the children we support. Through the Amalthea Ensemble Tour our network was significantly widened and we received increased interest in sponsorship during this time. In Uganda, education is a luxury for many families due to its cost. You are not only required to pay for school fees, but you must also pay for school requirements including items like books, pens, pencils, toilet paper and brooms to sweep the compound. Without paying school fees or having the required scholastic materials, a child is unable to fully engage or even attend school. Our programme finds

sponsors who pay £15 a month which pays for a child's school fees and associated school requirements.

Children can start school at the age of three. There are three classes in Nursery School (Baby Class, Middle Class and Top Class), seven classes in Primary School (Primary 1 to Primary 7) and six classes in Secondary School (Senior 1 to Senior 6). A child only progresses to the next class after sitting exams at the end of each academic year. If a child has been sent home from school due to school fees not being paid, or if they perform poorly in exams then it is highly likely that they will not be promoted to the next year. This means that in Ugandan schools there is a variety of ages in each class. For example, we currently support two 17-year-olds to attend school, one is in Senior 4 and the other is in Primary 4.

At the end of this financial year we had 64 children enabled to access education through sponsorship with Joy of Learning. These children were from 17 different families and attended schools all over Uganda. 26 of the children attended Nursery School, 31 attended Primary School, 4 children attended Secondary School and the remaining 3 students opted for vocational study with the YMCA Comprehensive Institute. Two of the students chose to study Cosmetology and the third chose to study Hotel and Institutional Catering. The vocational courses last two years, and the courses will be completed at the end of 2026. The cost of schooling in Uganda fluctuates significantly depending on the class, location and type of school. For some of our students, their school costs are considerably higher than our average, so they are assigned multiple sponsors as necessary.

Thanks to our Educational Sponsorship programme, we have seen children transform and become almost unrecognisable from their former selves. Many of the children we work with had repeatedly been sent home from school and as a result had very low self-esteem. They could not speak any English despite it being one of Uganda's national languages, and they completely lacked confidence. These same children are now thriving, confident and talkative children who have big hopes and dreams for their futures. We are truly seeing the power of education and the difference it can make.

Safe Sleep

In December 2023 we ran a pilot study of a new project, Safe Sleep. Many of the families we support do not have a safe place to sleep, particularly the children. We found that although we were enabling children to attend school by finding them educational sponsors, some still had poor attendance due to frequently getting sick, especially with malaria. We found that many of the children we support slept on the dirty ground with limited bedding and usually no mosquito net. We realised that in order to fully support children in their education, we needed to ensure that they were able to have a 'Safe Sleep'. During the pilot study, we selected two of our families most in need of support. At each home we installed a triple decker bunk bed, complete with mattresses, bedsheets, blankets and mosquito nets. Three months later we re-engaged with the two families to see if their health had been impacted. We were delighted to hear that not one family member had contracted malaria since we installed the beds. This gave us the evidence we needed to progress with the project.

During the last financial year, we have worked with four more families. Each Safe Sleep was funded through various fundraising events throughout the year. With these four families, there had been several cases of malaria prior to the intervention. All four families received a triple decker bunk bed complete with good quality mattresses, blankets, bedsheets and mosquito nets. One of the families also received a bed for the caregivers complete with mattress, blanket, bedsheets and mosquito net. All of the children were understandably very excited about having their very own bed for the first time, with one child telling us he was going to “sleep like a king”. The overwhelming emotion was always one of relief from the caregivers that their children were going to be able to sleep safely. Each time we visit post-intervention, we engage with the families and find out how things are going. We have seen a notable decrease in malaria cases, and the children have told us they now sleep much better and consequently can also learn better. When we visit, we always check the mosquito nets for wear and tear, and replace nets as necessary. We plan to continue to work through more of our families as and when we can, providing them with a Safe Sleep, and in turn continuing to enable them to access their education.

Fundraising

A number of fundraisers have been held this year to raise money for Joy of Learning, some organised by the charity and others organised by generous supporters. Funds have been raised by our wonderful supporters in a variety of ways including a film night, a half marathon, and even a sponsored head-shave. One child chose to run a marathon over the month of March (2025) and was sponsored by her family and friends to do so. The Amalthea Ensemble chose to put on an entire tour to raise money for Joy of Learning. They had eleven different concerts around the UK, all to raise money and awareness for the charity.

We organised a Birthday Quiz and a Birthday Challenge to celebrate our 3rd Birthday in June 2024. Our Birthday Quiz gave us the opportunity to officially launch our Safe Sleep project and start raising funds for that, as well as celebrating our big personal milestone with our supporters. Our Birthday challenge was to ‘travel’ 4,106 miles, which is the distance ‘as the crow flies’ from our UK base in Cardiff, to our Uganda base in Kampala. Our supporters noted down the number of miles they walked/ran/cycled/swam over the course of 7 days, and we added them to our total. We had supporters from several different countries get involved and although we didn’t quite reach 4,106 miles we did get very close as we reached 3936.98 miles!

The fundraising events collected donations in cash, electronically by card reader, and some people made direct bank transfers. In total, £11,350.48 has been added to Joy of Learning’s funds by fundraising events during this last financial year.

Ugandan Crafts

During the last financial year, we have started to explore selling Ugandan handmade crafts as a fundraising venture. We have started to work with wonderful craft vendors in Uganda, one of whom is actually the main caregiver for one of our families. We investigated the implications of selling crafts. We applied for an EORI number so we could declare any crafts we were importing and pay customs duty on them. We know that as a charity we are exempt from VAT and we checked that our trading turnover is below the HMRC defined limit to comply with the small trading tax exemption.

Financial Review

On 1st April 2023, our charity bank account was opened, and we were able to start operating fully. We now receive donations from across the world in a variety of ways such as bank transfer, PayPal, cash, and cheque.

At the beginning of this financial year, the charity's funds amounted to £813.90. Our total income for the past financial year was £26,791.60 with funds coming from 4 different avenues. £10,323.51 of our total income was from sponsorship payments. The remainder of the income was from fundraising efforts (£11,350.48), regular donations (£390) and one-off donations (£4727.61).

The total sum of outgoings for the past financial year was £26,933.96. These funds were spent on the ground in Uganda supporting charitable activities such as food, hygiene and medical support for the families we work with. Funds were also spent on educational support including school fees and school requirements, and for costs associated with our Safe Sleep project. In addition, money was spent on general running of the charity, purchasing necessary supplies both in the UK and in Uganda. At the end of the financial year, the charity had a total of £671.54. In the future, we plan to put a reserves policy into place so that in times of economic uncertainty, the charity would be able to stay afloat whilst plans are put in place to stabilise the finances.

Towards the end of March 2025, we were approved by HMRC, and we submitted our first Gift Aid claim on 31st March 2025. We are sure the addition of gift aid will be hugely beneficial for the charity's financial status and we are in the process of reaching out to our regular donors requesting the completion of a gift aid form. Once we have caught up with any backdated claims, we will be able to regularly submit claims to HMRC.

Future plans

We plan to draw up a number of essential policies and update the Safeguarding Policy we already have in place.

We hope to continue to grow our Educational Sponsorship programme and enable more children to attend school, as well as spreading awareness of Joy of Learning in general. We would like to widen Joy of Learning's network by speaking about the charity at different events, clubs and groups, in the hope that this generates future fundraising opportunities.

We hope to continue to implement our Safe Sleep project and work with more of our families providing them with a Safe Sleep as funds allow.

Though we have partnered with seven more families this year, we hope to continue to be able to partner with families as we still have a waiting list of families referred to us that need support.

Currently, we are a registered charity in the UK, and we partner with Sanyu Babies' Home, a registered organisation in Uganda. Over the next year, we plan to explore the possibility of registering as a non-governmental organisation in Uganda, as for us to grow as a charity, we believe this to be a necessity.

In the longer term, we hope to work more with caregivers regarding their income. We want to work with caregivers to explore avenues to increase their income by setting up a new business, mentoring their current business or the like. This would mean that in the future, some of our families might become more self-sufficient.

Trustees, Structure, Governance and Management

Joy of Learning is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by its trustees. Joy of Learning has had three trustees that have served throughout the entire financial year; Emily Cheer, Hollie Glanfield and Angharad Denham. Amy Mason has continued to serve as Publicity Officer, and Barbara Nankya Mutagubya as In-Country Coordinator. Throughout the financial year, the Joy of Learning team grew significantly. We welcomed three new trustees; Jackie Fuidge (June 2024), Chandani Patel (July 2024) and Lucy Hobbs (January 2025). We also welcomed two new members to the team; Rhian Wilkes (June 2024) and Mckenzie Davis (July 2024). Rhian helps primarily with our Ugandan Crafts and Mckenzie helps with our Educational Sponsorship programme. All five trustees and team members were appointed by a resolution at a meeting where a quorum of trustees were present. The trustees are responsible for the overall management of Joy of Learning and meet regularly on Zoom with other team members. All trustees and team members give their time freely and no expenses have been paid to them. Emily Cheer, Angharad Denham and Hollie Glanfield are all among the first trustees of the charity, having been appointed as the charity began, and their first term to serve is 5 years. After 5 years, they can be re-instated for another 3 years should they wish, or they can step down as a trustee. When selecting new trustees, current trustees will be making their decision considering the skills, knowledge and experience needed. New trustees will be appointed for a term of 3 years by a resolution at a trustee meeting.

Safeguarding

Joy of Learning has a safeguarding policy drawn up that has been signed by two trustees/team members. Joy of Learning has an appointed Welfare Officer (Barbara Nankya Mutagubya) who is responsible for reporting any safeguarding concerns to the appropriate parties in Uganda. Any trustee, team member or volunteer who will be working directly with any children and vulnerable adults, is required to show us a valid DBS or police check.

Volunteers

During the last financial year, we have had 2 individuals volunteer their time who were not already part of the Joy of Learning team. One volunteer helped out with the organisation and selling at craft stalls at the Amalthea Tour, and the other supported some family visits in Uganda. The volunteer who spent time in Uganda was required to show proof of DBS / police check, as they were interacting with children and vulnerable adults that we support.

As we begin to grow over the next few years, we hope to increase the number of volunteers both in the UK and in Uganda.

Conclusion

Joy of Learning has grown considerably in the past year, and we have been able to build on our Educational Sponsorship programme as well as launching our Safe Sleep project. We have significantly widened our network and look forward to building on this in the future. We are so grateful to everyone who has raised money for us, and who decided to become an Educational Sponsor with Joy of Learning. We see lives transform through the power of education and we love watching our families thrive. We have big plans for the next financial year, and are excited to see what is to come in the future.

Administrative Details

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature..... *Hollie Glanfield*

Name..... **HOLLIE GLANFIELD**

Position..... **TRUSTEE**

Date..... **28.01.26**



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01.04.2024	To	31.03.2025
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Educational Sponsorship	10,324	-	-	10,324	-
Fundraising	11,350	-	-	11,350	-
Regular Donations	390	-	-	390	-
One Off Donations	4,728	-	-	4,728	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	26,792	-	-	26,792	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,792	-	-	26,792	-
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities and Expenses	26,934	-	-	26,934	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	26,934	-	-	26,934	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	26,934	-	-	26,934	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 142	-	-	- 142	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	814	-	-	814	-
Cash funds this year end	672	-	-	672	-

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 £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	672	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

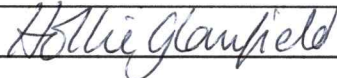
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	HOLLIE GLANFIELD	28.01.26



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Joy of Learning

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1194700

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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").

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

21st January 2026

Name:

Paul Burnell

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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This year we chose to fundraise specifically for Christmas so that we were able give the families we work with some Christmas treats to help them have a good Christmas. From the fundraising, we were able to buy each child a small gift and also each family a collection of food and drink items to ensure that they could have a feast on Christmas Day. This was definitely one of the highlights of the year for us, and we hope to be able to do something similar next year.

Medical

We provide regular deworming treatment to the families we support as is recommended in Uganda. We also provide support with occasional medical needs as and when they arise. Examples of occasional medical support given during the last financial year are enabling individuals to access treatment of malaria, treatment of bacterial infections, arranging an eye consultation and purchase of prescribed glasses and facilitating an x-ray and treatment of a swollen leg. A number of the children we support have epilepsy and we support them to attend regular appointments with a Paediatric Neurologist and fund their necessary medications.

Educational Sponsorship

With the opening of our bank account, we were at last able to launch our Educational Sponsorship programme. In Uganda, education is a luxury for many families due to its cost. You are not only required to pay for school fees, but you must also pay for school requirements including items like books, pens, pencils, toilet paper and brooms to sweep the compound! Our programme finds sponsors who pay £15 a month which pays for a child's school fees and school requirements. By the end of this financial year, we had 41 active sponsors who enabled 38 children to attend school. These children were from 10 different families and attended schools all over Uganda. 17 of the children attended Nursery School and 20 attended Primary School. The remaining student opted for vocational study and joined an Electrical Engineering programme. During the last year, we have not had any students in Secondary School. At the end of the financial year, we had 34 children on the waiting list to be matched with Educational Sponsors. The cost of schooling in Uganda fluctuates significantly depending on the age, location and type of school. For some of our students, their school costs are considerably higher than our average, so they are assigned multiple sponsors as necessary.

Safe Sleep

During the last year, we were able to run a pilot study of a new project we would like to run; Safe Sleep. Lots of the families we support do not have a safe place to sleep, particularly the children. We found that though we were enabling children to attend school by finding them educational sponsors, some still had poor attendance due to frequently getting sick, especially with malaria. We found that many of the children we support sleep on the dirty ground with limited bedding and usually no mosquito net. We realised that in order to fully support children in their education, we need to ensure that they are able to have a Safe Sleep. In December, we selected two of our families most in need of support. At each home, we installed a triple decker bunk bed, complete with mattresses, bedsheets, blankets and mosquito nets. Three months later at our visit in March, we engaged with the family about their health. Not one family member had contracted malaria since we installed the beds. This gave us the evidence we needed to progress with the project next year. We plan to work through our families as and when we can, providing them with a Safe Sleep, and in turn continuing to enable them to access their education.

Fundraising

A number of fundraisers have been held to raise money for Joy of Learning, some organised by the charity and others organised by generous supporters. Money has been raised in a variety of ways including a concert, Ugandan craft sales, a barn dance, a Christmas Tree Festival, a swimming challenge and a Christmas Fayre. One local Brownie Unit chose Joy of Learning as their charity of the year so raised money by bringing a small weekly donation to meetings and having an event in the summer.

The fundraising events collected donations in cash, electronically by card reader and the sum from the Brownie Unit's fundraising was paid by cheque. In total, £6215 has been added to Joy of Learning's funds by fundraising events during this last financial year.

Financial Review

On the 1st April 2023, our charity bank account was opened and we were able to at last start operating fully. Having a bank account has improved our financial stability, and we were finally able to start receiving regular donations and start to have more fundraising events. On our website, we were able to set up a donate page, giving donors the opportunity to donate quickly and easily via PayPal. This has meant that we have been able to receive donations from a wider network of people.

At the beginning of the financial year, the charity's funds amounted to £1605, which was held in cash until it was possible to pay it into the new bank account. Our total income for the past financial year was £16,022 with funds coming from 3 different avenues. With our bank account opening, we were able to launch our Educational Sponsorship programme and £4274 of our total income was from sponsorship payments. The remainder of the income was from fundraising efforts; £6215, and from general donations; £5533. The total sum of outgoings for the past financial year was £16,783. This money was spent on the ground in Uganda on charitable activities such as food, hygiene and medical support for the families we work with as well as educational support including school fees and school requirements. Money was also spent on general running of the charity, purchasing necessary supplies both in the UK and in Uganda. At the end of the financial year, the charity had a total of £844. In the future, we plan to put a reserves policy into place so that in times of economic uncertainty, the charity would be able to stay afloat whilst plans are put in place to stabilise the finances.

Future plans

We plan to register with HMRC so that we can claim Gift Aid, and as previously mentioned, we also plan to draw up a reserves policy.

We hope to grow our Educational Sponsorship programme and enable more children to attend school, as well as spreading awareness of Joy of Learning in general. We would like to widen Joy of Learning's network by speaking about the charity at different events, clubs and groups, in the hope that, this generates future fundraising opportunities.

With the success of our pilot study of Safe Sleep, we hope to start to implement our Safe Sleep project with a number of families as funds allow.

As and when our budget allows, we aim to meet and partner with more families, as we already have a referral list which we anticipate will increase.

In the longer term, we hope to work more with caregivers regarding their income. We want to look at if it can be increased by setting up a new business, mentoring their current business or the like. This would mean that in the future, some of our families might become more self-sufficient.

Trustees, Structure, Governance and Management

Joy of Learning is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by its trustees. Joy of Learning has had three trustees that have served throughout the entire financial year; Emily Cheer, Hollie Glanfield and Angharad Denham. Amy Mason has continued to serve as Publicity Officer, and Barbara Nankya Mutagubya as In-Country Coordinator. The trustees are responsible for the overall management of Joy of Learning and meet regularly on Zoom with other team members such as the Publicity Officer and In-Country Coordinator. All trustees and team members give their time freely and no expenses have been paid to them. Emily Cheer, Angharad Denham and Hollie Glanfield are all among the first trustees of the charity, having been appointed as the charity began, and their first term to serve is 5 years. After 5 years, they can be re-instated for another 3 years should they wish, or they can step down as trustee. When selecting new trustees, current trustees will be making their decision considering the skills, knowledge and experience needed. New trustees will be appointed for a term of 3 years by a resolution at a trustee meeting. As 3 trustees is our minimum number for governance, we aim to grow the Joy of Learning team next year by welcoming new trustees and team members.

Safeguarding

Joy of Learning has a safeguarding policy drawn up that has been signed by two trustees/team members. Joy of Learning has an appointed Welfare Officer (Barbara Nankya Mutagubya) who is responsible for reporting any safeguarding concerns to the appropriate parties in Uganda. Any trustee, team member or volunteer who will be working directly with any children and vulnerable adults, is required to have a valid DBS or police check.

Volunteers

During the last financial year, we have had 4 individuals volunteer their time who were not already part of the Joy of Learning team. Two of these volunteers represented Joy of Learning in the UK at different events, and the other volunteers went out on family visits in Uganda. The two volunteers who volunteered in Uganda were required to show proof of DBS / police check, as they were interacting with children and vulnerable adults that we support.

As we begin to grow over the next few years, we hope to increase the number of volunteers both in the UK and in Uganda.

Conclusion

Joy of Learning has had a fruitful year, following on from the opening of our bank account on the 1st April 2023. We have been able to launch our Educational Sponsorship programme and finally begin to get children "from Sanyu to School". This was a real milestone as it was what we set the charity up to do, so to finally start to meet our objective is very positive. The number of Educational Sponsors has steadily grown over the past year, and we anticipate that it will continue to do so next year. We are now actively looking for fundraising opportunities and opportunities to widen our network, whereas without the bank account we were limited in what we could do. Now that we are growing as a charity, it has become clear that we also need to grow the Joy of Learning team, which will be one of our focus' for the next year. There are also a number of tasks following the opening of our bank account, that we now need to prioritise like registering with HMRC and putting a reserves policy into place.

During the past year, we have seen a huge difference in the some of the families we support. A number of our families have started to overcome or manage health challenges, and the increase in confidence in some of our sponsored children due to attending school is remarkable. Joy of Learning has grown significantly in the last year, and seeing the joy of the families we work with in Uganda makes all of the hard work worth it. We are really excited for what is to come in the future!

Administrative Details

Joy of Learning

Registered Charity Number: 1194700

Registered address: 8 Hampton Road, Cardiff, CF14 4AH

www.joyoflearningug.com

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature..... *Emily Cheer*

Name..... EMILY CHEER

Position..... TRUSTEE

Date..... 31 / 01 / 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Joy of Learning	No (if any) 1194700
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01.04.2023	To	31.03.2024
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Educational Sponsorship	4,274	-	-	4,274	-
Fundraising	6,215	-	-	6,215	-
General Donations	5,533	-	-	5,533	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	16,022	-	-	16,022	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	16,022	-	-	16,022	-
A3 Payments					
Charitable activities and expenses	16,783	-	-	16,783	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	16,783	-	-	16,783	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	16,783	-	-	16,783	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 761	-	-	- 761	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,605	-	-	1,605	-
Cash funds this year end	844	-	-	844	-

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 £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	844	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Emily	EMILY CHEER	31/01/25

JOY OF LEARNING

England & Wales - Charity number 1194700

Accounts

Joy of Learning

Trustee Report of the financial year ending 31st March 2023:

Joy of Learning present their annual trustee report and accounts for the year ending 31st March 2023, and confirm they comply with the requirements of Charities Act 2011.

Joy of Learning was registered with Charity Commission on 7th June 2021 and has the legal structure of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Joy of Learning was officially launched via a Zoom launch night on 22nd January 2022.

Objectives:

Our objectives, as outlined in our Constitution are:

1. For the public benefit to advance the education of children who are either current or former residents of Sanyu Babies' Home and on occasion their siblings or children living in the same household of the primary caregiver in Uganda by providing or assisting in the provision of school fees, relevant educational goods, equipment and materials and food and clothing.
2. The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship in Uganda for the primary caregivers of children who are either current or former residents of Sanyu Babies' Home by providing or assisting in the provision of educational training, healthcare projects and all the necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient in order to independently support the child.

Aims for the Year

- Build up awareness and public support for the charity.
- Work to meet our objectives, as set out in our constitution by supporting children who have been reunited with family members after living at Sanyu Babies' Home, and their families.
- Work towards enabling education for the reunited children and their siblings by finding Educational Sponsors.

When planning the aims and activities for the year, the trustees of Joy of Learning considered and have had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance, particularly the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of education and the prevention or relief of poverty.

Review of activities and achievements:

General

Joy of Learning has continued to begin meeting its objectives but still on a somewhat limited scale due to the continued lack of banking facilities. We have tried with numerous UK banks and have encountered countless hindrances. We have continued to support families on a limited basis running from donations from friends and family and a few fundraising events. We will continue working to resolve the issues with obtaining a charity bank account.

We have grown our presence on social media and now send out a bi-monthly newsletter to our supporters. Our newsletter mailing list has steadily grown and we are reaching more supporters every time. We have worked on our website that was originally set up with the help of Grassroots Web Design Agency and have spent time personalising it. We have had limited fundraising opportunities due to our lack of charity bank account, but we are grateful to those who have supported us through this time.

During the last financial year, we have worked with 18 families in total. We received an urgent referral for a family due to their concerning living situation so partnered with this family and continued to work with the 17 families we partnered with previously. We carry out quarterly visits to each family providing essential food, hygiene, shoes and basic clothing support. Each family is yearly assessed so that their needs are met most efficiently, and tailored support is provided to each family. Throughout the year we have also provided essential medical support through quarterly deworming medication, funding essential medical interventions and the purchase of necessary medications.

We have a waiting list of families who have been referred to us and when our finances allow, we shall conduct initial visits to these families to assess their needs and initiate the partnership.

Education in Uganda is expensive as you not only pay school fees, you also pay for school requirements including items like books, pencils, toilet paper and brooms. Due to a lack of adequate banking facilities, we have not yet been able to launch our Educational Sponsorship programme, but we hope to do so at our earliest convenience. Once our programme is launched, we will look for Educational Sponsors who will pay £15 a month that will support a particular child's education. Some children will require multiple sponsors depending on their schooling costs. We have gained interest from several potential sponsors, who would like to pursue Educational Sponsorship as soon as they are able to. We are really pleased that we already have significant interest though the programme has not yet been launched or advertised greatly.

Fundraising:

We are very grateful that a number of fundraising events have been held to raise money for Joy of Learning. Most of these fundraising events collected donations in cash, and we made the decision to safely store this cash as petty cash and bank it when our bank account is opened. One fundraising event raised donations online, and that sum was used to pay for essential food, hygiene and medical support for the families we work with...

There was a variety of fundraising events organised by supporters including organ recitals, lemonade stands, bake sales and even a half marathon. The total sum of money fundraised for Joy of Learning during this financial year is £1950.31 with £345.23 of this being used during this financial year. The remainder has been stored as petty cash ready to bank as soon as our charity bank account is opened. The total of funds stored as petty cash is £1605.18.

Financial Review:

As previously mentioned, we have had continued difficulties obtaining a Charity Bank account. Therefore, so far fundraising and public donations have been limited. The charity has been running on donations from fundraising efforts and private donations from family members of trustees. Out of the £5514.08 income during the financial year, £1950.31 of this was from fundraising efforts and £3563.77 was from private donations. Out of the £4850 outgoings, all of this was spent in cash in Uganda or sent over to Uganda to reimburse for payments using a money transfer service.

Currently, due to the lack of official banking facilities, a reserve supply of money is not held. When a charity bank account is held, reserves will be held to ensure that in times of economic uncertainty, the charity would be able to stay afloat whilst plans are put in place to stabilise the finances.

Future plans

When our bank account is confirmed, we plan to register with HMRC so that we can claim gift aid.

As soon as we have a functioning charity bank account, one of our biggest priorities will be trying to attract Educational Sponsors. Sponsors will make a monthly donation of £15 and they will be matched with a child who will be enabled to go to school by that donation. We also aim to spread awareness of Joy of Learning and engage with more people to increase public support, and therefore increase general donations. People have expressed interest both in Educational Sponsorship and supporting the charity on a regular basis as a whole, so we eagerly look forward to working with those supporters in the future and building our network.

As and when our budget allows, we aim to meet and partner with more families, as we already have a referral list and know that will increase.

In the longer term, we hope to work more with caregivers regarding their income. We want to look at if it can be increased by setting up a new business, mentoring their current business or the like. This would mean that in the future, some of our families might become more self-sufficient.

Trustees, Structure, Governance and Management

Joy of Learning is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by its trustees. Joy of Learning started off this financial year with five trustees: Emily Cheer, Barbara Nankya Mutagubya, Amy Mason, Angharad Denham and Hollie Glanfield. Emily Cheer, Angharad Denham and Hollie Glanfield have served as trustees throughout the year. On 31st January 2023, Amy Mason decided to resign as trustee but continues her work with the charity as newly appointed Publicity Officer. On 19th January 2023, Barbara Nankya Mutagubya resigned from her position as trustee but has continued her work with the charity as her new role as In-Country Coordinator. The trustees are responsible for the overall management of Joy of Learning and meet regularly on Zoom with other team members such as the Publicity Officer and In-Country Coordinator. All trustees and team members gave their time freely and no expenses were needed to be paid in the year. Emily Cheer, Angharad Denham and Hollie Glanfield are all among the first trustees of the charity, having been appointed as the charity began, and their first term to serve is 5 years. After 5 years, they can be re-instated for another 3 years should they wish, or they can step down as trustee. When selecting new trustees, current trustees will be making their decision considering the skills, knowledge and experience needed. New trustees will be appointed for a term of 3 years by a resolution at a trustee meeting.

Safeguarding

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Volunteers

During the last financial year, we have started to have some volunteers help out with the running of the charity. In total, we had 4 individuals volunteer their time who were not already part of the Joy of Learning team. Two of these volunteers represented Joy of Learning at an event in the UK, and the other volunteers went out on family visits in Uganda.

The two volunteers who volunteered in Uganda were required to show proof of DBS check, as they were interacting with children and vulnerable adults that we support...

As we begin to grow over the next few years, we hope to increase the number of volunteers both in the UK and in Uganda!

Conclusion

Job of Learning has had a difficult start to operations due to difficulties opening a charity bank account. We have been lucky enough to start our work though on a limited scale, with the support of some fundraising efforts and private donations. Through our work, we have seen the immense need for our support and have identified lots of ways that Job of Learning can help families all over Uganda. The cost of living in Uganda has been steadily increasing, and has made everyday essentials much more expensive than many families can afford. This, coupled with the on-going effects of Uganda's long and strict lockdowns to prevent the spread of Covid-19, has left lots of families really struggling. The need particularly for food and medical support is greater than we originally imagined, but we hope with time that this will stabilise as the country's economy stabilises. Although we haven't been able to get going quite as we had originally imagined we would, we have been able to really get to know the families that we have partnered with and are grateful of the time spent with them whilst we are working hard to get the charity off the ground! We have gained a lot of interest in our Educational Sponsorship programme, and have increased our network of supporters, so have made small but definite steps towards growing the charity.

Administrative Details

Joy of Learning


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Registered address: 8 Hampton Road, Cardiff, CF14 4AH

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature: 

Name: EMILY CHEER

Position: TRUSTEE

Date: 31/01/24



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Joy of Learning

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.04.2022		31.03.2023

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising	1,950	-	-	1,950	-
General donations	3,564	-	-	3,564	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,514	-	-	5,514	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,514	-	-	5,514	-
A3 Payments					
Charitable activities and expenses	4,850	-	-	4,850	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,850	-	-	4,850	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,850	-	-	4,850	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	664	-	-	664	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	941	-	-	941	-
Cash funds this year end	1,605	-	-	1,605	-

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 £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,605	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

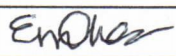
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	EMILY CHEER	31/01/24

JOY OF LEARNING

England & Wales - Charity number 1194700

Accounts

Joy of Learning:

Trustee Report of the financial year ending 31st March 2022

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Aims for the Year

1. Launch Joy of Learning and build up awareness and public support for the charity.
2. Start to meet our objectives, as set out in our constitution, by beginning 'work on the ground' and supporting children and their siblings who are either current or former residents of Sanyu Babies' Home, Uganda.

When planning the aims and activities for the year, the trustees of Joy of Learning considered and have had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance, particularly the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of education and the prevention or relief of poverty.

Review of activities and achievements:

General

Joy of Learning has begun meeting its objectives but on a limited scale due to the lack of appropriate banking facilities. Unfortunately, we have encountered considerable difficulties in opening a charity bank account and the process is taking much longer than anticipated. As a result, though we have met with families and carried out limited and necessary support, we have not been able to do everything we planned. We hope to be able to resolve this issue in the near future.

Although our primary aim of the charity is to advance education, we cannot enable a child to attend school who is malnourished, unwell or without adequate clothing to wear which is why we make sure each child's basic needs are also met. Social media accounts were set up for Joy of Learning in the beginning of 2022, to start to raise awareness of the charity. A website for the charity was also set up with the help of Grassroots Web Design Agency. At the charity launch, attendees were given the opportunity to add their email address to a mailing list. We plan to send out regular updates via a newsletter to supporters bi-monthly.

Family Referrals

21 families were referred to Joy of Learning by the Social Workers from Sanyu Babies' Home. The Social Workers refer families by completing purpose-made forms outlining details of each child, information about their schooling (or lack of) and about their home situation. Out of the 21 families referred, Joy of Learning was able to meet and partner with 17 of them during the year. Joy of Learning reimburses any transport costs incurred when the Sanyu Social Workers are required to visit a family purely to make a referral to Joy of Learning. Social Workers are also given a small allowance for each day/visit they do for Joy of Learning that aims to cover their meals etc. needed that day.

Initial Visits

Following referrals, initial visits were conducted to 17 families in total during the year June 7th 2021 to March 31st 2022. On these visits, the Social Workers from Sanyu Babies' Home introduced the families to Trustees from Joy of Learning. With each family we met, we told the families about Joy of Learning and what the charity had been set up to do. We completed some paperwork with each family including photo consent for each child and vulnerable adult. Consent and agreement was confirmed either with a written signature or with a fingerprint using an ink pad. Assessments were made for each family with regards to the additional support that might be needed from Joy of Learning. It was at this initial meeting of each family that we assessed whether each child might need basic clothing

support, whether there were any major medical concerns and whether the family would need food support and how often. We inquired about each child's attendance to school, and if they were attending school, if school fees and requirements had been fully met. We also gave the option to each child over the age of 2 and each adult in the family, to take a deworming tablet as in Uganda it is recommended that they are taken every 3 months. We presented each family with some food items and also some hygiene products. At each initial visit, we took family photographs and individual photographs of each family member for our records.

Food

Each family's needs were assessed on the initial visit and from that we drew up a tailored plan for each family for future visits. The families we work with are families who are struggling, therefore all families assessed were deemed to need food support to some degree. Most families were deemed to need food quarterly and so we decided we would take long life food like rice, sugar, maize flour and salt, in the hope that with the little money they have, they can buy the fresh food that does not keep. Some of the families were deemed to need food more urgently so it was decided that monthly support would be the most appropriate. These families get smaller quantities as it only needs to last a month, but they get some extra items like beans and groundnuts that help to make up a meal. If there are young children in the family, then millet or soya flour that is used to make porridge will be given as this is a staple for young children in Uganda. If the children are older, this is not a necessity so at this stage is not being considered for all families.

Clothing and Shoes

For many of the families we are working with in Uganda, their level of poverty means that particularly the children don't have enough basic clothing items that fit them, preserves their decency and keeps them warm during the nights and rainy seasons. Some children had already been outlined to us as in desperate need of clothing, so clothing items were sorted and appropriate clothes were selected for each of those children to be given to them at the initial visit. Each child was given a warm layer, a few outfits, and some underwear and socks. It was decided at these initial visits that in the future, we would meet the children first so that we can give clothing based on their actual sizes rather than what their age might suggest, as with some of the children we found that this did not match up well.

Second hand clothing collections were made in the UK and some clothing items were purchased in Uganda through local sellers supporting local businesses.

The children who did not receive clothes on their initial visit were assessed to see if they needed clothes to be given on future visits. Only 2 out of the 17 families visited were deemed not to need clothing support currently, but will be monitored in case the need changes in the future.

We also assessed each child's need for shoes, and where needed gave shoes out. In Uganda, especially in the villages where most of our families live, there is a big risk of jiggers. Jiggers are tiny parasites that bury in your feet and lay eggs and can cause immense pain, infection and problems when left untreated. One way to reduce the risk of jiggers is by wearing slippers, which is why we ensure each of our children has shoes to wear. Some shoes were donated to us in the UK, but we also bought plastic croc style shoes in a local wholesale market, as we realised that the need of shoes was far surplus to the number of appropriate slippers that were being donated.

Hygiene

On our initial visits we took some simple hygiene products to each family and saw that they were very much needed. Each family received soap that can be used to wash themselves, their clothes, their cooking utensils etc., and toiletry items like toothbrushes and toothpaste. Families will continue to receive these items quarterly, in the hope that better hygiene can reduce the risk of illness and dental problems in the future. Education towards hygienic practices is planned for future quarterly visits to ensure items given are being used properly.

Medical

Despite only being in operation for just over two months of the financial year that this report is covering, we had several children needing urgent medical support. There was one child needing a simple surgery to remove tongue-tie as it was causing problems for his development, but the family could not afford the surgery and post-surgery medication. Two children needed surgery to remove hernias. Both children were in immense pain, and were very unwell but surgery was too expensive for the families to manage. Joy of Learning paid the medical bills, and supported the families with receiving the best care they could, attending follow-up appointments, and purchasing any follow-up medication. One of these children was also becoming malnourished when we first met the family, so a specific plan was devised for him, and food items were given that would give him extra nutrients.

Education

In Uganda, you not only pay school fees but also school requirements which includes things like pens, books, toilet paper and brooms to sweep the compound. Due to this, school is very expensive and a luxury that many cannot afford. Lots of the families we work with have children who have attended school for some time, but haven't been able to fully pay either the fees or requirements so haven't progressed to the next level. Some of the children might even have been sent home from school and not allowed back until the balance has been paid. Each child that is of a school going age has been assessed to see if they are in need of educational support from Joy of Learning. Due to the delays that we have had in

opening a charity bank account, we haven't launched our educational sponsor programme yet as we wanted to wait until we had a secure account for monthly sponsorship donations to be paid into. There has been interest in people wishing to be sponsors, but we haven't pursued this programme yet until we can confidently match a sponsor to a child knowing we can enable that child to attend school.

Fundraising

Money was raised in memory of the Grandfather of one of our Trustees which helped us to start our work. People donated to a fundraising page in lieu of donating flowers at the funeral and this was the first fundraising done whilst the charity was still in the initial stages of being set up.

Despite only launching on the 22nd January 2022 and the financial year for which this report is on ending 31st March 2022, we did have an external organisation do some fundraising for us in this time. Showdance, a Dance Club from Aberystwyth University, do several fundraising events throughout the year, and they chose to do a Charity Challenge across the month of February 2022 raising money for Joy of Learning. Members of the club did challenges like running 50km over the month and giving up chocolate for the month, and people donated in support of their efforts.

Financial Review

As previously mentioned, we have had difficulties obtaining a Charity Bank account. Therefore, so far fundraising and public donations have been limited. The charity has been running on donations from fundraising efforts and private donations from family members of trustees. Out of the £2567 income during the financial year, £567 of this was from fundraising efforts and £2000 was from private donations. Out of the £1626 outgoings, all of this was spent in cash in Uganda.

Currently, due to the lack of official banking facilities, a reserve supply of money is not held. When a charity bank account is held, reserves will be held to ensure that in times of economic uncertainty, the charity would be able to stay afloat whilst plans are put in place to stabilise the finances.

Future plans

As soon as our bank account is confirmed, we plan to register with HMRC so that we can claim gift aid.

When our bank account is confirmed, we aim to attract sponsors who will make a monthly donation of £15 and they will be matched with a child who will be enabled to go to school by that donation. We also aim to spread awareness of Joy of Learning and engage with more people to increase public support, and therefore increase general donations.

We will send out a regular newsletter to our supporters to keep them up-to-date with what we are doing and ways they can support us.

As and when our budget allows, we also aim to meet and partner with more families, as we already have a referral list and know that will increase.

In the longer term, we hope to work more with caregivers regarding their income. We want to look at if it can be increased by setting up a new business, mentoring their current business or the like. This would mean that in the future, some of our families might become more self-sufficient.

Trustees, Structure, Governance and Management

Joy of Learning is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by its trustees. Joy of Learning has five trustees who have all served throughout the year: Emily Cheer, Barbara Nankya Mutagubya, Amy Mason, Angharad Dentham and Hollie Glanfield. The trustees are responsible for the overall management of Joy of Learning and meet regularly on Zoom. All trustees gave their time freely and no expenses were needed to be paid in the year. The five trustees are all the first trustees of the charity, having been appointed as the charity began, and their first term to serve is 5 years. After 5 years, they can be re-instated for another 3 years should they wish, or they can step down as trustee. When selecting new trustees, current trustees will be making their decision considering the skills, knowledge and experience needed. New trustees will be appointed for a term of 3 years by a resolution at a trustee meeting.

Safeguarding

Joy of Learning has a safeguarding policy drawn up that has been signed by two trustees. Joy of Learning has an appointed Welfare Officer (Barbara Nankya Mutagubya) who is responsible for reporting any safeguarding concerns to the appropriate parties in Uganda. Any trustee or future volunteer who will be working directly with any children and vulnerable adults, is required to have a valid DBS or police check.

Volunteers

There were no volunteers during this financial year.

Conclusion

Joy of Learning has had a difficult start to operations due to difficulties opening a charity bank account. We have been lucky enough to start our work though, with the support of fundraising efforts and private donations. Through our work, we have seen the immense

need for our support and have identified lots of ways that Joy of Learning can help families... all over Uganda. The cost of living in Uganda has been steadily increasing, and has made... everyday essentials much more expensive than many families can afford. This, coupled with the on-going effects of Uganda's long and strict lockdowns to prevent the spread of Covid-19, has left lots of families really struggling. The need for food support is greater than we originally imagined, but we hope with time that this will stabilise as the country's economy stabilises.

Administrative Details

Joy of Learning

Registered Charity Number: 1194700

Registered address: 52 Gospel End Road, Sedgley, Dudley, DY3 3YT

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature 

Name: EMILY CHEER

Position: TRUSTEE

Date: 31/01/23



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

Joy of Learning

No (if any)

1194700

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	07/06/2021		31/03/2022

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising	567	-	-	567	-
General donations	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,567	-	-	2,567	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,567	-	-	2,567	-
A3 Payments					
Charitable activities and expenses	1,626	-	-	1,626	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,626	-	-	1,626	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,626	-	-	1,626	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	941	-	-	941	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	941	-	-	941	-

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 £
B1 Cash funds		941	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	941	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Emily</i>	EMILY CHEER	31/01/23