

JOVIE'S JOURNEY
(Charity No. 1196295)

TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Structure, governance and management

Jovie's Journey was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charity Commission on 27th October 2021.

The founding trustees of the Charity are:

Deborah Manning
Chris Manning
Simon Goddard

Objective and activities

The objects of the CIO are:

- for the public benefit, to relieve the needs of those who have received an 'incompatible with life' diagnosis during pregnancy, and to those who choose to continue with the pregnancy after such a diagnosis by the provision of emotional support.

This year has seen us continue to support families who were already known to the charity as well as supporting new families who have been given an "incompatible with life" prognosis. Sadly, many of our new families have lost their baby throughout pregnancy or the baby has not survived very long, meaning emotional support has been required more so over financial support. We stay in touch with our families on a regular basis, mainly through a messenger service, with regular check ins and being there as a listening ear. However there have been some families we have been able to support financially by providing specific items to aid the child or to make life a little easier. We purchased a fridge freezer for a family who could not afford a new one, meaning they had nowhere to store their baby's medicines or special food. We provided a half term treat of a take away and gaming vouchers to a family who had been stuck inside due to their son being isolated and extremely poorly with Mum and Dad surviving on no sleep, whilst this wasn't directly for the child it was a very much needed pick me up for their other sons and took a bit of pressure off for an evening (kind gestures like this very much kept us going when we were in a similar situation). We purchased a rain cover for a speciality disabled pushchair, to name a few.

Our main fundraising event this year saw a group of supporters climbing Mount Snowden and our Jovie's birthday fundraiser enabled us to purchase a special Tumble Form chair for the children's ward at Norfolk and Norwich hospital. A main focus this year has been to spread awareness to medical professionals around the topic of an "incompatible with life" prognosis along with end-of-life care and antenatal care. Our trustee Deborah has presented to approximately 160 medical professionals, mainly Consultants, sharing her own experiences and how she feels the service succeeds and can improve. Deborah has worked closely with East Anglia Children's Hospice to give these presentations.

Whilst we haven't been able to dedicate as much time to the charity as hoped, we are still very pleased that we are still supporting families when they need to. One of the families we have supported commented: *"...Jovie's Journey has helped me and my partner immensely with the diagnosis of our angel baby boy with Alobar Holoprosencephaly. I honestly cannot thank you enough – because of beautiful Jovie we chose to keep our baby for as long as possible. Thank you for showing me and others what's possible with our precious babies."*

Our aim for this coming year is spread the word of the charity to give us a wider reach, we aim to do this by creating leaflets, updating our website and making hospitals more aware that we exist. Deborah is keen to continue reaching as many medical professionals as possible as the feedback from these has been extremely positive. Here are just a few of the positive comments received.

- *"Debs presentation [was] totally inspiring an emotional. Great to hear from a parent's point of view."*
- *"Deborah sharing the parent story was one of the most powerful things I've heard."*
- *"The most amazing talk about the most beautiful little girl. A talk that will shape my ongoing practice."*
- *"This was an exceptional presentation. Debs should be commended on her bravery. We shall use this in training."*
- *"So helpful to hear from [a] mother's point of view and [Deborah] was so eloquent. Fantastic legacy for Jovie for her mum to share her experiences and educate health professionals in order to better help current and future families."*
- *"What an intensively powerful parent talk. So very valuable for all areas of medical practice. Thank you."*
- *"One of the most inspirational moments of my career."*
- *"Exceptionally powerful. Lots of learning points and things to reflect on."*
- *"Truly humbling to listen to Deborah's talk about Jovie and to be able to learn from her experiences. Once in a lifetime opportunity to become a better clinician and I'm so grateful for the change to hear their story."*
- *"Deborah spoke beautifully and passionately. I have shared this with colleagues and encourage them to watch and learn from her experience. I will utilise this in my daily practice."*
- *"Resonated heavily with me. The most useful parental perspective I've ever heard."*

Financial review

The financial report presented here cover the financial year ending 31 December 2023. The accounts that follow and have been independently examined.



Simon Goddard
Treasurer, on behalf of the trustees

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Previous Period Jul 2021 – Dec 22	January-December 2023
Income		
Fundraisers	£ 3316.16	£ 2092.67
Collections	£ 1443.10	£ 0.00
Donations	£ 948.51	£ 475.26
Other	£ 0.00	£ 0.01
TOTAL INCOME	£ 5707.77	£ 2567.94
Expenditure		
Branded Items	£ 1216.69	£ - 366.10
Postage	£ 29.04	£ 0.00
Donations Out	£ 335.54	£ 1552.83
Other	£ 530.08	£ 226.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 2111.35	£ 1412.73
Surplus/Deficit	£ 3596.42	£ 1155.21
Balance brought forward	£ 0.00	£ 3596.42
Fund Balances carried forward	£ 3596.42	£ 4751.63
Balances as of:	31st December 2022	31st December 2023
Petty Cash	£ 880.24	£ 17.50
PayPal Account	£ 309.29	£ 71.80
Co-operative Bank Account	£ 2406.89	£ 4662.33
TOTAL	£ 3596.42	£ 4751.63

These accounts are signed by the treasurer:



Simon Goddard (Treasurer)

Date: 21st February 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
JOVIE'S JOURNEY (Charity No. 1196295)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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

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").

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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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.



Alan Ward

Date: 26-04-2024

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