



ANNUAL REPORT

1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

Milly's Smiles

Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees:	Gemma Dyson (Secretary) John Grundy (resigned 19 July) Lorraine Hargreaves (Chair) David Sears (Treasurer) Kathryn Thomas Helen Wall
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Milly's Smiles
Report of the Trustees
For the period ended 31 March 2023

The Trustees present their first Annual Report and Financial Statements of the charity for the period ended 31st March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's Governing Document, The Charities Act 2011 and Account and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity has previously been operating as a charitable trust – registration number 116399. The change to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation was for administration purposes and our aims and objectives remain unchanged. Registration was 4 April 2022.

The trustees administer the charity and regularly meet throughout the year.

The trustees who served during the year were:

L Hargreaves (Chair)
G Dyson
D Sears
K Thomas
H Wall
J Grundy – resigned 19 July 2022

The chair is responsible for the induction of new trustees. The induction provides new trustees with an awareness of their responsibilities, the governing document and the history and philosophical approach of the charity.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee with any service providers must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party.

Objectives and activities

The purposes of Milly's Smiles are:

The advancement of health or the saving of lives via the provision of comforts and items to children aged 0-18 years, who have been newly diagnosed with an oncology related illness.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The trustees are satisfied that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Benefit

Milly's Smiles strive to make the journey of parents and children who are newly diagnosed with an oncology related illness, and admitted into hospital, that little bit easier.

When you look into the faces of parents who have just received the devastating news that their child has cancer, it is impossible to know their pain. There is the worry and uncertainty of their child's cancer, how well it will respond to treatment or, indeed if it will respond at all.

The majority of admissions onto a children's oncology wards tend to be unexpected and unplanned. Often, families are blue-lighted to the hospital following a local medical appointment. Arriving on the ward can be a very frightening and upsetting experience for parents. There is a lot to take in, within a very unfamiliar environment.

Milly's Smiles was established to provide practical support to families at the point of admission onto the ward.

Milly's Smiles also fund a room at Ronald McDonald House at Manchester which allows families who live a long way from the hospital to have a place to stay close to their child. This room is funded on a three-year basis and our sponsorship of the room was renewed in March 2023.

Beneficiaries

The beneficiaries are parents and children on the wards who have been admitted with a new diagnosis of cancer. We provide each admission with a Milly Bag, containing a blanket, neck pillow, heat pack, towel, waterproof bag, juice bottle, thermal cup, notepad, pen and wallet, toiletries, vegan friendly sweets and a small hand knitted elephant.

Milly's Smiles has continued to support The Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, Ward 86, Alder Hey Children's Hospital Ward 3B and Leeds Children's Hospital Wards L31, L32, L33.

Achievements and performance

The charity sustained ongoing financial success this year.

We were fortunate enough to work with some excellent organisations who supported us throughout the course of this year with various fundraising activities.

Burnley Pension Centre
Fielding & Porter Solicitors
JaRo HR Consultancy
Briggs & Forrester
Country Foods
Blackburn Golf Club
Tesco Superstore
Sabden Cricket Club
Whalley Lions

We received a donation of £10,000 from Blackburn Chemicals to support our ongoing work.

The Eric Wright Charitable Trust supported us with a £10,000 grant to allow us to continue with our Milly Bag provision, whilst also making essential improvements at our unit.

A large donation was received in memory of a young girl whose family had been fundraising to pay for her treatment abroad. Accepting this donation was very emotional and humbling for Milly's Smiles.

We have held our own fundraising activities; a Summer Fair was held and is something we plan to do every other year. Milly's Walk was held in November, and is an annual event that is held to celebrate Milly's birthday. People make donations on the day and/or obtain sponsorship for the walk. We were lucky to have the event sponsored by one of our charity partners Fielding & Porter Solicitors.

We feel very lucky that we have continued to be supported by individuals who have set themselves incredible challenges in order to raise money. Some of these include; Marathon Des Sables, the London Marathon, Born Survivor, organising a Christmas lights viewing and an Ultra Marathon challenge.

Support continues from families and their friends who have received a Milly Bag, who are very proactive in terms of fundraising and raising awareness of our work.

There are a number of people who pay a monthly donation to the charity.

We remain grateful for continual support from family and friends of Milly, who is the inspiration for our charity.

During this financial year Milly Bags were donated as detailed;

Ward 84/86 received 80 bags, taking their total to 780 Milly Bags.

Ward 3B received 60 bags, taking their total to 325 Milly Bags.

Ward L31 received 80 bags and taking their total to 250 Milly Bags.

Financial review

The purpose of the reserves is to secure the future of our work and to maintain our commitment to supporting newly diagnosed families. The reserves will provide protection against unexpected events and fluctuations in income.

The trustees have considered the risks and needs of the charity, identifying
The following areas:

UK or worldwide events which will impact on the charity's fundraising capability such as terrorism, natural disaster or pandemic

Funds to allow for an increased number of children being newly diagnosed with cancer and requiring a Milly Bag.

Sufficient to protect the charity from the risk of insolvency or serious disruption to its work.

The trustees consider that reserves should be maintained at a level equivalent to between six- and twelve-month's expenditure. This will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained through the year.

Risk management

As the charity continues to establish itself the trustees will conduct a review of the major risks to which the charity may be exposed and systems will be established to mitigate exposure to those risks.

Plans for future periods

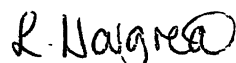
The trustees are proud of what has been achieved so far, but are determined to continue to build upon the work undertaken to date in order to help as many newly diagnosed families as possible.

The trustees held an away day/team building day hosted by The Connectives. The day was facilitated by Liz Cross who is known for bringing real break-through thinking and fresh energy in her strategic work with organisations across a wide range of sectors. We were inspired to continue our work to grow the charity and move from start up to scale up. We plan to look at employing a full-time member of staff to steer the charity forward and increase our support further across the country.

We have started discussions with Ward E3 at Nottingham University Hospital with a view to supporting their newly diagnosed families.

We also intend to look at offering support to bereaved families via facilitating creative therapy sessions on a monthly basis. This is something that we are looking to implement during the next financial year, having piloted several such groups over the last two years.

The trustee's report has been approved by the Board of Trustees.



L. Hargreaves
Chairperson.

Dated:

9.10.2023

Milly's Smiles
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the period ended 31 March 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the period ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').


Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David Marriott FCA

DPM Accounting Services Ltd

25 September 2023

Milly's Smiles
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the period ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	2	10,000
Charitable activities	3	149,352
Other income	4	3,041
Total		162,393
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	5/6	(62,865)
Total		(62,865)
Net income		99,528
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward		161,967
Total funds carried forward		261,495

Milly's Smiles
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	10	4,315
		4,315
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		258,140
		258,140
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(960)
Net current assets		257,180
Total assets less current liabilities		261,495
Net assets		261,495
The funds of the charity		
Unrestricted income funds	12	261,495
Total funds		261,495

For the period ended 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

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L Hargreaves
Chairperson

25 September 2023

Milly's Smiles
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the period ended 31 March 2023

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Milly's Smiles meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

2. Income from donations and legacies

	2023
	£
Unrestricted funds	
Grants received	10,000
	10,000

3. Income from charitable activities

	2023
	£
Unrestricted funds	
<i>Donations</i>	
Donations	74,680
<i>Fundraising</i>	
Fundraising	74,672
	149,352

4. Other income

	2023
	£
Unrestricted funds	
Gains on disposal of tangible fixed asset for charity's own use	1,691
Rental income	1,350
	3,041

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Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the period ended 31 March 2023

5. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	2023
	£
Unrestricted funds	
Donations	52,971
Support costs	9,894
	62,865

6. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	2023
	£	£	£
Support costs			
Donations	52,971	9,894	62,865

7. Analysis of support costs

	2023
	£
Donations	
Management	2,173
Merchant fees	173
Governance costs	7,548
	9,894

8. Net income/(expenditure) for the period

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023
	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	56
Accountancy fees	960
(Gain)/Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(1,691)

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9. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs for the period ended 31 March 2023 were:

	2023
	£
Salaries and wages	2,117
	2,117

	2023
Founder	0
	0

10. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Motor Vehicles	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Additions	6,809	371	7,180
Revaluations	-	(56)	(56)
Disposals	(2,809)	-	(2,809)
At 31 March 2023	4,000	315	4,315
Net book values			
At 31 March 2023	4,000	315	4,315

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023
	£
Accruals and deferred income	960
	960

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12. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 04/04/2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/03/2023
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	161,967	162,393	(62,865)	261,495
	161,967	162,393	(62,865)	261,495

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General	4,315	257,180	261,495
	4,315	257,180	261,495

Milly's Smiles
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the period ended 31 March 2023

	2023
	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT	
Donations and legacies	
Grants receivable	10,000
	10,000
Charitable activities	
Donations (Donations)	74,680
Fundraising (Fundraising)	74,672
	149,352
Other income	
Gains on disposal of tangible fixed asset for charity's own use	1,691
Rental income	1,350
	3,041
Total incoming resources	162,393
EXPENDITURE	
Charitable activities	
Cost of direct charitable activity (Donations)	(52,971)
	(52,971)
SUPPORT COSTS	
Management	
Management (Donations)	(2,173)
	(2,173)
Merchant fees	
Merchant fees (Donations)	(173)
	(173)
Governance costs	
Governance costs (Donations)	(7,548)
	(7,548)
Total resources expended	(62,865)
Net Income	99,528