



**Spread Your Wings**

*Life with Angelman Syndrome*

# TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

This is the second annual report for Spread Your Wings. It's been a year of steady growth, during which the charity has refined its sense of purpose, supporting the Angelman community across the UK. At the same time, it has forged new connections, beyond the Angelman community and across the globe.

## OUR INSPIRATION

Leo, whose diagnosis with Angelman syndrome in December 2021, is the inspiration for Spread Your Wings.

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NO:**  
1201650

**PERIOD**  
19TH JANUARY 2024  
TO 18TH JANUARY 2025



# OUR CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES...

## 1 Support families

*For the public benefit, to relieve the need of individuals and their families affected by Angelman syndrome and similar conditions, by the provision of financial support for mobility aids, therapy sessions and other essential services designed to assist those living with this condition.*

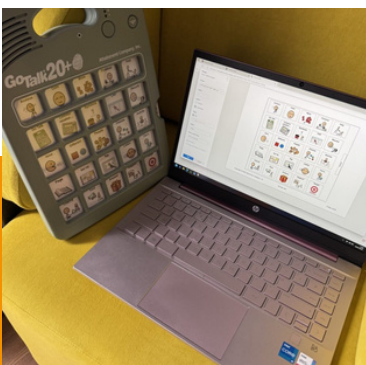
## How we helped families...

We spent £10,363.64 on our first Angelman community grant scheme in partnership with the charity Angelman UK. This ultimately supported 53 Angelman families to purchase 24 iPads with cases and communication software, travel safety beds, travel seats, bean bags, part funding of wheelchairs, mattresses, sensory equipment, swing-seats, walkers, trikes, and therapy sessions in physio and speech & language.

This showed us how important it was that we allocate funds to families to provide a positive and practical impact, and gave us the resolve to plan our own independent Spread your Wings Family Grant Scheme in 2025, reserving £50,000 for this purpose.

Examples of what we helped to purchase for families:

**Trampoline | Sensory Swing | Bubble Lamp | iPad | iPad Cases | Safety Bed | Walker | Hippotherapy  
DVD Player | Physio Sessions | Communication Systems | Positioning Harness | Sensory Toys | Trike**



## 2 Fund research

Following our support of the Oxford Natural History Study, we connected with the leader of the study; **Professor Laurent Servais** and committed **£50,000** to his federated data research project. We are grateful to them for this update.



Researchers at the University of Oxford, and worldwide, are working to develop treatments for Angelman Syndrome, but before any therapy can be approved, it must pass rigorous clinical trials to prove effectiveness. While two promising early-stage trials have already taken place, the biggest challenge now is the lack of a large, up-to-date dataset of patients. **This data is essential for designing later-stage trials that can thoroughly test new therapies and meet approval standards;** without it, researchers cannot confidently demonstrate that treatments work well enough to be approved.

To create a dataset that's large and diverse enough, we need to combine information from many organisations and studies around the world. This process can be slow and costly, and it's often complicated by legal, privacy, and intellectual property rules. To address this, **Professor Laurent Servais at the University of Oxford, is pioneering in this field a new approach called "data federation"**. Instead of sharing raw data between countries—which is slow and legally complex— a data federation will act as a centralised, virtual platform that allows researchers to be able to securely share, access and analyse information from multiple studies around the world without moving data between different sites. This means we can **combine data from the UK, Europe, South America, and Australia in one place to create a much larger dataset**. With this, we can design better trials that will meet approval standards, speed up treatment development, and ultimately help bring **real improvements in walking, speech, seizures, and sleep for families living with Angelman Syndrome**.

Thanks to the generous support of Spread Your Wings, work on creating the data federation platform began in early 2025. Professor Servais and his team partnered with two researchers from the University's Computer Science department, who provided crucial technical expertise. Together, they identified Solid, an innovative technology that can be adapted to meet the platform's specific requirements, laying the foundation for a secure and efficient solution. The team also successfully recruited a skilled developer to build the infrastructure. Significant progress has been made in the past three months, and the first working prototype is expected to be deployed in November 2025. In parallel with technical development, considerable time and effort has been dedicated to establishing the necessary data governance and legal frameworks. The team are actively collaborating with the Department of Paediatrics Data Governance team and the University of Oxford's Legal Services to ensure that robust regulatory and ethical structures are in place to support the successful deployment of the platform.

**This project represents a significant step forward in both medical and technical innovation and has the potential to make a substantial impact on the study of Angelman Syndrome, and other rare diseases, by enabling secure, efficient, and ethically sound federated data analysis across institutions. We are grateful for the support of Spread Your Wings, and look forward to sharing how our work develops.**



### 3 Promote social and physical activity

*To promote for the benefit of individuals living with Angelman syndrome or similar conditions, the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances and with the objective of improving the condition of the said inhabitants. Examples might include: tailored family sports days, operated at a local level, that cater for all the children and families living with Angelman syndrome or similar conditions and; grant funding specialist coaching days to allow schools to include children with Angelman or similar conditions in their sporting activities.*

#### Our first Angelman family event...

Our first family event at Winter Wonderland last year, made us realise the importance of events where families can meet, share stories and be in an environment well suited to their whole family including their Angelman family member and siblings. In partnership with others, we have established three such family events in our second year.



**Alton Towers** This is a well-established event in the Angelman community calendar, thanks to the hard work of Linda Holmes. Spread Your Wings supported 24 families in need of support with their accommodation costs and also distributed special "Angelman Is My Superpower" t-shirts! 45 families attended in 2024 to celebrate International Angelman Day.

**Spread a Smile Summer Party 2024** at Coram's Fields was a joyful and unforgettable event held on Thursday 25 July, welcoming over 780 children, their families and carers, including 21 Angelman families.. Designed to offer a magical escape for these children and their loved ones, the day was packed with activities, entertainment, and treats. Guests enjoyed arts and crafts, face painting, glitter tattoos, slime making, animal petting, and interactive games. There were also flower crown workshops, biscuit decorating, and a giant inflatable football goal. Therapy dogs Thomas, Chocco, and Zara were on hand to spread extra smiles. Entertainment included music, dancing, bubbles, poetry, and magic, all delivered by the Spread a Smile entertainers. Food was plentiful and delicious, with ice cream rolls, wood-fired pizzas, and sweet treats. This was all made possible by Spread a Smile and their 160 volunteers. The event created a safe and joyful space for families to relax and connect, and most of all to be entertained.



We returned to **Winter Wonderland** in Hyde Park in London on November 27th, 2024. On this day, numbers are limited, and sounds are turned down making it the perfect environment for children with sensory challenges. Siblings have a great time, meeting and playing with each other. The adults really enjoy it too! They have a wonderful opportunity to come together with other parents who understand them without any need to explain.





**Our biggest fundraiser of the year was a**

## **40 for 40 Tough Mudder**

**held on 19th May 2024 in celebration of founding Trustee, Alex's 40th birthday. It was attended by 50 brave runners and guests and was a wonderful celebration.**

**Raising an amazing £36,500 just made it even better.**



**Thanks to an incredible group of volunteers, we held our**

## **First Golf Day**

**at Old Fold Manor, Barnet on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.**

**130 players and guests enjoyed a round of golf followed by a delicious meal. Thanks to the players, guests, sponsors, volunteers and a top class organising committee: Jerry Marks, Catti Ferro & Tony Ferro.**

**This raised £24,012.**





# AN EXCITING YEAR OF FUNDRAISING...

## Leo's birthday – 26th March

is an important event each year. We ask all of our community to wish him Happy Birthday and donate his age in pounds plus 15 pence. The 15 represents the chromosome 15 where absence or mutation of the UBE3A gene causes Angelman syndrome. In 2024 we raised **£1,147**.



**Leo's Superheroes** take on challenges to raise funds, from half-marathons to cake sales and everything in between. If you would like to be one of Leo's superheroes visit our website and get in touch.

*Our fundraisers continue to amaze us...with our 1st Golf Day, our 1st Tough Mudder, working with schools, companies and individuals raising funds beyond our expectations!*



**£100**  
Freemasons Earlham  
Lodge  
Event date  
25th Jan 2024



**£1,000**  
William Grant & Sons  
Event date  
31st Jan 2024



**£579**  
Alton Towers Raffle  
Event date  
17th Feb 2024



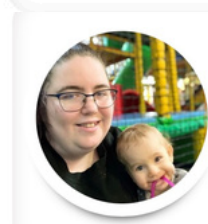
**£100**  
Freemasons Gavel  
and  
Staff Lodge  
Event date  
24th Feb 2024



**£145**  
St Paul's CE Primary  
School  
Event date  
27th Feb 2024



**£1,000**  
Filomena Esposito  
Barclays  
Event date  
27th Feb 2024



**£92**  
Antonia-Louise James  
Raffle  
Event date  
19th Mar 2024



**£10,000**  
Italian Medical  
Charity  
Event date  
20th Mar 2024



**£1,514**  
Sacred Heart Primary  
school  
Event date  
25th Mar 2024



**£1,147**  
Leo's 3rd Birthday  
Event date  
26th Mar 2024



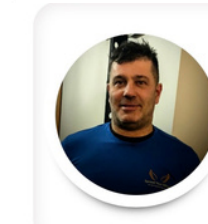
**£3,000**  
Dormole  
Event date  
20th Apr 2024



**£28,100**  
Hellman and  
Friedman  
Event date  
26th Apr 2024



**£1,315**  
Shake Down  
Event date  
11th May 2024



**£540**  
Bruno Proietti  
Nuclear Races  
Event date  
15th May 2024

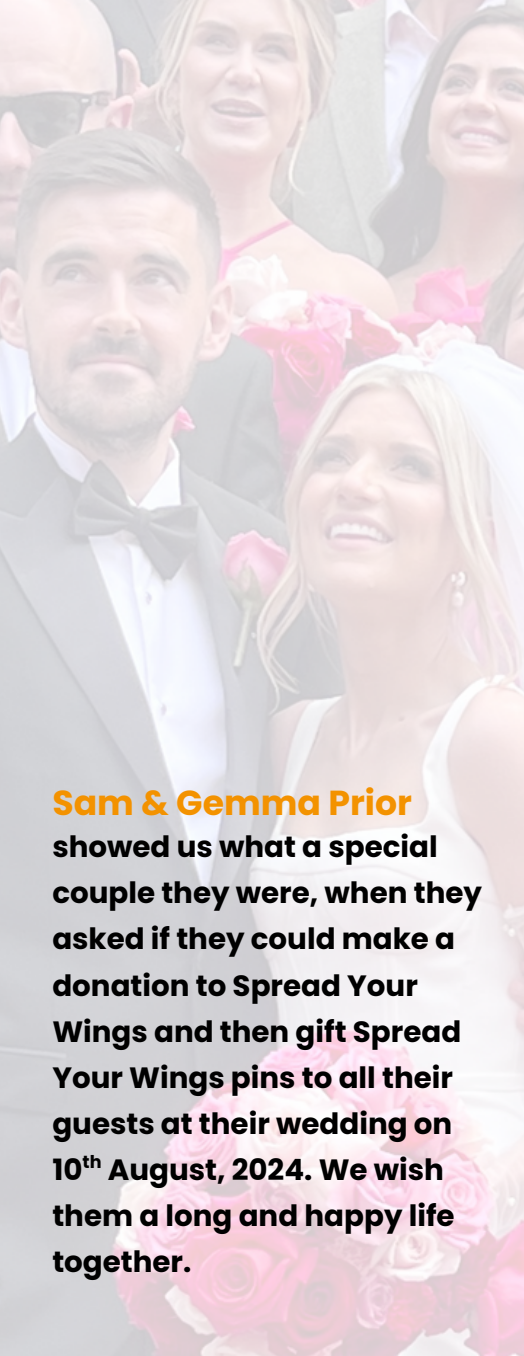


**£36,500**  
Tough Mudder  
Event date  
19th May 2024



**£157.70**  
Burlington House  
Prep School mufti day  
Event date  
22nd May 2024





**Sam & Gemma Prior** showed us what a special couple they were, when they asked if they could make a donation to Spread Your Wings and then gift Spread Your Wings pins to all their guests at their wedding on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. We wish them a long and happy life together.

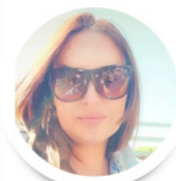
**Dan Serfontein** reached dizzying heights in his trek to Mt. Manuslu as he raised a total of £15,800, the largest amount from any individual.



**£1,955**  
Louise & Phil's 100k  
Walk/ Run  
  
Event date  
Throughout May  
2024



**£300**  
Anglo Italian Golf  
Society  
  
Event date  
10th Jun 2024



**£149**  
Kelly Shoreman  
Hiking Samaria Gorge  
  
Event date  
15th Jun 2024



**£1,390**  
Bodhi Eden's 12 Hour  
Yoga  
  
Event date  
10th Aug 2024



**£760**  
Leeds 5k & 10k  
Running Festival  
  
Event date  
18th Aug 2024



**£75**  
Beach Media  
  
Event date  
3rd Sep 2024



**£15,800**  
Dan Serfontein  
expedition to  
Mount Manaslu  
  
Event date  
3rd Sep 2024



**£1,343**  
North London Kids  
Festival  
  
Event date  
15th Sep 2024



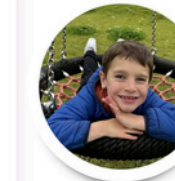
**£5,000**  
Mazzini Garibaldi  
Foundation  
  
Event date  
8th Oct 2024



**£11,912**  
Royal Parks Half  
Marathon  
  
Event date  
13th Oct 2024



**£24,012**  
Golf Day  
  
Event date  
18th Oct 2024



**£1,925**  
Rocco's Angelman  
Winter Family Funday  
  
Event date  
24th Nov 2024



**£4,110**  
Build a Bridge  
Foundation  
  
Event date  
27th Nov 2024



**By Private  
Invitation**  
Winter Wonderland  
Angelman Family day  
  
Event date  
27th Nov 2024



**£3,035**  
Alcentra  
Christmas Jumper  
Day  
  
Event date  
20th Dec 2024

**TOTAL RAISED:**  
**£131,882**

# SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS...


Spread Your Wings set itself 5 key targets in its second year, building on the previous year's targets:




**1**


**Raise £100,000**

After a first year that exceeded all our expectations, we set a target of £100K for the year or at least £275K since the start of the charity. Due to the generosity of our donors, we have raised £131,882 giving a grand total of...





**£310,218**



**2**

**Enable 3 Angelman Family events**

We now support 3 regular events each year.


- **February 14<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup> Alton Towers Trip**
- **July 25<sup>th</sup> Spread a Smile Summer Party**
- **November 27<sup>th</sup> Winter Wonderland**



**3**

**Support 100 Angelman Families**

**Over 100** families received support through our grants schemes and our Spread A Smile Festive Hampers




**51** families were supported through the grants scheme in partnership with Angelman UK.

**23** families were supported with accommodation costs enabling them to attend the Alton Towers event.

**100** young people received Festive Hampers from Spread a Smile.

**4**

**Award 1 further research grant**





**£50,000** was awarded to Professor Laurent Servais at Oxford University.

**5**

**Gain 5,000 on Social Media**

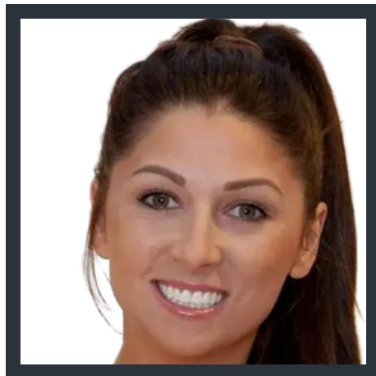


This year we gained 860 followers, taking us to **4,134** followers across Instagram, Facebook & LinkedIn, but still missing our target.



## OUR TRUSTEES...

Founding trustees, Jenny, Alex and Clare were appointed on 22 May 2022. Natasha joined the board as a trustee on December 18th 2023 on a 5-year term.



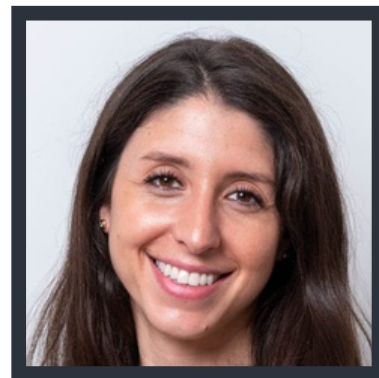
**Jennifer Vainella**



**Alex Vainella**



**Clare Hegarty**



**Natasha Sotiri**

New trustees are selected by the current trustees on their eligibility according to the trust deeds, their commitment to the charitable objectives, their skills to fulfil a needed role and their ability to commit time to the role for their 5 year term. None of our trustees receive any financial remuneration.

## OUR COMMITTEE...

**Without a gala, we were able to operate a much smaller committee in this year, but we are indebted to a number of people who support the charity throughout the year:**

**Roberto Barzanti – Treasurer**  
**Aimee Crowther – Administrator**  
**Nicole Fernandez - Merchandise**  
**Mick Hegarty – Technology**  
**Amanda Orsi-Harper – Social Media**  
**Loretta Orsi-Barzanti – Legal**  
**Adrian Sandu – Family Grants**





## OUR VOLUNTEERS...

Each event requires a band of willing volunteers who make it all happen behind the scenes. We were supported by volunteers at numerous events this year, especially at the Golf Day, shown above. All of these people are the foundation of our success. Thank you to each and every one of you.

## OUR SPORTS SPONSORS...

AC Finchley Football Club have continued to support Spread Your Wings by wearing our logo on the back of **every shirt in every team!** They have been there from the beginning and we love them for it!





# OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS...



At almost every event, the generosity of businesses has made a huge impact on the amount of funds raised. This year we would like to highlight **Hellman and Friedman** who match funded **£28,000** raised by their employees in the previous financial year bringing their contribution to a staggering **£56,000**.

We are also grateful to the businesses who make regular donations to us throughout the year:

**Kyvano**



**My Little Butterfly**



**Jordan Woods Group**



**GD Financial**



**Language Angels**



And to **London Trophy Company** who are behind all the running shirts and clothing merchandise.



And to **Non Stop Action**, who provide support in every way possible, every single day.



And to both **REIM** and **Carnevale** who have supported us since Day 1.



# OUR CHARITY PARTNERS...



Spread Your Wings is proud to work alongside other Angelman charities in both the UK and worldwide.



Outside the Angelman charity world, a number of charities have provided us with consistent support or worked alongside us:

- Italian Medical Charity
- Willow Foundation
- Mazzini Garibaldi Charitable Foundation



Spread a Smile has been a highly valued partner charity. They were established to bring joy and comfort to seriously ill children and their families through their entertainers in hospitals and organising events. Through their support, we have been able to host families at the Summer Party in London and provide much appreciated Festive Hampers to young Angelman people and their young siblings across the country.

SPREAD YOUR WINGS

## Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 18 January 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charity for the year ended 18 January 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	SPREAD YOUR WINGS
Charity registration number	1201650
Principal address	Millbrook School School House Lane London NW7 1JF

## Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Mr Alessandro Vainella  
Mrs Clare Hegarty  
Mrs Jennifer Vainella  
Mrs Natasha Sotiri

## Independent examiners

G Teoli & Co.  
Certified Public Accountants  
Balfour House  
741 High Road  
London  
N12 0BP

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by



Mr Alessandro Vainella

04 November 2025



# Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

For the year ended 18 January 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 18 January 2025.

## Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

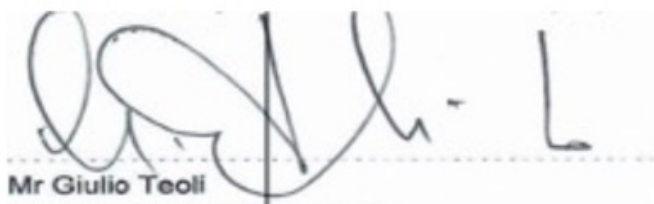
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

## 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



Mr Giulio Teoli

FCPA., FMAAT., AFA/MIPA  
G Teoli & Co.  
Certified Public Accountants  
Balfour House  
741 High Road  
London  
N12 0BP

04 November 2025

SPREAD YOUR WINGS

# Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 18 January 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2024 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	45,540	56,549
Charitable activities	3	139,306	185,313
Other trading activities	4	-	6,000
Other income	5	1,894	5,984
<b>Total</b>		<b>186,740</b>	<b>253,846</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds	6	(14,700)	(60,000)
Charitable activities	7/8	(54,458)	(75,510)
<b>Total</b>		<b>(69,158)</b>	<b>(135,510)</b>
<b>Net income</b>		<b>117,582</b>	<b>118,336</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		118,336	-
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>235,918</b>	<b>118,336</b>



SPREAD YOUR WINGS

# Statement of Financial Position

As at 18 January 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		235,918	118,336
		<b>235,918</b>	<b>118,336</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>235,918</b>	<b>118,336</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>235,918</b>	<b>118,336</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>235,918</b>	<b>118,336</b>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted income funds	13	235,918	118,336
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>235,918</b>	<b>118,336</b>

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



Mrs Clare Hegarty  
Trustee

04 November 2025

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 18 January 2025

## 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 Charities Act 2011.

SPREAD YOUR WINGS 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).

### Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is included in the Statement of Financial Activities, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

## 2. Income from donations and legacies

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
Donations received	30,543	42,454
Gifts in kind	14,997	14,095
	<b>45,540</b>	<b>56,549</b>

## 3. Income from charitable activities

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
<i>Activity 1</i>		
Income from charitable activities	139,306	185,313

## 4. Income earned from other activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Sponsorships	-	6,000
	<b>-</b>	<b>6,000</b>



# Notes to the Financial Statements Continued

For the year ended 18 January 2025

## 5. Other income

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
Other income 1	1,894	5,984
	<b>1,894</b>	<b>5,984</b>

## 6. Expenditure on generating donations & legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
Donations	14,700	60,000
	<b>14,700</b>	<b>60,000</b>

## 7. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
Activity 1	49,702	67,948
Support costs	4,756	7,562
	<b>54,458</b>	<b>75,510</b>

## 8. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>Activities undertaken directly</b>		
Activity 1	54,458	75,510

## 9. Analysis of support costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Governance costs	4,756	7,562

## 10. Net income (expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accountancy fees	700	-

# Notes to the Financial Statements Continued

For the year ended 18 January 2025

## 11. Particulars of employees

	2025	2024
No employees	0	0
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## 12. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.

## 13. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

### Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 19/01/2024 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 18/01/2025 £
<i>General</i>				
General	118,336	186,740	(69,158)	235,918
	<b>118,336</b>	<b>186,740</b>	<b>(69,158)</b>	<b>235,918</b>

### Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 19/01/2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 18/01/2024 £
<i>General</i>				
General	-	253,846	(135,510)	118,336
	<b>-</b>	<b>253,846</b>	<b>(135,510)</b>	<b>118,336</b>

## 14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Net Assets £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
<i>General</i>		
General	235,918	235,918
	<b>235,918</b>	<b>235,918</b>

### Previous year

	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Net Assets £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
<i>General</i>		
General	118,336	118,336
	<b>118,336</b>	<b>118,336</b>



# Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 18 January 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENT</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	30,543	42,454
Gifts in kind	14,997	14,095
	<b>45,540</b>	<b>56,549</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Income from charitable activities	139,306	185,313
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<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Sponsorships	-	6,000
	<b>-</b>	<b>6,000</b>
<b>Other income</b>		
Other income 1	1,894	5,984
	<b>1,894</b>	<b>5,984</b>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>186,740</b>	<b>253,846</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	(14,700)	(60,000)
	<b>(14,700)</b>	<b>(60,000)</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Cost of direct charitable activity	(49,702)	(67,948)
	<b>(49,702)</b>	<b>(67,948)</b>
<b>SUPPORT COSTS</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Governance costs	(4,756)	(7,562)
	<b>(4,756)</b>	<b>(7,562)</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>(69,158)</b>	<b>(135,510)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>117,582</b>	<b>118,336</b>

## Governance of Fundraising

Spread Your Wings is a member of the Fundraising Regulator, who holds the Code of Fundraising Practice for the UK, with which we aim to fully comply. We received no complaints this year related to fundraising. There have been no breaches of the Code of Practice.



## Reserves Policy

The charity maintained unrestricted funds of at least twice the cost of our largest event. This ensures the long-term sustainability of all our fundraising and charitable activities. With a higher number of events and increasing costs, we increased this to a minimum reserve of £120,000.

In addition, we reserved a total of £113,000 based on commitments given:

£50,000 was reserved for the research grant to Oxford University.

£50,000 was reserved for the first Spread Your Wings Independent Family Grant Scheme.

£8,000 was held in reserve at the end of the year for the sleep grant scheme in partnership with Angelman UK.

£5,000 for a donation to our partner charity, Spread a Smile.

Total reserve is £233,000.

## Investment Policy

Reserves are held in interest bearing accounts.

## Public Benefit

The charity has been guided in the allocation of funds by the charity commission's guidance on the need for all activities to be for the public benefit.

## Policy of Grant Making

The charity has a policy on grant-making. This makes clear the eligibility for such grants and the alignment with the charity's objectives.

## Accounts

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of this report and financial statement. In doing so, the approach has been full compliance with the methods and principles in the Charity SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice). The trustees are indebted to our volunteer treasurer, Roberto Barzanti and to our independent auditor, Giulio Teoli.





# Next year...

Our targets for 2025:



Total fundraised to date

**£500,000**



**1st release** of AS support platform



**£50,000** given out in family grants



**100** Angelman families attending family events

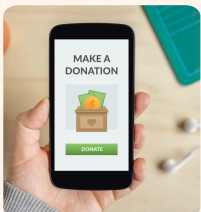


Social media followers to exceed

**5,000**

across all platforms

## Ways to help...



GIVE A  
DONATION



BE AN ANGELMAN  
AMBASSADOR



BE ONE OF LEO'S  
SUPERHEROES



VOLUNTEER  
WITH US



BECOME A  
BUSINESS PARTNER



SCAN TODAY TO  
FIND OUT MORE



## ***Recognition for Spread your Wings***

***We were honoured to be nominated for the Community Organisation Award for Disability at the National Diversity Awards in 2024. This recognition belongs not just to our trustees, but to everyone who makes our work possible — our dedicated committee and volunteers, our generous business, charity, school, and individual donors, and above all, the incredible Angelman community who continue to inspire everything we do.***

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