

Hope Begins Trustees' Annual Report – 2024

About the Charity

Name: Hope Begins

Charity number: 1207705

Address: 16 Majendie Road, London, SE18 7QB

Trustees:

- Gareth Johns (Chair)
- Rachel Macnamara (Treasurer)
- Timothy Reynolds (Secretary)

Purpose and Activities

Hope Begins is dedicated to lifting children out of poverty through sustainable, long-term support. In partnership with Naomi's Village, a children's home, preschool, and school in Kenya, we help provide a nurturing environment where children can thrive.

Through our child sponsorship programme, Hope Begins ensures access to quality education, school transportation, books, supplies, and uniforms. Sponsored children also receive nutritious meals, regular medical evaluations, and spiritual care and development.

Achievements for 2024

- Successfully registered with the Charity Commission in April 2024.
- Established 13 monthly child sponsorships.
- Held two fundraising events, raising a total of £2,997.
- Sent £4,589 directly to Naomi's Village to support the care and education of children.

Finances

- **Total income:** £5,956
- **Total spending:** £4,624
- **Main source of income:** Donations
- **Main area of expenditure:** Funds sent to Naomi's Village
- **Reserves at year end:** £1,332

The trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be sound for its first year of operation and are committed to ensuring resources are used effectively to further the charity's aims.

Looking Ahead

In the coming year, Hope Begins aims to:

- Increase to at least 25 monthly child sponsors.
- Raise £1,000 per month in regular donations.
- Secure a UK church partnership to broaden community engagement.
- Launch a regular newsletter to strengthen supporter communication.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 21 October 2025 and signed electronically on their behalf by:

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Gareth Johns

Chair

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<i>Income</i>			
Child Sponsorship		2,884.92	2,884.92
5K Sponsorship	1,912.05		1,912.05
Christmas Fund		73.97	73.97
Gareth Fundraiser	1,085.39		1,085.39
TOTAL INCOME	2,997.44	2,958.89	5,956.33
<i>Expenditure</i>			
Grants to Leap/CPA/Naomi's Village	2,547.82	2,041.17	4,589.00
Other Expenditure	35.00		35.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,582.82	2,041.17	4,624.00
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	414.62	917.72	1,332.33
Opening Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfers between funds	360.21	-360.21	0.00
Closing Fund Balances	774.83	557.51	1,332.33
 Assets at Year End			
Cash	363.73		
Debtors (stewardship)	968.61		
TOTAL ASSETS	1,332.34		