

CALEB HOUSE TRUST

Trustees' Report & Statement of Accounts

For the year from January 1 2017 - December 31 2017

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Annual Report for the year ending December 31 2017

The trustees of Caleb House Trust are pleased to submit their Annual Report and accounts for the period January 1 2017 - December 31 2017.

Purposes of the Trust

The Trust is established for the the relief of poverty, the advancement of education and the promotion, preservation and protection of health of the children (hereinafter referred to as “the beneficiaries”) of Fundatia Casa Kaleb, Cluj-Napoca and its environs of Romania (hereinafter referred to as “the area of benefit”) and to promote the benefit of such children who are in need of assistance as a result of their poverty or social and economic circumstances by associating with the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants of the area of benefit in a common effort to provide residential accommodation and training in life-skills, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said children and young people and in particular:

to advance the education of children and young people aged 3 - 25 through their educational and leisure activities so as to develop their spiritual, physical, mental and emotional capacities in such ways as the Committee may from time to time think fit

to promote or assist in promoting capacity building programmes and projects for the benefit of children and young people aged between 3 - 25 within the area of benefit who have need of such assistance as a result of their youth, age, disability or infirmity, or social and economic circumstances, in an effort to increase the abilities, skills, self-esteem and self-confidence of such children and young people in the area of benefit.

The Trust is governed by a Trust Deed, agreed and signed by the Trustees in 2011.

Trustee Details

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Achievements and Performance

The past financial year has been a quiet one for the Trust, with no fundraising activities having been undertaken and no expenses having been accrued.

The Trustees have been in contact with their partners in Fundatia Casa Kaleb in Romania throughout the reporting period in order to determine how best the funds that had been raised previously could be disbursed to them in order to assist those young people who benefit from their services in Cluj-Napoca.

However, the Trustees have not been satisfied that the work of Fundatia Casa Kaleb was sufficiently well organised in order to allow us to transfer funds to them and be certain that they would be used for the purposes for which they were given.

Therefore, the Trustees have agreed that no funds should be transferred to Fundatia Casa Kaleb during the year past. We continue to liaise with Fundatia Casa Kaleb in order to determine appropriate programmes and activities that Caleb House Trust may be in a position to fund in order to ensure that there would be full traceability of any funds that we would transfer to Romania.

Due to the lack of funds being utilised in Romania during the financial year, the Trustees considered it prudent that we would retain any funds that had been raised up until the end of the financial year and to suspend any further fundraising activities at this point.

Contingent upon a satisfactory agreement being reached with Fundatia Casa Kaleb at a future stage as to how any funds transferred would be utilised appropriately, the Trustees would be of a mind to end their activities and close the Trust once all funds have been distributed.

In carrying out our activities for the year, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities and decisions made have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Financial Performance

The Trust's full accounts are provided at the end of this report.

In summary, at the beginning of the financial year, the Trust held funds of £4393.84 in the bank. At year end, the funds held were £4393.84.

No expenses were incurred.

As stated previously, the Trustees agreed to suspend fundraising this year, therefore we had zero income.

The Trust has no debts, and there are no funds held by the Trust that are in material deficit.

The Trust has no assets or liabilities in its name.