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COMIC RELIEF LIMITED

**Financial statements
30 June 1999**

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COMIC RELIEF LIMITED

Directors and advisers

Directors

Peter Bennett-Jones
Richard Curtis MBE
Emma Freud
Michael Harris
Lenny Henry
Paul Jackson
Melinda Letts
Lawrence Newman
Nalini Varma
Olabisi Adeleye-Fayemi

Secretary

Colin Howes

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Directors' report for the year ended 30 June 1999

The directors submit their report and the financial statements of Comic Relief Limited for the year ended 30 June 1999.

Principal activity

The company has two principal activities:

- i) To create "new" money for charitable purposes through fundraising and trading activities most notably Red Nose Day. This is covenanted to Comic Relief Limited's parent, Charity Projects.
- ii) To attract sponsorship to cover the administration costs of the company's trading activities.

Review of the business and future developments

Income achieved during the year was £6,476,842 as compared with £334,137 in the year to 30 June 1998.

Taxable profits arising in the year are payable to the parent company Charity Projects, a registered charity, under deed of covenant.

The company will continue to raise funds from various trading activities over the coming year. The next Red Nose Day will take place in March 2001.

Financial results

The results for the year are set out in the profit and loss account on page 5. The position at the end of the year is shown in the balance sheet on page 6.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend, which leaves a profit of £92 (1998 : £123) to be taken to reserves after the deed of covenant.

Directors and their interests

The following held office during the year as directors and are also members of the Board of Trustees of Charity Projects:

Peter Bennett-Jones
Richard Curtis MBE
Emma Freud
Michael Harris
Lenny Henry
Paul Jackson
Melinda Letts
Lawrence Newman
Nalini Varma
Olabisi Adeleye-Fayemi (appointed November 1998)

No director had any interest in the share capital of the company.

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Directors' report for the year ended 30 June 1999

Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

As the company has elected to dispense with the requirement to re-appoint auditors, Chantrey Vellacott DFK will continue to act as auditors of the company.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD


COLIN HOWES

Secretary

Date: 3 November 1999

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Auditors' report to the members of Comic Relief Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 9 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at 30 June 1999 and of its results for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Chantrey Vellacott DFK

CHANTREY VELLACOTT DFK

Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

LONDON

DATE: *27 November 1999*

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Profit and loss account for the year ended 30 June 1999

	Notes	1999 £	1998 £
Turnover	1,2	<u>6,476,842</u>	<u>334,137</u>
Operating (loss)	2	(20,107)	(111,967)
Interest receivable		<u>20,199</u>	<u>112,090</u>
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	3	92	123
Taxation	4	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Retained profit for the year	10	<u><u>92</u></u>	<u><u>123</u></u>

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the results above, and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 30 June 1999

	Notes	1999 £	1998 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	7	4,249,367	34,007
Cash at bank and in hand		2,240,633	338,269
		<u>6,490,000</u>	<u>372,276</u>
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	6,486,223	368,591
Net assets		<u>3,777</u>	<u>3,685</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital	9	2	2
Profit and loss account	10	3,775	3,683
		<u>3,777</u>	<u>3,685</u>

Approved by the Board on 3 November 1999 and signed on its behalf by:

Michael Harris

MICHAEL HARRIS

Peter Bennett Jones

PETER BENNETT JONES

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 June 1999

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and applicable accounting standards under the historical cost convention.

b) Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at historical cost.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write each asset down to its estimated residual value evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:-

Computer equipment	25% straight-line basis
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c) Turnover

Turnover represents income raised from the sale of goods and associated trading in connection with events organised for charitable purposes within the United Kingdom, and sponsorship money received to cover the administration costs.

Rights and royalty income are recognised on a receivable basis.

2. Operating loss	1999 £	1998 £
Income		
From Red Nose Day Activities	5,673,202	137,974
Corporate support	708,365	76,176
Other	95,275	119,987
	<u>6,476,842</u>	<u>334,137</u>
Expenditure		
Red Nose Day - cost of goods sold	3,175	657
Operating costs	631,713	151,216
Amounts payable to Charity Projects under deed of covenant	5,862,061	294,231
	<u>6,496,949</u>	<u>446,104</u>
Operating loss	<u>(20,107)</u>	<u>(111,967)</u>

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3.	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	1999	1998
		£	£
	The profit is stated after charging:		
	Auditors' remuneration	4,000	3,500
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4. **Taxation**
Under a deed of covenant the company covenants to its parent, Charity Projects, a registered charity, an amount equal to its taxable profits.

5.	Employees	1999	1998
		No.	No.
	The average weekly number of persons employed by the company during the year was:		
	Red Nose Day co-ordinators	-	1
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		£	£
	Staff costs for the above persons:		
	Wages and salaries	-	1,696
	Social security costs	-	144
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		-	1,840
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

No directors received any remuneration in the year ended 30 June 1999 (1998 - £Nil).

6.	Tangible fixed assets	Computer equipment
		£
	Cost:	
	1 July 1998 and 30 June 1999	500
		<u> </u>
	Depreciation:	
	1 July 1998 and 30 June 1999	500
		<u> </u>
	Net book value:	
	30 June 1998 and 30 June 1999	-
		<u> </u>

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7.	Debtors	1999	1998
		£	£
	Trade debtors	119,089	8
	Prepayments and accrued income	4,130,278	33,999
		<u>4,249,367</u>	<u>34,007</u>
8.	Creditors	1999	1998
		£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year:		
	Trade creditors	2,835	19,994
	Amounts due to Charity Projects	4,598,286	
	Taxation on deed of covenant	1,348,274	
	Accruals and deferred income	467,366	94,217
	VAT	69,462	6,931
		<u>6,486,223</u>	<u>368,591</u>
9.	Share capital	1999	1998
		£	£
	Authorised:		
	10,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000
		<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	Allotted, called-up and fully paid:		
	2 Ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2
10.	Profit and loss account	1999	1998
		£	£
	1 July 1998	3,683	3,560
	Retained profit for the year	92	123
		<u>3,775</u>	<u>3,683</u>
11.	Reconciliation of shareholders' funds	1999	1998
		£	£
	Opening shareholders' funds	3,685	3,562
	Profit for the year	92	123
		<u>3,777</u>	<u>3,685</u>
12.	Ultimate parent company		
	The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Charity Projects, a company registered in England.		

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Detailed profit and loss account For year ended 30 June 1999

	1999 £	1998 £
Fundraising income (net of related expenses)		
Red Noses	3,772,493	4,179
Merchandising	1,013,984	27,952
Comic Relief publications	462,308	2,304
Comic Relief singles and albums	421,242	102,882
Comic Relief TV and video	-	-
Donations (received on behalf of Charity Projects)	-	-
	<u>5,670,027</u>	<u>137,317</u>
Income to meet overheads		
Corporate support	708,365	76,176
Bank interest receivable	20,199	112,090
Use of photos and TV footage	95,275	119,987
	<u>823,839</u>	<u>308,253</u>
Overhead expenditure		
Salaries	-	1,840
Consultants' fees	260	-
Broadcasting support services	50,000	-
Events	211,406	23,334
Audit	4,000	3,500
Comic Relief Supporters Pack	59,747	-
Computer maintenance	26,995	3,756
Office expenses	38,253	11,791
Rent and rates	30,808	31,844
Promotional expenses	35,500	434
Legal and professional fees	145,697	15,303
Travel	6,478	247
Trading product costs:		
House of Fun	1,581	4,971
Internet	960	50,000
Other	20,028	4,196
	<u>(631,713)</u>	<u>(151,216)</u>
Net sponsorship income	<u>192,126</u>	<u>157,037</u>
Total net income	<u>5,862,153</u>	<u>294,354</u>
Deed of covenant to Charity Projects	<u>(5,862,061)</u>	<u>(294,231)</u>
Profit retained	<u>92</u>	<u>123</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements.