

The Childrens' Foundation Limited

Charity No. 1000013

Company No. 02528291

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 March 2021

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The Childrens' Foundation Limited
Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company No. 02528291

Charity No. 1000013

Registered Office

Sir James Spence Institute
RVI
Queen Victoria Road
Newcastle
NE1 4LP

Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the charitable company are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law.
The following Directors and Trustees served during the year:

S. Bhopal
A. Dale
B.N. Speker
J. Treherne
S. Vernon
D. Winship
D. Wood

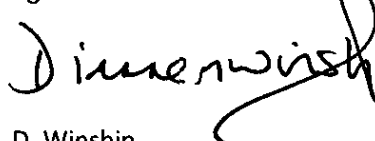
Accountants

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The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Signed on behalf of the board



D. Winship
Trustee

9 December 2021

The Childrens' Foundation Limited
Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Childrens' Foundation Limited

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Childrens' Foundation Limited for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Summary Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act).

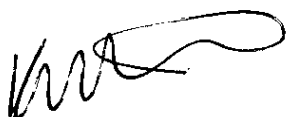
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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 examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the 2006 Act ; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements under 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (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.



Kay Wightman
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9 December 2021

The Childrens' Foundation Limited
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2021

| | | Unrestricted funds 2021 £ | Restricted funds 2021 £ | Total funds 2021 £ | Total funds 2020 £ |
|---|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Notes | | | | |
| Income and endowments from: | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 4 | 85,104 | 84,648 | 169,752 | 119,101 |
| Other trading activities | 5 | 115 | - | 115 | 20,629 |
| Investments | 6 | 500 | - | 500 | 1,006 |
| Other | 7 | 7,323 | - | 7,323 | 1,476 |
| Total | | 93,042 | 84,648 | 177,690 | 142,212 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | |
| Raising funds | 8 | 1,373 | - | 1,373 | 62,170 |
| Charitable activities | 9 | 86,157 | 67,755 | 153,912 | 97,191 |
| Other | 10 | 7,681 | - | 7,681 | - |
| Total | | 95,211 | 67,755 | 162,966 | 159,361 |
| Net gains on investments | | - | - | - | - |
| Net income/(expenditure) | 11 | (2,169) | 16,893 | 14,724 | (17,149) |
| Transfers between funds | | 302 | (302) | - | - |
| Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses) | | (1,867) | 16,591 | 14,724 | (17,149) |
| Other gains and losses | | | | | |
| Net movement in funds | | (1,867) | 16,591 | 14,724 | (17,149) |
| Reconciliation of funds: | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 316,034 | 117,679 | 433,713 | 450,862 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 314,167 | 134,270 | 448,437 | 433,713 |

The Childrens' Foundation Limited
Summary Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 March 2021

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|----------------|-----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Income | 177,190 | 141,206 |
| Interest and investment income | 500 | 1,006 |
| Gross income for the year | <u>177,690</u> | <u>142,212</u> |
| Expenditure | 157,475 | 153,838 |
| Depreciation and charges for impairment of fixed assets | 5,491 | 5,523 |
| Total expenditure for the year | <u>162,966</u> | <u>159,361</u> |
| Net income/(expenditure) before tax for the year | 14,724 | (17,149) |
| Net income /(expenditure)for the year | <u>14,724</u> | <u>(17,149)</u> |

The Childrens' Foundation Limited**Balance Sheet****at 31 March 2021**

| Company No. | 02528291 | Notes | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 13 | 236,619 | 242,110 | |
| | | 236,619 | 242,110 | |
| Current assets | | | | |
| Stocks | 14 | 729 | - | |
| Debtors | 15 | 3,593 | 6,433 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 225,457 | 206,084 | |
| | | 229,779 | 212,517 | |
| Creditors: Amount falling due within one year | 16 | (17,961) | (20,914) | |
| Net current assets | | 211,818 | 191,603 | |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 448,437 | 433,713 | |
| Net assets excluding pension asset or liability | | 448,437 | 433,713 | |
| Total net assets | | 448,437 | 433,713 | |
| The funds of the charity | | | | |
| Restricted funds | 17 | | | |
| Restricted income funds | | 134,270 | 117,679 | |
| | | 134,270 | 117,679 | |
| Unrestricted funds | 17 | | | |
| General funds | | 74,548 | 70,924 | |
| Designated funds | | 239,619 | 245,110 | |
| | | 314,167 | 316,034 | |
| Reserves | 17 | | | |
| Total funds | | 448,437 | 433,713 | |

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

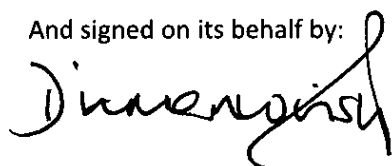
For the year ended 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the board on 9 December 2021

And signed on its behalf by:



D. Winship

Trustee

9 December 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Unrestricted funds | These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity. |
| Designated funds | These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes. |
| Revaluation funds | These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values. |
| Restricted funds | These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal. |

Income

| | |
|---|---|
| Recognition of income | Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability. |
| Income with related expenditure | Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA. |
| Donations and legacies | Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income. |
| Tax reclaims on donations and gifts | Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates. |
| Donated services and facilities | These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. |
| Volunteer help | The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts. |
| Investment income | This is included in the accounts when receivable. |
| Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets | This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year. |
| Gains/(losses) on investment assets | This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments. |

Notes to the Accounts

Expenditure

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Recognition of expenditure | Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates. |
| Expenditure on raising funds | These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs. |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs. |
| Grants payable | All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid. |
| Governance costs | These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs. |
| Other expenditure | These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity. |

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Leasehold Buildings | straightline over 50 years |
| Fixtures & Fittings | 10% reducing balance |

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Research and development

Expenditure on research and development is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the end of the reporting period.

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date that the transaction occurred.

All exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at net income/expenditure.

Leased assets

Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease.

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet date as a finance lease obligation.

Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

Pension costs

In line with the requirements of auto-enrolment the charitable company contributes to a pension scheme. Pension costs charged to the SOFA represent the contributions payable by the charity in the year.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

2 Company status

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

3 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

| | Unrestricted funds 2020 £ | Restricted funds 2020 £ | Total funds 2020 £ |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Income and endowments from: | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 63,743 | 55,358 | 119,101 |
| Other trading activities | 20,629 | - | 20,629 |
| Investments | 1,006 | - | 1,006 |
| Other | 1,475 | - | 1,475 |
| Total | 86,853 | 55,358 | 142,211 |
| Expenditure on: | | | |
| Raising funds | 62,170 | - | 62,170 |
| Charitable activities | 47,332 | 49,859 | 97,191 |
| Total | 109,502 | 49,859 | 159,361 |
| Net income | (22,649) | 5,499 | (17,150) |
| Net income before other gains/(losses) | (22,649) | 5,499 | (17,150) |
| Other gains and losses: | | | |
| Net movement in funds | (22,649) | 5,499 | (17,150) |
| Reconciliation of funds: | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 338,682 | 112,180 | 450,862 |
| Total funds carried forward | 316,033 | 117,679 | 433,712 |

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Notes to the Accounts

4 Income from donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total 2021 | Total 2020 |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Donations - Individual | 25,021 | - | 25,021 | 27,616 |
| Donations - Corporate | 18,277 | - | 18,277 | 16,425 |
| Grants | 39,617 | 84,648 | 124,265 | 72,508 |
| Gifts in Kind | 2,189 | - | 2,189 | 2,552 |
| | <u>85,104</u> | <u>84,648</u> | <u>169,752</u> | <u>119,101</u> |

Donated goods, facilities and services received

**Total
2021
£**

Grants received in year:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Lottery Community Fund | 22,000 |
| Ernest Cook Trust | 18,000 |
| Community Foundation (Guy Readman) | 14,000 |
| Rise NE | 11,119 |
| Children in Need | 9,735 |
| Awards for All | 8,486 |
| Community Foundation (core) | 5,000 |
| Community Foundation (Food & Fun) | 5,000 |
| Barbour | 5,000 |
| Community Foundation (Village Homes) | 3,750 |
| Community Foundation (Village Homes) | 3,743 |
| Streetgames UK | 2,970 |
| Streetgames UK | 2,376 |
| Rise NE | 1,564 |
| University of Cumbria | 1,539 |
| Catherine Cookson | 1,000 |
| Sir Jules Thorn | 1,000 |
| RFF Gibson | 1,000 |
| Leeds Building Society Foundation | 1,000 |
| Sir Joseph Strong Frazer Trust | 1,000 |
| AB David Charity | 1,000 |
| BNI Foundation UK | 1,000 |
| Community Foundation (High Sheriff) | 750 |
| Asda Foundation | 600 |
| Streetgames UK | 594 |
| Ernest Cook Trust | 499 |
| Neighbourly Trust | 400 |
| Ernest Cook Trust | 140 |
| | <u>124,265</u> |

5 Income from other trading activities

| | Unrestricted | Total 2021 | Total 2020 |
|--------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Events | 115 | 115 | 20,629 |
| | <u>115</u> | <u>115</u> | <u>20,629</u> |

6 Income from investments

| | Unrestricted | Total 2021 | Total 2020 |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Interest Received | 500 | 500 | 1,006 |
| | <u>500</u> | <u>500</u> | <u>1,006</u> |

7 Other income

| | Unrestricted | Total 2021 | Total 2020 |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Other Income | 7,323 | 7,323 | 1,476 |
| | <u>7,323</u> | <u>7,323</u> | <u>1,476</u> |

8 Expenditure on raising funds

| | Unrestricted | Total 2021 | Total 2020 |
|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| <i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i> | | | |
| Event Expenditure | 1,373 | 1,373 | 62,170 |
| | <u>1,373</u> | <u>1,373</u> | <u>62,170</u> |

9 Expenditure on charitable activities

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total 2021 | Total 2020 |
|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i> | | | | |
| Charitable Activities | 86,126 | 67,755 | 153,881 | 97,191 |
| <i>Governance costs</i> | | | | |
| Accountants Fee | 31 | - | 31 | - |
| | <u>86,157</u> | <u>67,755</u> | <u>153,912</u> | <u>97,191</u> |

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Notes to the Accounts

10 Other expenditure

| | Unrestricted | Total | Total |
|---|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | 2021 | 2020 |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| In Kind Gifts | 2,190 | 2,190 | - |
| Amortisation, depreciation, impairment, profit/loss on disposal of fixed assets | 5,491 | 5,491 | - |
| | <u>7,681</u> | <u>7,681</u> | <u>-</u> |

11 Net income/(expenditure) before transfers

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| This is stated after charging: | | |
| Depreciation of owned fixed assets | 5,491 | - |
| Independent Examiner's fee | - | 2,340 |

12 Staff costs

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The average monthly number of full time equivalent employees during the year was as follows:

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Number | Number |
| Head of Department | 1 | 1 |
| Administrative | 5 | 5 |
| | <u>6</u> | <u>6</u> |

The company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £3961 (2020 £3163). Contributions totalling £nil (2020 £nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

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13 Tangible fixed assets

| | Leasehold Buildings | Fixtures & Fittings | Total |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Cost or revaluation | | | |
| At 1 April 2020 | 260,000 | 92,479 | 352,479 |
| At 31 March 2021 | <u>260,000</u> | <u>92,479</u> | <u>352,479</u> |
| Depreciation and impairment | | | |
| At 1 April 2020 | 20,800 | 89,569 | 110,369 |
| Depreciation charge for the year | 5,200 | 291 | 5,491 |
| At 31 March 2021 | <u>26,000</u> | <u>89,860</u> | <u>115,860</u> |
| Net book values | | | |
| At 31 March 2021 | <u>234,000</u> | <u>2,619</u> | <u>236,619</u> |
| At 31 March 2020 | <u>239,200</u> | <u>2,910</u> | <u>242,110</u> |

14 Stocks

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Raw materials and consumables | 729 | - |
| | <u>729</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Carrying value analysed by activities | 2021 | 2020 |
| | £ | £ |
| Charitable Activities | 729 | - |
| | <u>729</u> | <u>-</u> |

15 Debtors

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Other debtors | 602 | 5,800 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 2,991 | 633 |
| | <u>3,593</u> | <u>6,433</u> |

16 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Trade creditors | 7,730 | 11,065 |
| Other taxes and social security | 1,906 | 1,563 |
| Other creditors | - | 8,286 |
| Accruals and deferred income | 8,325 | - |
| | <u>17,961</u> | <u>20,914</u> |

17 Movement in funds

| | At 1 April 2020 | Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £ | Resources expended £ | Gross transfers £ | At 31 March 2021 £ |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Restricted funds: | | | | | |
| Restricted income funds: | | | | | |
| Therapeutic Horticulture | 47,822 | 1,539 | (3,762) | (4,500) | 41,099 |
| Fuzzy Subjects | 26,787 | - | (4,668) | - | 22,119 |
| Green Mentor | - | 18,639 | (4,424) | - | 14,215 |
| Clown Doctors | 18,844 | 9,735 | (15,332) | - | 13,247 |
| Read & Recovery | - | 15,500 | (2,518) | - | 12,982 |
| Nurture Project | 13,517 | - | (2,420) | - | 11,097 |
| Couch to 2K | - | 12,683 | (3,050) | - | 9,633 |
| Clown Doctors Hospice | 4,256 | - | (2,006) | - | 2,250 |
| Great North Hospital | 2,757 | - | (2,322) | - | 435 |
| Holiday Activities | 1,194 | 5,940 | (5,673) | (1,357) | 104 |
| Footsteps | 2,200 | - | (2,200) | - | - |
| Food & Fun Packs | - | 20,612 | (19,290) | - | 1,322 |
| Community Allotment | - | - | (90) | 5,857 | 5,767 |
| Star Awards | 302 | - | - | (302) | - |
| Total | 117,679 | 84,648 | (67,755) | (302) | 134,270 |
| Unrestricted funds: | | | | | |
| General funds | 70,924 | 93,042 | (89,720) | 302 | 74,548 |
| Designated funds: | | | | | |
| Fixed Assets | 242,110 | - | (5,491) | - | 236,619 |
| Holiday Activities | 3,000 | - | - | (3,000) | - |
| Reading Recovery | - | - | - | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Total | 245,110 | - | (5,491) | - | 239,619 |
| Revaluation Reserves: | | | | | |
| Total funds | 433,713 | 177,690 | (162,966) | - | 448,437 |

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Restricted funds:

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Therapeutic Horticulture | Aiming to provide therapeutic opportunities for students with ASD |
| Fuzzy Subjects | Aiming to improve the emotional and mental health of children and young people in the regime |
| Green Mentor | Funding a horticulture project for children who may be experiencing barriers to learning in a conventional classroom |

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Notes to the Accounts

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|-----------------------|--|
| Clown Doctors | Providing therapeutic play to children in hospital to ease stress and aid recovery |
| Clown Doctors Hospice | Providing a pilot programme of Clown Doctor visits to children attending for hospice respite care |
| Read & Recovery | Offering a reading space, resources and teaching support to children to help them increase literacy skills and confidence, particularly regarding learning disruption caused by Covid 19 |
| Nurture Project | Providing therapeutic opportunities for students on the ASD spectrum. |
| Couch to 2K | Aiming to improve young people's health, fitness and wellbeing through exercise. |
| Star Awards | Celebrating the achievements of children with disabilities and their families, friends and carers |
| Food & Fun Packs | Delivering food and fun activity packs to families and young people during lockdown |
| Community Allotment | Using horticulture to support the well-being and health of young people in the region |
| Designated funds: | |
| Fixed Assets | As disclosed in note 13 of the accounts |
| Holiday Activities | Designed to combat holiday hunger, social isolation and inactivity, initially in response to the pandemic. |
| Reading Recovery | |

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted funds | Total |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | 236,619 | 236,619 |
| Net current assets | 211,818 | 211,818 |
| | <u>448,437</u> | <u>448,437</u> |

19 Reconciliation of net debt

| | At 1 April 2020 | Cash flows | At 31 March 2021 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 206,084 | 19,373 | 225,457 |
| | <u>206,084</u> | <u>19,373</u> | <u>225,457</u> |
| Net debt | <u>206,084</u> | <u>19,373</u> | <u>225,457</u> |

20 Related party disclosures

Controlling party

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital; thus no single party controls the company.

The Childrens' Foundation Limited
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2021

| | Unrestrict ed funds 2021 £ | Restricted funds 2021 £ | Total funds 2021 £ | Total funds 2020 £ |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Income and endowments from: | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | | | | |
| Donations - Individual | 25,021 | - | 25,021 | 27,616 |
| Donations - Corporate | 18,277 | - | 18,277 | 16,425 |
| Grants | 39,617 | 84,648 | 124,265 | 72,508 |
| | 2,189 | - | 2,189 | 2,552 |
| | <u>85,104</u> | <u>84,648</u> | <u>169,752</u> | <u>119,101</u> |
| Other trading activities | | | | |
| Events | 115 | - | 115 | 20,629 |
| | <u>115</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>115</u> | <u>20,629</u> |
| Investments | | | | |
| Interest Received | 500 | - | 500 | 1,006 |
| | <u>500</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>500</u> | <u>1,006</u> |
| Other | | | | |
| Other Income | 7,323 | - | 7,323 | 1,476 |
| | <u>7,323</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>7,323</u> | <u>1,476</u> |
| Total income and endowments | 93,042 | 84,648 | 177,690 | 142,212 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | |
| Costs of generating donations and legacies | | | | |
| Donations - Individual | 1,373 | - | 1,373 | 62,170 |
| | <u>1,373</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,373</u> | <u>62,170</u> |
| Total of expenditure on raising funds | 1,373 | - | 1,373 | 62,170 |
| Charitable activities | | | | |
| Charitable Activities | 86,126 | 67,755 | 153,881 | 97,191 |
| | <u>86,126</u> | <u>67,755</u> | <u>153,881</u> | <u>97,191</u> |
| Governance costs | | | | |
| Accountants Fee | 31 | - | 31 | - |
| | <u>31</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>31</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total of expenditure on charitable activities | 86,157 | 67,755 | 153,912 | 97,191 |
| Other expenditure | | | | |
| In Kind Gifts | 2,190 | - | 2,190 | - |
| | <u>2,190</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>2,190</u> | <u>-</u> |
| General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation | | | | |

The Childrens' Foundation Limited
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

| | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Depreciation of land and buildings | 5,200 | - | 5,200 | - |
| Depreciation of Leasehold Buildings | - | - | - | - |
| Depreciation of Fixtures & Fittings | - | - | - | - |
| Depreciation of | 291 | - | 291 | - |
| | 5,491 | - | 5,491 | - |
| Total of expenditure of other costs | 7,681 | - | 7,681 | - |
| Total expenditure | 95,211 | 67,755 | 162,966 | 159,361 |
| Net gains on investments | - | - | - | - |
| Net income/(expenditure) | (2,169) | 16,893 | 14,724 | (17,149) |
| Transfers between funds | 302 | (302) | - | - |
| Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses) | (1,867) | 16,591 | 14,724 | (17,149) |
| Other Gains | - | - | - | - |
| Net movement in funds | (1,867) | 16,591 | 14,724 | (17,149) |
| Reconciliation of funds: | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 316,034 | 117,679 | 433,713 | 450,862 |
| Total funds carried forward | 314,167 | 134,270 | 448,437 | 433,713 |

The Children's **FOUNDATION**

Making Serious Stuff Fun

**The Children's Foundation Limited
(A company limited by guarantee)
Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

**Registered Company Number 02528291
Registered Charity Number 1000013**

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Reference and Administrative Information

| | |
|---|---|
| Charity Name: | The Children's Foundation Limited |
| Registered Charity Number: | 1000013 |
| Registered Company Number: | 02528291 |
| Registered Office and Operational address: | Sir James Spence Institute Royal Victoria Infirmary Queen Victoria Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4LP |

Patron

The Children's Foundation is honoured to have Sir Bradley Criswick MBE, as its Patron.

President

Professor Sir Al Aynsley-Green

Vice President

Ms Lucy Winskell OBE

Trustees and Directors

The Trustees who served during the period are noted below. The Trustees are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law.

Ms Dianne Winship – Chair

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Dr Sunil Bhopal

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Introduction

The Children's Foundation is a charity covering the North East of England. We exist to improve the health and well-being of children and young people from birth to age 18.

History

The Children's Foundation is a small, independent charity, which was set up in August 1990 in Newcastle upon Tyne in response to a national report on child health that showed the health of children and young people in the North East was the worst in the country. Its first major appeal, the "Yellow Brick Road", raised £12 million in 4 years, a magnificent response by the people of the North East, to build The Sir James Spence Institute of Child Health at the RVI in Newcastle upon Tyne. The building was later gifted to the NHS, and the charity receives office provision within the building at a peppercorn rent on a 99 year lease. The charity remains fully independent and receives no statutory funding.

The Sir James Spence Institute has since become a major national and international centre for research into childhood diseases and disorders.

Over its 30 years The Children's Foundation has seen its ambition of having "one of the finest centres in the world for the care of sick children" take shape in the form of The Great North Children's Hospital in Newcastle.

Purpose

Our aim is to improve the health and well-being of children and young people from birth to age 18 in the North East by making serious stuff fun!

We want all North East children and young people to be happy and healthy. We want them to feel loved, respected, feel they have a voice and are heard. Evidence tells us that positive experiences early in life are closely associated with better performance at school, better social and emotional development, improved work outcomes, higher income and better lifelong health, including longer life expectancy. Early intervention is vital to prevent health inequalities.

Revision to the Articles of Association

An amendment to the Articles of Association was agreed with the Charities Commission in September 2020. Object 1 was revised as follows. Object 2 was removed completely.

- (1) The promotion, preservation and improvement of good health and well-being among children and young people in the North East of England. Including both physical and mental health, by such means as the trustees shall from time to time determine.

Delivering Public Benefit

The Children's Foundation is an independent child healthcare charity that raises money from Trusts and Foundations, individuals and the private and public sectors to fund its activities.

All of The Children's Foundation's charitable activities are intended to contribute to the improvement of the health and well-being of children and young people and are undertaken in pursuance of its charitable objectives for the public benefit. To this end, it aims to reach as many children and families as possible through its projects.

In the period to 31st March 2021, The Children's Foundation reached the lives of over 1,898 children across the region.

Current Activities

We support children, young people and their families through a range of projects within hospitals, schools and the community, providing opportunities that enhance their health and well-being. For the purposes of this report these activities are grouped under the following headings:

Hospitals and Child Health Establishments:

- 1) Clown Doctors
- 2) Clown Doctors in Hospice
- 3) Storychair

Schools:

- 1) Therapeutic Horticulture Project
- 2) Fuzzy Subjects
- 3) Reading & Recovery

Community:

- 1) Nurture Project.
- 2) Holiday Activities
- 3) Couch to 2K
- 4) Food & Fun Packs – Covid Reponse
- 5) Green Mentor

6) Community Allotment

Hospitals and Child Health Establishments

1) Clown Doctors



The Clown Doctors are provided by a local organisation called Tin Arts. The programme provides children and young people from across the North East with vital therapeutic play during a stay in hospital, in line with the charity's aim to make a child's stay in hospital as stress free and comfortable as possible. Their method of artistic play helps children to understand and come to terms with their situation at a traumatic time in their lives.

At the end of March 2020 we were forced to stop all Clown Doctor visits in line with Government guidelines as we entered the first national lock-down. We took stock of our situation and discussed what might be possible. This resulted in a switch to 'virtual delivery' of Clown Doctors as we took the programme online.

This switch in delivery enabled the Clown Doctors to stay connected with children and families bringing the usual smiles and laughter into their lives when they might otherwise be feeling even more isolated. We believe that meaningful human connection is vital for well-being, especially at times of adversity such as the pandemic.

A virtual Clown Doctor video was created each week, housed on our TCF YouTube channel hosted by TIN Arts. The link to each video was sent to the Play Therapists and Nurses on the Children's Wards so the content and video clips could then be shown directly to the children. Content came in the form of storytelling, magic tricks, songs and silly sketches.

2) Clown Doctors in Hospice

The charity has also been working with St Oswald's Hospice to fund a pilot programme of Clown Doctor visits, supporting children attending for respite care. This was due to commence in April 2020 however was delayed due to Covid-19. Service delivery began on the 18th February 2021 for 6 weeks. Clown Doctors use humour as an escape and a respite rather than distraction from a potentially unpleasant procedure. The emphasis is on connection and attention. They focus on supporting and empowering young people and their families during what is a challenging time, tailoring activities thoughtfully and sensitively to each individual to complement work already undertaken by the hospice.

3) Storychair

The 'Story Chair' is positioned in Newcastle Hospital Children's Out Patients Department and provides a child friendly space for families to share a story while waiting for appointments, thus easing anxiety and allowing some escapism.

Schools

1) Therapeutic Horticulture Project

The **Therapeutic Horticulture** project has proved a huge success. The project involves establishing gardening or allotment projects in schools so support and tuition can be given to disadvantaged and marginalised young people. All the young people have the opportunity to gain a Level 1 Award in Practical Horticulture in partnership with Northumberland College. Following a gap in provision due to Covid-19 the project has resumed in two schools; Southlands in North Tyneside and Hillcrest in Northumberland. Benfield School has been identified as the new school however due to unavoidable delays a delivery date is yet to be confirmed.

2) Fuzzy Subjects

Working with Life and Limb Puppets, Fuzzy Subjects uses puppets to engage children and young people aged 9-11 in primary schools on the subject of mental health and well-being. It raises awareness of mental health, de-stigmatises the issue and builds resilience, supporting young people to develop tools and early interventions to improve their well-being. Each school refers children/young people into the project which runs for 1 hour per week for six weeks in school. Key topics covered include; depression, anxiety, and self-harm. Using puppets allows children to explore the issue in a fun and relatable way. A key factor in this project is the empowerment of children to be active in improving their own, and others' well-being and mental health by encouraging active participation in the weekly sessions. They are designed to get them thinking and talking about their own mental health and life situation, exploring resilience factors in their lives and thinking about solutions or alternative actions they could adopt to keep them mentally well. During the pandemic we worked to change the delivery and offered virtual videos of the puppets to allow children to continue to access the support.

3) Reading & Recovery

Because of the Covid-19 lock-down and not having access to school for a significant time, children have missed a lot of time in education.

Our Reading & Recovery project began the initial preparations in the year to offer an outdoor reading shed with resources such as beanbags, a blackboard wall for notes and fun graffiti, shelving and also individual book boxes. Each child will have a full set of books to read during this time so they can share their thoughts, likes and dislikes and gain confidence in and enjoyment of reading.

The reading shed will support small groups of approximately 6 children. Groups will be facilitated by a Teaching Assistant and supported by a freelance artist who is one of our Clown Doctors, highly trained and expert in engaging with children in many media and in making serious stuff fun.

The whole project is child led, starting with whatever level they are at, exploring and building on their own individual likes, hobbies and interests. Children will be encouraged to learn through literacy based play and activities. These will include; graffiti wall, messages in a bottle, poetry, jenga with words, creating own cartoon strips, storytelling through puppet making, role play, wood work, reviews and their own books.

Community

1) Nurture Project

Unfortunately, covid restrictions and related school closures prevented the delivery of Nurture Project sessions through most of the year. In order that we could still provide the students with support during this challenging time we worked with our delivery partners, Life and Limb Puppets, to create 'Life in Lockdown', a series of videos designed to help them cope with the difficulties caused by the pandemic, supporting young people to keep themselves and others safe.. When possible through the period, Nurture sessions took place at Academy 360 in Sunderland, and Tyneview Primary in Walker.

The Nurture Project works alongside educational staff to enhance and enable therapeutic opportunities for students. The project is working to provide a holistic model that enhances students' supported educational provision and embraces and empowers opportunities for social and emotional development. The sessions were structured to be fun and enjoyable, whilst also dealing with topics such as bullying, friendships and relationships, mental health and wellbeing and keeping healthy.

2) Holiday Activities

One of the most negative effects to come out of the pandemic was the destructive impact it had on children's play; the spaces they play in, the degree of freedom they experience and their ability to choose what they do and how they do it. This programme is designed to combat holiday hunger, social isolation and inactivity, and targets children who can be classed as vulnerable. A full programme of activities including Puppet making, Surfing, Rock pooling and Forest school days took children out of their environments and gave them the opportunity to try new experiences

3) Couch to 2K

Couch to 2k –project improving young people's fitness, health and well-being. Our Youth Workers support young people to run weekly in Leazes Park Newcastle, building up to a timed 2K at the end of 6 weeks. To encourage participation and remove barriers for young people to get involved, each young person receives an e-voucher to purchase sports clothes and trainers, and they also receive a basic fit-bit watch.

4) Food and Fun Packs (Covid Response)

We delivered food and fun packs to support young people and their families through lockdown. The food packs enabled families to cook and provide healthy, hot meals for the weekend for them and their children. Each activity pack was bespoke to the family and included things that encourage quality family time such as a board game, a storybook or craft activity that can be done with siblings, parents/carers or wider family members. The project developed to include a slow cooker and also Christmas food and a gift to help families through the challenges of 2020.

5) Green Mentor

We were invited to apply to Ernest Cook Trust's Green Influencer Scheme to create youth- led environmental social action projects. We were pleased to be selected as one of 40 charities to receive the funding and support. It is vital to make sure that children understand the importance of the climate issues we are facing, and the changes that they can make to reduce carbon emissions and overall effects on our planet, and in turn for us to help them bring their ideas to life. The children have shown great interest in gardening and have been elated to come back to the allotment and see their hard work bloom!

From building birdhouses, painting the shed, planting fruits, veggies, and flowers, the children were ready to get 'down and dirty' and cooperate with each other to achieve a shared goal.

Financial Performance and Future Plans

At the start of the year the charity was forced to revise its income plans for the year as all fundraising events became uncertain or were cancelled. As we entered our 30th year we found ourselves unable to go ahead with the celebrations and new charitable activities we'd planned. However, we very quickly took stock of the situation and revised our expectations for the year, determined to make sure we were supporting children and young people at a time when they really needed us.

Income from Trusts & Foundations through the year was £124,265 compared to £72,508 in the previous year. With the restrictions on events we switched a large part of our fundraising work to grant applications, often in direct relation to covid support.

Being determined to support our local community and working to adapt to the needs and changing environment which the pandemic presented, meant that we were able to maintain our financial position during the course of the year. This means that we can still strive ahead with our new plans for the 30th anniversary year, albeit with a slight delay.

To mark The Children's Foundation 30th anniversary the charity has launched the 'Make a Million' (MaM) Baby Box Project & Appeal. Our aim is to give every new baby in the North East a 'MaM' Baby

Box supporting and promoting healthy baby development, attachment and most importantly supporting newborn babies to have a best start in life.

Each baby box will include a mattress and bedding, providing babies with a safe sleeping space in the first few months, allowing them to stay close to parents, encouraging bonding and optimal attachment. They will also contain essential resources like a change mat, carry sling, bath towel, thermometer, play mat, first tooth brush, feeding spoon and room thermometer and blanket. Developmentally stimulating toys, games and books will be included, helping parents to promote the best start through a focus on laughing, talking, reading, singing and playing, all known to stimulate optimal brain development in children.

Positive experiences early in life are associated with better social and emotional development, education and lifelong health. Key are projects that give children the best start

Caring for babies is a really important, but very difficult job, and it takes the whole community to make a difference. Throughout this pandemic babies and new parents have often been overlooked. We want to remind new parents and families that they are cared for, and to promote a great start for all children born here in the North East.

Income and Expenditure

Income: Over the reporting period 2020-21, The Children's Foundation raised a total of £177,690 compared to the previous period's total of £142,212.

Expenditure: Operational expenditure totaled £162,966 of which £153,912 was on charitable activities to support a range of projects fulfilling the overall aims of the charity.

Net Movement: Overall there was a surplus of £14,724 in the year.

Comment: Work continues to increase Trust and Foundation applications support both charitable projects and core funding. This is alongside work to build corporate relationships and community support. The trustees closely monitor the financial position and reserves, and are in close contact with the CEO and staff team.

Reserves Policy

Board policy remains that unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ('the free reserves') held by the charity should be a minimum of six months of the central unrestricted resources expended. As at March 2021 the unrestricted reserves stand at £314,167, of which £239,619 is designated.

Restricted funds amount to £134,270 as detailed in note 17 to the accounts. These are held specifically for the current charitable projects (listed on page 6).

Governance

The Children's Foundation is a charitable company limited by guarantee. As stated earlier in this report the memorandum and articles of association by which the charity is governed were revised in January 2015. The Children's Foundation's Board of Management is ultimately responsible for the actions of the charity and to ensure proper management and operational performance. The Children's Foundation is also regulated by the Charity Commission's charity law and practice.

Directors

The list of Directors is given in the Administrative Information on page 1.

Board of Management

A Board of Management, which currently meets every two months and was made up of 7 Trustees as at March 2021, manages The Children's Foundation. The Board is representative of a wide range of regional and professional interests including members from local business and health care organisations in the region. The maximum and minimum number of the Committee members is determined by the Company in general meetings. There is no maximum number; the minimum number of Committee members is five with a quorum of 3. The Board is responsible for the development, implementation and management of the organisation's strategy. Where necessary and appropriate, the Board can also appoint Executive Committees, Working Groups and Sub-committees to manage particular projects and specific activities.

Appointments to the Board are made by the Board Members. Members serve for a four year term and will normally serve for a maximum of two full terms, although exceptions are made for Trustees who contribute particular skills or knowledge. Trustees are elected at the company's Annual General Meeting and are subject to periodic re-election at the AGM.

Operational Management

The day to day operations of The Children's Foundation are managed by a core team located in its offices at the RVI, Newcastle upon Tyne. Regular reports are submitted at Board Meetings and there is close liaison between the Board of Trustees, Chief Executive and staff team.

Policies

The charity has established a number of core policies relating to the services it provides. The Children's Foundation embraces diversity and attaches great importance to equality of opportunity in the way in which it relates to all of its applicants for funding and support, its employees, project

workers, board members, volunteers and all other customers. Members will also be expected to uphold the charity's equality and diversity policy and not to discriminate in any way on the grounds of gender, race, disability, religion or age.

DBS Verification

The Children's Foundation ensures that it applies for and adopts enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service requirements whenever appropriate, with all staff required to obtain a basic DBS check as a minimum. Whilst it is normally not necessary for its board members to have DBS clearance the general guidance is that best practice would require a basic check to be undertaken. All staff also complete a confidentiality statement upon appointment and child safeguarding training appropriate to their role.

Political Neutrality

The charity conducts its affairs in a non-political way and does not align itself to any political party of policy.

Induction Training and Development

All Board, staff and volunteers undertake an induction programme and are given a handbook on working with The Children's Foundation, which includes the charity's policies, procedures and current business aims. These policies are regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

The charity encourages board members and staff to take advantage of conferences, seminars and training on matters related to the charity's business and relevant legislation.

Risk Management

The charity continues to maintain a strict policy with respect to monitoring of reserves. Internal risks are minimised by thorough procedures for the authorisation of all transactions and project funding, with regular assessments by the Board to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charity.

Insurance

The charity has the following insurance that covers Board Members and decisions of the Board:

- Public Liability insurance
- Employers' Liability insurance
- Trustee indemnity insurance

Group Structure

The Children's Foundation Limited has one subsidiary, "**The Children's Foundation Trading Limited**" over which it has deemed control by virtue of having two common directors. This subsidiary is currently dormant.

Investment policy

The charity is able to make any investment it sees fit under its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Grant Making policy

The Charity is able to award grants through its Regional Small Grants programme, however this is currently not operating.

Valuation of Benefits in Kind

Where gifts in kind have a face value such as a voucher, this is used as the valuation basis. For other donated items, an assessment of the value is made on the basis of the likely purchase price. In line with FRS 102 Regulations time provided by general volunteers is not given a value in the accounts however the generosity is greatly appreciated by the charity.

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The Trustees, who are also directors of the Company, are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company and charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Acknowledgments of Support

Trusts, Foundations and Funders

The Children's Foundation would like to make special mention of the following Trusts and Foundations who have given significant support throughout the year:

Asda Foundation

The Barbour Foundation

BNI Foundation

The Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust

BBC Children in Need

Community Foundation re The Guy Readman Endowment Fund

Community Foundation High Sheriff Awards

Community Foundation re Northumberland Village Homes

Community Foundation

AB David Charity
The Ernest Cook Trust
Leeds Building Society Foundation
National Lottery Awards for All
The National Lottery Community Fund
Neighbourly Fund
Rise NE
Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust
Streetgames
The Joseph Strong Frazer Trust
The RFF Gibson Trust
University of Cumbria

Fundraising

The charity continues to raise funds to support its projects via individual giving, events, corporate support and trust and foundation grants.

Related parties

None of the trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from the work with the Foundation. Upon joining the Board trustees are asked to disclose any declarations of interest, this declaration of interest opportunity is also replicated and recorded within the minutes of each individual board meeting.

Auditors

The Children's Foundation would like to take this opportunity to thank the independent examiners, Accounting for Good for their help in preparing and auditing the accounts.

Trusteeship

The Children's Foundation would like to thank all board members, who give up their time on a voluntary basis for the benefit of the charity, for their support, guidance and commitment throughout the year.

Staff

The Children's Foundation would like to thank all members of staff for their support and hard work. In addition it has had great support from Armelle Wollo Eyoum and Fatema Yusuf who joined the team as student placements from Sunderland University and Northumbria University respectively.

Volunteers

The Children's Foundation is supported by many volunteers who play an important part at events, collections, in the office and in helping to deliver the charity's message to the community, however volunteer opportunities were reduced severely during the period, owing to Covid 19 restrictions. The charity was very grateful for the volunteer support which was possible, with eBay and Depop donation sales which came from the relationship with local Universities.

Christmas wrapping was deemed unsafe by The Children's Foundation, and Eldon Square. Moreover Corporate Volunteering initiatives evaporated with the ongoing virus infection level and the working from home model embraced by those on whom the Christmas activities depend. Schools were unable to function effectively, and carol singing halted.

Events

The Children's Foundation would normally be involved in a number of successful fund-raising events during the year. All of these which were external events, such as The Great North run, were cancelled.

However, during the year the charity continued its excellent relationship with Sunderland University with another set of students taking place in the Take £25 fundraising challenge. The event involves teams of students battling to see who can raise the most with a £25 opening fund. The event went ahead virtually, with most fundraising taking place across digital media. The winning team this year raised a staggering £936. The charity was very grateful to receive sponsorship for the event from Enterprise Rentals, and Sunderland Enterprise with Santander whose support increased the overall total raised.

The charity would like to express a huge thanks to Sunderland University for allowing us to continue to incorporate the challenge into the students' degree modules and for a great deal of hard work on their behalf to ensure the Challenge went ahead and was a success.

The festive fundraising period really did not happen. There were protracted discussions leading to a universally accepted conclusion that none of the activities could be carried out safely.

Community

The Children's Foundation would like to thank everyone in the community who has worked in lots of ways to raise money for the Children's Foundation over the past year.

We are grateful to Bradley Creswick MBE, our Patron, for bringing together a group of musicians, including John Treherne a trustee, and streaming a live concert facilitated by The Globe in Newcastle

A special thank you goes to a number of individuals who have helped the Foundation raise funds by organising community events and completing personal challenges. In particular, great thanks go to Dr. Gitika Banerjee for her virtual coffee morning, Jack Corrigill and Richard MacFarlane who ran the Virtual Great North Run, and raised funds, the latter via Egger, and Eva and Luca, children who ran on every day in February, regardless of the weather, until they reached their, 'Marathon in a Month'. Again, due to covid restrictions, several regular activities such as cycle challenges, and the Yellow Brick Road Pony Show could not take place during the period.

Corporate Fundraising

The Children's Foundation is very grateful to the North East business community, who are extremely supportive of the charity's projects and events.

The charity would like to thank Handelsbanken who chose to support The Children's Foundation as their Charity of the Year, and have made the decision to extend this to the following year in light of the pandemic. Thanks also go to NC Insurance who have similarly chosen to continue their support.

The charity would once again like to thank the management and staff of Eldon Square for their continued support and willingness to explore every avenue of potential to support during the pandemic.

A special mention must go to the Bulman Chapter of BNI (Business Network International). The Children's Foundation are chapter members and also the nominated charity of the chapter. Over the course of the year, the chapter have arranged a virtual cross chapter quiz, and a member donated a diamond, which was 'raffled' to raise funds.

In addition we recognise the fantastic contributions made by Waitrose and John Lewis to our Food and Fun project throughout the pandemic.

Companies who have supported The Children's Foundation through staff fundraising, by supporting events or with other donations this year are:

Asda

Enterprise Sunderland University and Santander

Enterprise Rentals

The Globe Newcastle

Waitrose

Egger

DAC Beachcroft
Adelaide Fish Bar
RTTS Holdings Ltd
Rathbones Investment Management
Lowes Financial
Stillers
Mountain Warehouse
John Lewis

The Children's Foundation has been grateful to receive support in-kind from many different companies and individuals including:-

Accounting for Good CIC
Stack up Digital
Asda Benton
Asda Leechmore
Tesco Kingston Park
Beamish
Kin Yoga
The Stand Comedy Club
Slater's Menwear

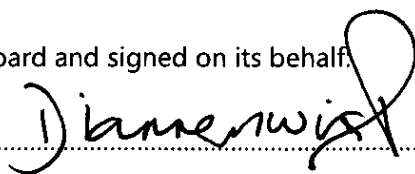
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The Children's Foundation is very much an independent charity that recognises that it could not exist without the enormous support it receives from a wide range of people and organisations. The Board of Trustees is very grateful to everyone who has supported the charity in the past year, be they a committed corporate supporter, a volunteer, or an individual who has given a donation.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf.

Dianne Winship:
Chair



Date 09/12/21