# THE ALASTAIR RAMSAY CHARITABLE TRUST

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

# ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

1 January to 31 December, 2015



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## A. TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

#### 1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name: The Alastair Ramsay Charitable Trust (the "Trust")

Registered Charity No.: 1122452

Registered Company No.: 06449375

Registered Office: 17 Rosebery Road

Sutton Surrey SM1 2BW

Trustees: Bébhinn Ramsay

Niamh Ní Dhónaill

#### 2. OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

- The principle object of the Trust is to promote the physical and mental development of children and young persons. The principle means by which the Trust has fulfilled this object has been through the continuing support of Associação Saúde Criança Florianopolis, a charitable family support organization based in the south of Brazil. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning its activities.
- In 2015, the Trust continued to support Associação Saúde Criança Florianopolis with a donation of £60,000. Associação Saúde Criança Florianopolis provides direct, broadbased support (financial and otherwise) to low-income families during periods of crisis occasioned by children's severe or chronic ill health. Saúde Criança Florianopolis is a social franchise of the established Rio de Janeiro charity Associação Saúde Criança.
- In 2015, Associação Saúde Criança Florianopolis supported over 150 children in 57 families with immediate or longer-term support. For families that stayed for the full year in the programme, 2015 saw a dramatic 84% reduction in the number of days that children spent in hospital, compared to the year before these children with chronic illness entered the programme. This demonstrates the significant impact that Associação Saúde Criança Florianópolis is having in the lives of these children and their families. 89% of the families that responded to the annual satisfaction survey said that organization makes a lot of difference in their lives. The other 11% said that it

made a reasonable difference in their lives. However, the organisation highlighted a difficulty in recruiting families in the local area and did not achieve the 2015 goal of 50 families active at all times in the programme throughout the year. In addition, the majority of families that did enter the programme did not seem to need the full programme, as only 47% of families that entered the programme between 2009 and The Trust requested a thorough analysis in mid-2016 stayed for the full programme. early 2016 to assess the level of need for the Saúde Criança programme in Florianópolis, given the organisation's experience over the last seven years. analysis found that although the programme has helped those families who did avail of the programme, there is not sufficient demand for the programme to justify the continuation of the organisation in the long-term. Based on this information, the Chairperson Dr. Vinicius da Costa Avila and the local board decided to end activities of Associação Saúde Criança Florianópolis by end of June 2016. The local Board and the Trust are confident that the seven years of support for over 500 children in almost 170 families has contributed significantly to the well-being of vulnerable families in Florianopolis. Given the high Human Development Index and the current strength of public health services in Florianopolis however, the seven years have demonstrated that there is not a long-term demand for the service in this area. Associação Saúde Criança Florianópolis will be closed by the end of 2016, in a way that provides for the needs of the existing families in the programme, the local staff and meets all the financial obligations of the organisation.

- In 2015, the Trust received a small amount of personal donations and royalties from the book Love's Last Gift, dedicated to Alastair Ramsay and written by his widow Bébhinn Ramsay. The Trust also secured an additional £30,000 to support Associação Saúde Criança Florianópolis, which was originally meant to help with the long-term sustainability of the organisation. With the decision to close Associação Saúde Criança Florianópolis in 2016, these funds are being directed towards meeting the cost of operations until the organisation ends and meeting all of the organisations' financial obligations with staff, families, rent etc. Given that the Trust has met its aims and has honoured Alastair Ramsay as was the original objective, the Trust plans to close on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2016. Any remaining funds in the Trust bank account up until the date of closing will be donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital in London.
- 2.5 The principal activity of the Trust during the period from 1 January to 31 December, 2015 was to secure over £30,000 to support Associação Saúde Criança Florianópolis.

### 3. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

- The Trust was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 10 December 2007 and is a registered charity. The Trust is governed by its constitutional documents, its Memorandum and Articles of Association.
- The Trust is managed by the trustees, who are charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and also company directors for the purposes of company law. The minimum number of trustees is 2 and the maximum number is 8. The trustees hold office for a term of 3 years but are eligible for re-appointment at the end of their term. The trustees are appointed by the members of the Trust. The current sole member is Bébhinn Ramsay. In 2012, given that the original mission of the Trust had been accomplished (the fundraising of £200,000 in support of the establishment and operation of Saúde Criança Florianopolis over the three years from 2009 to 2011), all

trustees stepped down from the board apart from Bébhinn Ramsay and Niamh Ní Dhónaill.

- The trustees meet at least three times a year. Given the current nature of the Trust's activities, it is not believed that formal training is required for the trustees. However, the trustees are made aware of their responsibilities as charity trustees and company directors.
- The trustees all give their time freely. None of them receives any remuneration for the time they give to the Trust.
- Bébhinn Ramsay, the founding and sole member of the Trust and one of its trustees, stepped down as Chairperson of Saúde Criança Florianopolis in 2013 but continues on the consultative board.

#### 4. FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESERVES POLICY

- The Trust met its commitment of donating approximately £200,000 to support the establishment and operation of Saúde Criança Florianopolis over the three years 2009 to 2011. In addition, the Trust secured a donation of £40,000, to partly fund a permanent headquarters for Saúde Criança Florianopolis. This was used to buy a piece of land close to the local Children's Hospital. This land has since been donated by Saúde Criança Florianopolis to ICOM, the local community institute. ICOM will sell the land and use the proceeds to create a Happy Child Fund. The annual income from this Fund will provide support to vulnerable children in Florianopolis in the long-term. From the time of foundation of the Trust until 31 December, 2011 the Trust raised over £200,000 of unrestricted general funds. From 2012 to date, the Trust decided to use any additional funds to only support projects related to Saúde Criança Florianopolis or Rio de Janeiro, as this was the cause for which the money was raised. With the closing of Assoçiação Saúde Criança Florianópolis, the Trust will donate funds to other causes in Florianópolis and elsewhere, which support the wellbeing of children and young people.
- As at 31 December 2015 the Trust had not adopted a formal reserves policy. Funds are held in approved deposit and current accounts pending disbursement to Saúde Criança Florianopolis. The level of funds held on account is regularly reviewed by the trustees.

#### 5. RESPONSIBILITIES

- The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.
- Company 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). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and group and of the profit or loss of the company and group for that period.
- In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:
  - select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
  - make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business, in which case there should be supporting assumptions or qualifications as necessary.
- The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.
- The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.
- This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 12th September, 2016 and signed on their behalf by:

13/09/16

Date

# B. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Note	Year Ended 31 December 2015	Year Ended 31 December 2014
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE		£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Donations and amounts raised through fund raising activities Interest receivable and similar income	2 2	30,235 3 ———	34,083 1 ——
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		30,238	34,084
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
<ul> <li>In supporting Saúde Criança (5,800)</li> </ul>		(60,000)	-
- Bank charges		(246)	(57)
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SUPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR 28,227		-(30,008)	
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

## C. BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Note	2015 £	2014 £
Cash at bank and in hand		641	30,649
NET ASSETS		641	30,649
Total funds	3	641	30,649

For the period from incorporation to 31 December 2015, the Trust is entitled to the exemption from audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small Companies.

No member of the Trust has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these accounts.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the Trust keeps adequate accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and
- (ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust as at 31 December 2015 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended in accordance with section 393(1), and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Trust.

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

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 12th September 2016, and are signed on their behalf by:

Signature of Trustee Pell
Bébhinn Ramsay

Date 13 - 9-16

#### D. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principle accounting policies are adopted by the company are described below. They have been applied consistently throughout the period.

## a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice. Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005).

### b) Incoming resources

All Incoming Resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied as appropriate.

Monetary donations and amounts raised through fund raising activities are included in full when receivable. Monetary donations received in foreign currencies are included in the income and expenditure account at the prevailing monthly exchange rate. Cash balances held in foreign currencies at year end are valued in the balance sheet at the year end exchange rate. Variations arising as a result of the difference between the monthly exchange rates and the year end exchange rate are recognised as gains or losses, in the income and expenditure account, as appropriate.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these financial statements.

Interest receivable and similar income is included in full when receivable.

#### c) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred.

## 2. DONATIONS AND AMOUNTS RAISED THROUGH FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

All donations and amounts raised through fundraising activities included in the Statement of Financial Activities relate to monies received during the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015. All of the monies received in 2015 were restricted to support Associação Saúde Criança Florianópolis and meet any minimal costs incurred by the Trust.

# D. <u>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014</u> (continued)

## 3. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

As at 31 December 2014		30,649
Funds carried forward for 2015		-(30,008)
As at 31 December 2014	~	641