
STAND
BY me
Annual
Report &
Accounts
2025

Stand by Me's mission is to rescue kids from terrible circumstances, then do whatever it takes to provide the care, love and attention they need to thrive.



A message from the director



I am delighted to share our latest Annual Report and Accounts, which reflects what we were able to achieve in 2025 thanks to God's provision and your generosity. This was a particularly special year as we celebrated 30 years of rescuing children from extreme poverty and helping them thrive. As we marked this milestone, we gave thanks to God for His faithfulness and for the transformation we have witnessed in the lives of children and families over three decades. From rescuing 60 boys in Lebanon to today caring for more than 4,000 children worldwide, we have continually seen God's hand at work.

During the year, I had the privilege of visiting our projects in Kenya and Colombia, where I spent time with our children and their families. Listening to their stories was a powerful reminder of the significance of our work and of the daily realities our children face. I was deeply encouraged by the care each child receives and by the life-changing impact of meeting their individual needs and walking alongside them as they build brighter futures. I returned inspired and humbled by our dedicated staff on the ground whose compassion and commitment ensure every child is supported to achieve beyond what society has determined for them.

Looking ahead to the next 30 years can feel daunting, but I am greatly encouraged by your continued support. Your generosity has brought education, food and healthcare to thousands of children and is enabling us to respond to the earthquake in Myanmar, delivering emergency aid to families who were made homeless, and to begin building a safe and secure children's home for our Agape family. I am deeply thankful for God's faithfulness and for your commitment, which helped us raise over £3.13 million in 2025, helping children become who God created them to be.

It is through God's provision and your faithful prayers and support that so many children now have hope. I trust this report will encourage you as you reflect on the part you have played in transforming lives.



Ahmad Ayoubi
Executive Director

Helping children become everything they are born to be

Each child is unique, so we take care to meet each of their individual needs, from food and healthcare, to loving parents and a quality education. We're motivated by Jesus' example to make a lasting difference in our children's lives by tackling each and every obstacle they face.

Our child-centred care



Loving care
We get to know each child and invest our time raising them to know that they're loved and accepted for who they are.



Strong families
We work hard to keep families together. In the absence of a stable family, we welcome children into our loving family homes.



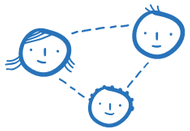
Great education
Our education programmes equip our kids to rise above their circumstances and help change their communities.



Access to healthcare
We go the extra mile to make sure that our kids are fit and well, and can enjoy their childhood.



A reason for hope
It's a privilege to demonstrate Jesus' love to our kids through the quality of our care.



Caring relationships
Child sponsorship helps our kids to feel loved, cared for and part of a wider family.

Our care programmes

Each child is unique but like all children they need unconditional love and acceptance. Because they come from complex backgrounds, we have developed four key care programmes to meet their individual needs.



Children's Homes

Our children's homes are just like any family home should be – comfortable, safe and filled with love.



Care Centres

Our care centres provide tutoring, meals, clothes, medical care and counselling for children and their families who need extra care.



Schools

Our schools provide a quality education, equipping children to rise above their circumstances and do great things.



Family Support

We provide families with food, rent support, medical care and small business grants to enable them to stand on their own two feet.

Open Arms Academy, Kenya.

Caring for over 4,000 kids worldwide

Colombia

Providing care and psychological support to children overwhelmed by abuse, family breakups, neglect and poverty.

Romania

Supporting children and their families living in deep poverty in the community through the provision of a free education, daily food and family support.

Ethiopia

Providing an education to children living in poverty, a loving family for orphaned children and extensive healthcare for children and their family members. Offering a programme for those living with HIV and self-sufficiency projects for families.

Kenya

Giving orphaned and abandoned children loving care in our family homes. Providing a quality education to children trapped in poverty and offering community support, skills training and sustainability programmes.

India

Providing loving care and an education to children rescued from a life of civil unrest, violence and child trafficking.

Myanmar

Offering a loving family home to orphaned children from persecuted minorities and providing an education for children in our schools so that they can rise above their difficult circumstances.









Our impact

Brighter futures in Colombia

Colombia



Dainer age 11.

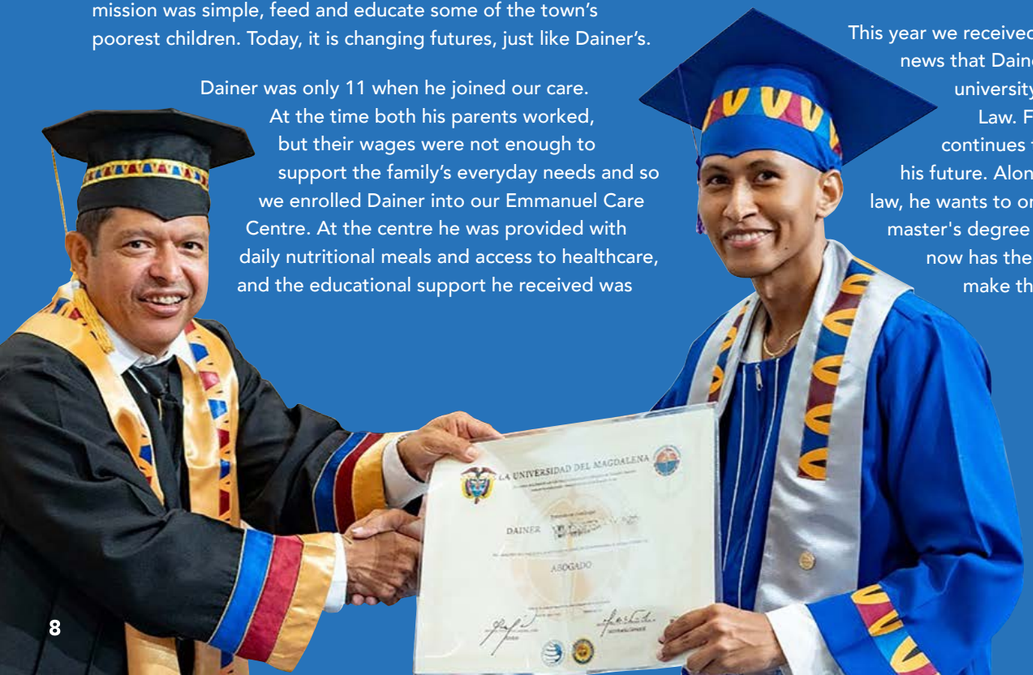
In the Banana Zone of northern Colombia there is very little hope. Families live in terrible conditions, far below the poverty line and are surrounded by the constant threat of violence. For children growing up in a small, neglected town, the cycle of poverty seems inescapable and the chance of a brighter future, impossible.

When our Emmanuel Care Centre opened 20 years ago the mission was simple, feed and educate some of the town's poorest children. Today, it is changing futures, just like Dainer's.

Dainer was only 11 when he joined our care. At the time both his parents worked, but their wages were not enough to support the family's everyday needs and so we enrolled Dainer into our Emmanuel Care Centre. At the centre he was provided with daily nutritional meals and access to healthcare, and the educational support he received was especially transformational. With the centre's support Dainer progressed all the way through his primary and secondary level education and successfully enrolled into university to study Law.

During his time at university our Emmanuel Care Centre continued to stand by Dainer and provided essentials like rent, food and study materials. But his success was not merely a result of our care, Dainer took advantage of every chance to succeed, representing his university in athletics competitions, moving to France for a study exchange year and securing a work placement in a legal office.

This year we received the exciting news that Dainer graduated from university with a degree in Law. Filled with hope, he continues to dream big for his future. Along with working in law, he wants to one day study for his master's degree and PhD and he now has the tools he needs to make these dreams a reality.



Hope in the rubble

Myanmar

On 28th March, a 7.7 magnitude earthquake struck Myanmar where we care for 2,000 children. In the wake of the earthquake over 5,000 people were killed and millions were displaced. We are incredibly grateful that none of our children or staff were injured, but when our staff on the ground saw the devastation that was caused, they approached us with a desire to help.

To meet the desperate need we launched our Myanmar Earthquake Appeal, fundraising to provide life-saving aid packages and thanks to our generous supporters we have been able to bring hope to those in need.

Aid began with our Myanmar Director, David, taking a small team to deliver packages in the capital city Naypidaw. There he witnessed the scale of damage and the enormous hardship people were facing. Families lined the local train station platform in makeshift shelters without electricity or clean running water and with heavy rains destroying the few belongings they had left. ***"To see them is heartbreaking."*** David expressed.

Since March, our staff have delivered hundreds of aid packages filled with essentials like rice, oil, drinking water, mosquito nets and hygiene items. David shared: ***"During this challenging time, through your great support, we had the privilege of assisting those affected both in the immediate aftermath of the tremors and in the days that followed. The heart-wrenching stories we encountered, particularly those of families who lost loved ones, left a lasting impression. Yet amidst this sorrow, it was advantageous to extend our hands and reach out to those people."***

Our aid work in Myanmar still continues today, bringing incredible hope to those in need.



A place to learn, grow and fulfil potential

Ethiopia

"I am so happy about this new facility, which will offer us everything we need in one place" shared Biftu on the long-awaited opening day of our High School Centre in Ethiopia, ***"It creates a wonderful opportunity for us to study hard and achieve good results. I am deeply grateful to the donors who made this building possible."***

Biftu and her classmates were thrilled at the opening of our High School Centre which has been a huge project to complete. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, our Grade 9 – 12 students are now attending tutoring classes, receiving their daily meals and finding the support they need to thrive in their education.

The High School Centre is a place of learning and hope, where caring teachers are always at hand. An incredibly important aspect of the centre is that it is a place of safety and encouragement for girls who up until now have faced risks travelling to tutoring classes late at night and inequality at the government school. As all our high school students have started to make use of this excellent facility, we are beginning to see them thrive in their education as well as develop life skills which will prepare them for the next chapter of university or work.

Our students now have the reassurance that whatever challenges they face at high school, they will have the safety and support of the High School Centre to help them overcome every obstacle and achieve. This excellent facility is showing our high school students that they are full of potential and worthy of this investment.





Biftu and her friend.

"At camp you feel very loved"

Colombia

Many children in Colombia face neglect, trauma and hopelessness in their home lives. Our Emmanuel Care Centre is providing children with the daily support, food, education and counselling they need to overcome such challenges.

Knowing the hardship our children experience at home, we believe it is incredibly important to give them a fun and hopeful experience at summer camp. Before joining the Emmanuel Care Centre, none of our kids had ever been to camp, many had never even left their town.

Thanks to the support of sponsors, we gave the older children a few days away at summer camp and the younger children a camp at the care centre. The camp was run by our dedicated staff and an amazing visiting team who are passionate about seeing children realise they are special and that God loves them. The camps provided three excellent meals a day, games and sports, crafts, competitions, swimming, Bible studies and songs, offering so much excitement, happiness and new friendships for our children.



"This year was my first time at camp. I really enjoyed going to the pool because it was refreshing and we all played. I would say that at camp you feel very loved, and that in addition to playing, we also learn about God and sing beautifully. It was great!" - Zuleinis, age 8.

For our children who come from terrible backgrounds, the opportunity to have fun, receive encouragement and hear they are special to God has made an incredible difference.







A hopeful environment for our youngest learners

Romania

Our Denisa Care Centre opened a new building for our Grade 1 to 4 children equipped with two spacious classrooms where our dedicated staff can continue to provide life-changing educational support. Our youngest children are now enjoying lessons in their own facilities only a short distance from our original Denisa Care Centre building.

When our kids first entered the new building, they were overwhelmed with happiness. Maria in Grade 4 shared:

"The first day in the new building was very emotional. I like that it is quieter. Every child needs a space where they can feel they have the chance to succeed. This centre is that space. In every corner, there is a place for a good idea. I enjoy spending my time here." - Maria, age 11.

The new building is a place of learning and hope for children like Maria and will help ensure that they have the environment to thrive. As our youngest children begin to make use of this facility, we know we will see them receive an excellent start to their education.

Cami, our Romania Director, shared what the opening of the new building meant to the staff and children in Romania:

"We were filled with gratitude as we have opened the doors to our brand-new building for children in grades 1 to 4. This building wasn't just a dream, it was a necessity, helping us meet the standards of quality every child deserves. With two bright classrooms, a big welcoming hallway, and three fully equipped bathrooms, our children now have a safe, joyful place where they can do their homework each day, play and take part in fun, creative activities." - Cami, Romania Director.

The chance of a healthy life

Kenya

We want every child to have a healthy childhood. But being born into poverty in Kenya means that many can't afford to access basic healthcare which puts children's lives at risk. This was the case for 10-year-old Kimberly who began experiencing pain while swallowing food due to the inflammation of her tonsils. As her condition worsened, even breathing became difficult and she struggled to sleep and eat.



Kimberly has made an incredible recovery. Today, she is able to have fun with her friends, learn at school and enjoy renewed health.

Thankfully, Kimberly is a Stand by Me child and attends our school where we have employed a nurse, Eva, who immediately recognised her tonsilitis and referred her to the hospital where Kimberly underwent surgery. Nurse Eva treats 675 cases in the school clinic each year, keeping our children healthy and able to stay in school to pursue their dreams. Of these cases about 13 children experience serious illnesses and are referred to the hospital.

"If they had not intervened, Kimberly's treatment would have been delayed because we simply could not afford the huge hospital bills" - Kimberly's mother.

Our school clinic provides regular checkups to monitor our children's health and bring early intervention to serious illness, giving our children the best chance at a healthy life.





Bonsa (left) and Bona (right).

Ethiopia

A new beginning at Abdi Academy

Each year, we are privileged to welcome children into our care who urgently need support and deserve the chance of a life-changing education. In September, we opened our doors to 40 new children at our Abdi Academy in Ethiopia.

Two of the newest pupils are six-year-old twins, Bonsa and Bona. Three years ago, their father passed away due to illness, leaving their mother to care for five children alone. Their living conditions are very humble, living in a two roomed mud house and sleeping on the bare floor together, using old blankets and clothes for warmth.

Unable to work due to her poor health, Bonsa and Bona's mum begs on the roadside while their elder sister works to provide for the family, but her labour bears little fruit and the family often struggle to afford the necessities. Without an education, the twins would have no way of escaping poverty, but now they have hope.

Since joining our Abdi Academy, the twins have received school uniforms, regular meals and health checks. With a great education they are now on their way to reaching their full potential. And not only do the twins benefit, but so does the whole family as the burden to provide for their needs is shared and their mother receives vital healthcare support.

Bonsa and Bona love heading to school each morning where they are enjoying learning the alphabet and how to count. Both share the ambition of becoming doctors and with the right support and their hard work, we believe this dream can become a reality.

Bonsa, Bona and our newest kindergarten children at Abdi Academy have settled into school life, excited at the chance to learn. In time, we believe the opportunity of an education and the family support from the school will benefit them all and help them rise out of poverty.

How we did it

Everything we are able to achieve is thanks to our amazing supporters and sponsors who share their skills, resources, finances and time to change the lives of some of the most vulnerable children worldwide.



Children in traditional attire, India.

Abdi Academy, Ethiopia.

Appeals

Our appeals allow us to respond to our children's urgent needs. Our **Emergency Myanmar Earthquake Appeal** raised an incredible £65,149 enabling us to provide over 1,700 people with aid packages filled with essentials like rice, oil, drinking water, mosquito nets and hygiene items.

"My husband has been in the warzone for three years now. I live with my children. This is the third time I have received the aid. When I received it, joy came down. It's so valuable for us, it means a lot to be able to feed my children. May God bless you all." - Vung, aid recipient.



Vung.

Our **Myanmar Agape Home Appeal** raised £79,743 to build a safe and secure home for our Agape family. This incredible generosity will enable us to begin constructing a new home to ensure our children will enjoy greater security, no longer fearing flooding, evacuation or the loss of their belongings. On behalf of all the children, Sarah, our Agape Home Director, shared the impact of this generosity:

"For a long time, we have been praying for a safe and strong shelter for the children, especially during the rainy season and times of flooding. We have faced many challenges, but we always trusted that God would provide. And now, through your kindness and generosity, God is answering our prayers and making it possible for us to build a new home where the children can stay safe and secure in every season.

Words cannot fully express how much this means to us. The children will be overjoyed, and we continuously remind them of your loving and giving hearts. Your act of love is a testimony of God's faithfulness and we will always be grateful." - Sarah, Agape Children's Home Director.



Agape Home family, Myanmar.

Our supporters' generosity also enabled us to complete essential improvements and provide significant experiences for our children, raising £3,918 to help provide a summer camp for children in **Colombia**, £1,699 towards giving children the experience of a school trip in **Kenya**, £1,944 contributing to essential school renovations at the Abdi Academy in **Ethiopia** and £675 towards a brand new kitchen for our children in **India**.



Kenya school trip.



Colombia summer camp.

This year, our Christmas Appeal raised funds to **Keep Families Together** raising £26,497 which enabled us to provide families with the security and support they need to stay together over Christmas and to start the year with confidence. These donations meant that children could focus on their education instead of dangerous work and parents could access vital medical care, helping entire families like Lalise's look forward to a future filled with dignity and hope.

"I have no words to explain what Stand by Me has done for me and my children. Without the Keeping Families Together programme, my children and I would have been forced to beg on the streets, and they would have grown up without education. Now, my daughter is in Grade 9, and I hope that when she finishes school, she will be able to help look after us. Thanks to Stand by Me, our lives have changed."
- Lalise's Mum



Lalise with her family.

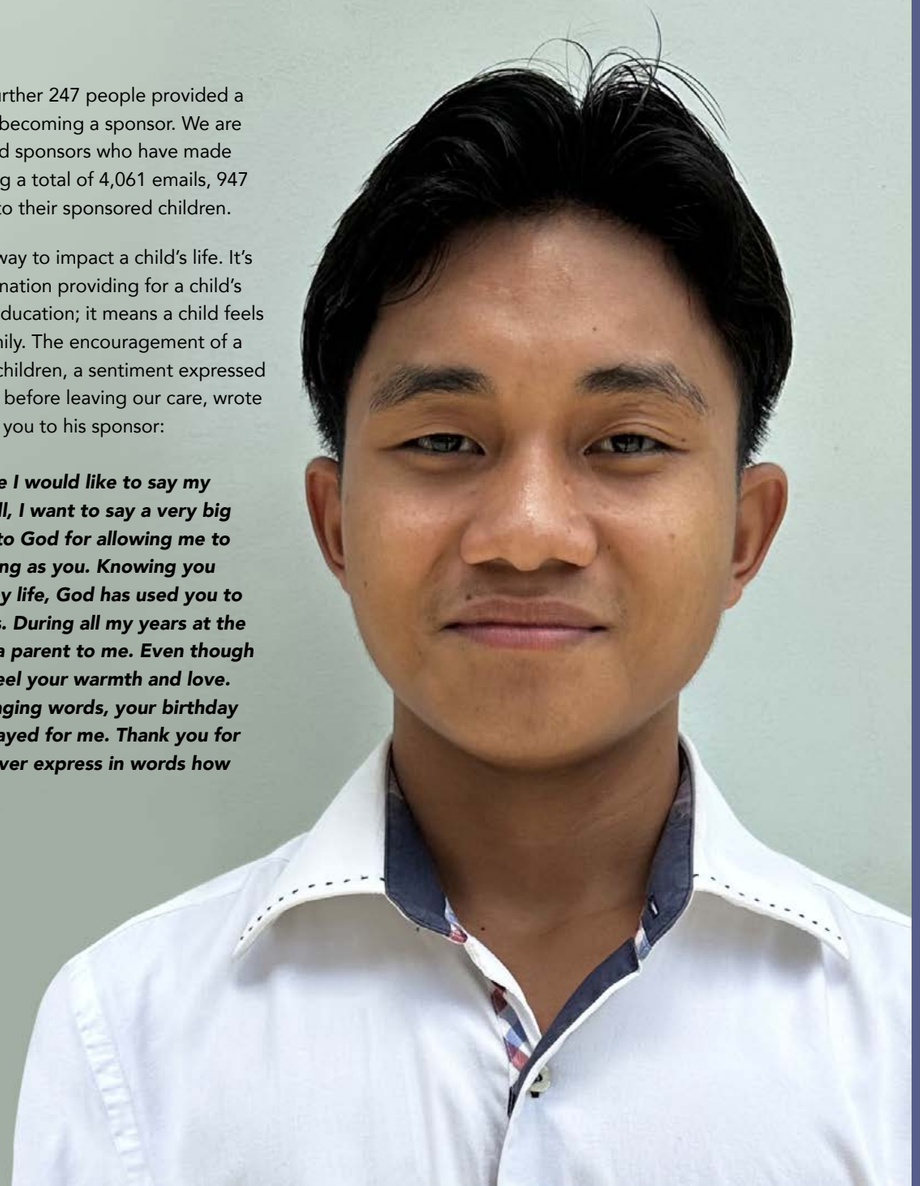
Child Sponsorship

We are grateful that this year a further 247 people provided a child with an extended family by becoming a sponsor. We are thankful for all our wonderful child sponsors who have made our children feel so loved, sending a total of 4,061 emails, 947 letters and 4,105 monetary gifts to their sponsored children.

Child Sponsorship is a fantastic way to impact a child's life. It's so much more than a monthly donation providing for a child's food, clothes, medical care and education; it means a child feels loved, cared for and part of a family. The encouragement of a sponsor means the world to our children, a sentiment expressed so well by Luke in Myanmar who, before leaving our care, wrote a beautiful goodbye to say thank you to his sponsor:

"I am writing this letter because I would like to say my final goodbye to you. First of all, I want to say a very big thank you. I'm deeply grateful to God for allowing me to know someone as kind and loving as you. Knowing you has brought so much joy into my life, God has used you to fulfil my needs in so many ways. During all my years at the children's home, you were like a parent to me. Even though we are far apart, I can always feel your warmth and love. I will never forget your encouraging words, your birthday gifts and all the prayers you prayed for me. Thank you for being a light in my life. I can never express in words how truly grateful I am for you.

With much love, Luke."



Luke, age 18.



Alternative Gifts

Our Alternative Gift Catalogue raised a fantastic £29,020 from supporters who purchased school uniforms, books, medical care, food packs, underwear, toys and other daily necessities and treats to help our children fulfil their potential.

Greatest Need donations

Unrestricted giving allows us to meet the needs of children and communities around the world as and when they arise. We value every donation from the smallest to the largest and pride ourselves on thanking and updating our amazing supporters regularly, ensuring they know exactly where their money is used and how it is making a difference to our children.



Open Arms Academy, Kenya



Mahilet and family with their new bed.

Fundraising

Our history has been shaped by individuals and groups who have seen the needs of our children and have done something to make an extraordinary difference, changing our kids' lives. Whether it's cycling, hosting quizzes or holding coffee mornings to more unique ideas like dying your hair bright pink, every fundraiser has brought our kids the care and love they deserve.

This year our annual **February on the Floor** fundraising event raised £40,670 to help children around the world receive beds, breakfast for a year, new uniforms, school bags and pursue their dreams.

We wanted to make our 30th year extra special for our children and set out to look for 30 people to help us celebrate by fundraising for our Stand by Me kids. To mark the milestone, our amazing **30 for Thirty** fundraisers took on challenges and hosted events, from Laura McCartney's paddleboarding challenge, Chic and Marian Blakely's Ukelele concert, Amy Cope's Musical Evening and Jenni Doey's CD launch, together enabling them to raise £20,185 for our kids. Their fundraising has left a lasting legacy in our kids' lives providing them with daily food, education, medical care and so much more.

"My family and I have produced two albums of well-known sacred songs: STAND (2024) and HOPE (2026). We first heard about the work of Stand by Me in 2022. We were moved and encouraged by the well organised and impactful way the charity works. We could see exactly where the money we were giving was going and the difference that it was making on the ground. We have so much to be thankful for in our country, it is a joy to be able to share our gifts with brothers and sisters around the world. Our prayer is that the money raised through selling our CDs brings hope to many lives." – Jenni Doey, 30 for Thirty fundraiser.



You can find Jenni's music online by searching Jennifer Doey.

Legacy and in memoriam gifts

Our children are unlikely to ever be included in anyone's inheritance, so legacy and in memoriam gifts left to Stand by Me mean so much and allow us to continue to make lasting and far-reaching improvements in children's lives.

Spreading the word

We spoke in schools and churches throughout the year. New speaking opportunities and our existing relationships with schools, churches, clubs and youth groups resulted in more children being sponsored as well as one-off donations impacting children's lives.

Trusts

We would like to thank the Charitable Trusts who have contributed to our projects this year and without whom we would not be able to complete essential projects.

 Lina, Emmanuel Care Centre, Colombia.

Message from the Chair of the Board of Trustees



As I read through this report, I found myself smiling as I experienced the joy reflected in the faces of those we serve. The smiles you see throughout the report are a testament to lives being changed and families being restored. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of the staff at all our centres, our UK staff team and the volunteers who are often there but unseen. On behalf of the Board, thank you.

During the year, we have seen developments in many areas, and the Board has been active in encouraging good governance and excellence in all aspects of the charity's operations. We have been delighted to see that good practice is being followed at all our centres and applied in teaching, health and pastoral care, as well as in encouraging spiritual growth.

In his opening comments, Ahmad touched on the remarkable growth of the organisation over the last 30 years, and we are now beginning to consider our priorities and areas for future growth. Please pray with us as we seek wisdom for the way forward and endeavour to be good stewards of everything entrusted to us. With this in mind, I would like to thank all our donors for your generosity. Whether this support comes through our sponsorship programmes, funding for specific projects, or help in meeting administrative and operational needs, we are deeply grateful.

In closing, I am reminded of a biblical blessing from the Book of Numbers: *"May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you"*. In many ways, the work of Stand by Me reflects this blessing in the communities of which it is a part. I do hope that as you read through this report you will, as I did, smile and take pleasure in being part of this work.

Thank you again.



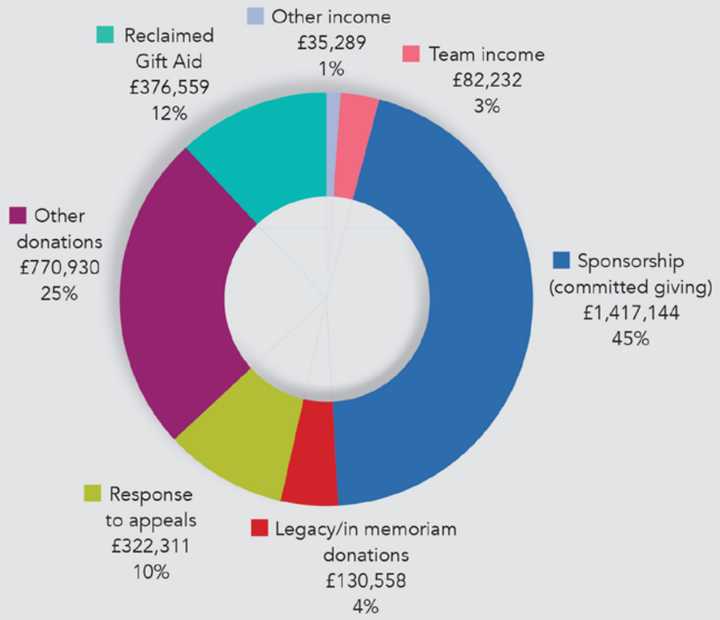
Gordon Haynes
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Financial Summary

Charity is a tool that we use to meet the needs of children. But we're not here just to run a charity, we're here to change the lives of the children in our care, then to reach out and rescue more. When we spend money, it's because it's the best way to make a difference in our kids' lives. Our trusted staff use money wisely to provide the best care possible for our children and through our annual budgets, audits and frequent monitoring visits, we make sure that the money is spent prudently.

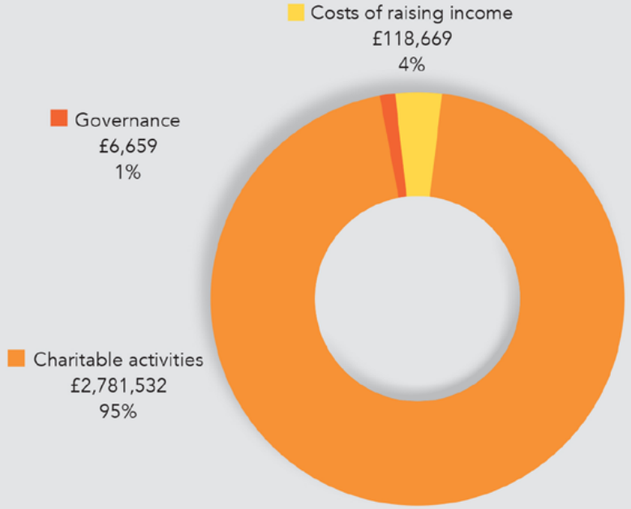
Income 2025

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has supported our work over the past year enabling us to raise £3,135,023.

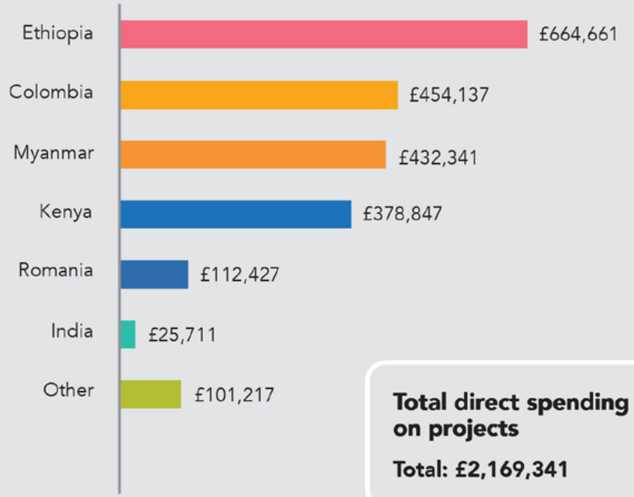


Expenditure 2025

Total expenditure in the year was £2,906,860.
96% of expenditure was spent of charitable activities with fundraising and governance costing just 4%.



What we spent directly on our projects in 2025



Total direct spending on projects

Total: £2,169,341

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Looking forward

As we celebrate all we have achieved over 2025, we also look forward to all we hope to accomplish in 2026, continuing to rescue children from terrible circumstances and doing all we can to provide them with nutritious food, essential healthcare, family support and a life-changing education. The year ahead will be focused on continuing to transform children's lives.

Education

To continue our commitment to excellent early-years education in Ethiopia, we will begin work to build purpose-built kindergarten facilities at both Abdi Academy and Bethany School. These new buildings will give children the very best start in life, creating safe, nurturing and engaging learning environments. This important development will ensure our schools continue to be centres of excellence, while also enabling us to welcome more children into our care and offer them the opportunity of a life-changing education.

Quality Care

In 2025, we raised funds to provide our 37 children in our Agape Home with a new home, ensuring they are comfortable, safe and protected from flooding and we hope to complete the construction in 2026. This new home will provide a secure, loving environment where the Agape family can receive the stability they need to grow and flourish.

At the heart of Stand by Me's mission is our commitment to providing the very best possible care for every child. In 2026, we will begin rolling out our new Standard of Care across all countries where we work. This includes staff training in trauma awareness and response and further equipping them to understand and support children who have experienced loss, neglect or abuse.

Vision

As we reflect on 30 years of rescuing children and providing life-changing care, we have been developing a five-year-vision that will guide our work through to 2030. From 2026, our focus will be on deepening and strengthening the quality, consistency and long-term impact of our care.

Stand by Me will continue to be known for rescuing children from poverty and providing exceptional care. By 2030, we will ensure every Stand by Me child is equipped for life by strengthening their education, nurturing emotional and spiritual wellbeing and offering them sustainable pathways to independence, so that each child can step confidently into a hopeful future.



Lois School, Myanmar.

Structure, governance and management

Registered Charity

Stand by Me is a registered charity in England and Wales. The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Its governing document is a Constitution dated 2nd September 2019. The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees which is responsible for approving strategic decisions having taken advice from the Executive team.

Going concern

After appropriate research, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements..

Method of appointment & training of Trustees

New Trustees are appointed by the Board and approved at a meeting of the Trustees. *Stand by Me* Trustees are expected to be pro-active in supporting the work of the charity. Trustee recruitment is achieved through a blend of professional associations, local networks and prospective members being individually identified and approached. A periodic review of existing skills and expertise is undertaken and an assessment made as to what is required to meet the strategic needs of the charity. This shapes the recruitment and selection of prospective Trustees along with evidence of their motivation and support for the vision and mission of the charity.

Remuneration policy

Pay and remuneration of the Chief Executive Officer is set by the Board of Trustees and reviewed annually. Terms and benefits are set with reference to average pay in the sector and competencies required of the role. Remuneration for the Leadership Team is set by the Chief Executive Officer, with the agreement from the Board of Trustees.

Public benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and continue to be satisfied the charity is acting in the public benefit, as stated in our objectives, and believe this report contains the explanation of the significant activities undertaken during the year which confirms this.

Reserves

The Board of Trustees considers the key measure of sustainability for *Stand by Me* to be current and future liquidity cover, rather than the surplus or deficit accounting position. Consequently Trustees have set an appropriate reserves policy which is reviewed annually relating to liquidity, based on the relationship between readily realisable assets and the cash required to meet agreed obligations to ministries overseas in respect of monies that cover their regular support outgoings. Reserves are also required to sustain the charity's operations in England and Northern Ireland.



Maria, Emmanuel Care Centre, Colombia.

Trustees have decided that *Stand by Me* should at all times maintain cash and readily realisable assets, being regarded as restricted funds, sufficient to fund between not less than 3 and not more than 12 months of budgeted regular support outgoings in relation to overseas ministries. At 31 December 2025 that liquidity cover stands at **8.1 months.** Alongside this, Trustees have also decided that, at all times, cash and realisable assets should be maintained to finance a minimum of 3 months and not more than 12 months of budgeted operating costs. At 31 December 2025 that liquidity cover stands at **4.2 months.**

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific conditions imposed by donors. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund in accordance with the Reserves Policy set by the Trustees. *Stand by Me* aims to hold sufficient balances in all funds to cover 25 – 100% of budgeted regular support outgoings, plus any donations previously received for specific projects scheduled to take place in the subsequent years. At the end of the period total restricted funds were £1.09m (at 31 December 2024 £1.02m) all of which is earmarked for agreed regular support payments and specific projects. For each fund, *Stand by Me*'s assets are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Investment Policy and Performance

The Trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit. Our objective is to maintain high liquidity while ensuring maximum security. To achieve this *Stand by Me* invests with institutions with a high security rating in fixed-term or call deposits. During the year *Stand by Me*'s sterling deposits achieved an average rate of interest of 3.2% (2024: 3.6%) compared with average bank base rate for the same period of 4.1% (2024: 5.11%).

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks. Principal risks considered can be categorised as follows:

- Financial risks – potential reduction in the level of public voluntary donations leading to inadequate reserves.
- External risks – (a) poor public perception, albeit that Trustees consider this to be an extremely low risk, with consequent damage to the charity's reputation and (b) turbulent economic or political environment.
- Safeguarding risks – failure to adequately protect our beneficiaries and staff around the world.

There are four basic strategies that can be applied to manage an identified risk:

- Transferring the financial consequences to third parties, or sharing it, usually through insurance or outsourcing;
- Avoiding completely the activity giving rise to the risk, for example by not taking up a contract or stopping a particular activity or service;
- Management or mitigation of risk;
- Accepting or assessing it as a risk that cannot be avoided if the activity is to continue i.e. where the Trustees recognise that a core activity carries a risk but take steps to mitigate it.

Our reputation as a world class child care organisation is intertwined with our most important concern and the area we constantly monitor i.e. the protection of our children. Our comprehensive Child Care Policy and Safeguarding Policy are our global standards for all the charity's projects which includes policies common to all our work around the world, is how we manage this risk. Also each member of staff is given our Staff Handbook which has, as its first section, the highest standards of behaviour expected in all dealings with children and fellow members of staff.

Another key strategic risk identified was our additional funding needs. This is due to the fluctuation of sterling in political and economic uncertainty, combined with meeting the costs of the increasing number of our children attending further education. To mitigate this, we will maximise our key strengths and look to diversify our fundraising portfolio.

Overseas monitoring

Our Overseas Development Team regularly visit the projects and work with our in-country boards as they report against objectives and abide by policies set out for each of our homes, care centres and schools.



Open Arms Academy, Kenya

Each country we work in has at least one director who is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day work taking place and they have regular meetings with the Chief Executive Director to discuss how the projects are progressing and any current issues that need addressing.

On an individual child level, we monitor the progress of every child, physically, emotionally and academically throughout the year to meet any needs as they arise and ensure they are able to do well.

By having teams visit regularly, many with professional members such as doctors, dentists and teachers, we encourage them to provide professional reports to aid our work as we seek to improve our effectiveness, efficiency and awareness of future challenges.

Organisational structure & decision making

The Board of Trustees meets every two months, subject to travel commitments, and is responsible for the overall strategic direction and policy of the charity. The Chief Executive Director has delegated responsibility for the day-to-day leadership and management of the charity, implementing strategy and providing overall leadership to ensure that the core values of the charity are maintained. The Board has reserved to itself certain important decisions including changes to the charity's governing document and approval of the long-term objectives and strategy. The key responsibilities of Trustees are set out in the statement on page 37.

Fundraising ethos

Whether a long-standing supporter or someone hearing about *Stand by Me* for the first time, we endeavour to inspire people to get involved in rescuing children from extreme circumstances and providing the opportunities they need to thrive.

In our 30 year history we have always focused on building long term relationships with our supporters, exemplified by the foundation of regular sponsors and donors who know the tangible difference their support is making.

We allow our supporters to choose the ways in which they wish to be involved as well as where they would like their money used, as we understand how important ownership and choice can be for our supporters.

The following principles guide our fundraising strategy and operations:

- We aim to inspire people to donate or raise money for *Stand by Me.*
- We thank supporters appropriately and demonstrate the tangible difference their money is making to the children around the world.
- When we contact our supporters it's because we think they will be interested to hear how our children are thriving through their support. We listen to supporters and act on their communication requests.
- We keep our supporters' data secure and never pass their personal information on to any other company or charity and we don't buy or sell data.
- Fundraising and marketing is only carried out by our staff so that we are in control of the standards employed. This ensures that supporters and the wider public do not feel pressured to give and are treated with respect at all times, with a particular focus on the protection of vulnerable people.

Stand by Me's fundraising activities and compliance with fundraising regulations and best practice are closely scrutinised by the Board of Trustees.



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Anastasia with her new bed in Romania.

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers for the year ended 31 December 2025

The Trustees present their report together with the audited financial statements of *Stand by Me* (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The Trustees confirm the report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements which are contained within the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) (FRS 102) updated in January 2019.

Trustees
Gordon Haynes (appointed as Chairman 28 May 2025)
Mark Clayden (Chairman, resigned 28 May 2025)
Edward Carpenter (Treasurer)
Peter Jordan (appointed 1 April 2026)
Alan Ramsay (resigned 29 May 2025)
Sharon Seymour (resigned 31 March 2025)
Greg Smith (resigned 8 January 2026)
Elizabeth Staniforth
John Tillett (resigned 31 May 2025)

Minutes Secretary
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Ahmad Ayoubi

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

This report was approved by the Trustees on 16 October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Gordon Haynes
Trustee



Edward Carpenter
Trustee

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Stand By Me (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon..

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: *www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities*. This description forms part of our Auditor's report.

USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Robert J Baxter FCCA

Chartered Certified Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Cooper & Co, 9 Palmers Avenue, Grays, Essex, RM17 5TX

Date: 16 October 2026

Robert J Baxter FCCA is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	**786,436**	**2,310,403**	**3,096,839**	*3,006,695*
Investments	3	**38,184**	**-**	**38,184**	*41,077*
TOTAL INCOME		**824,620**	**2,310,403**	**3,135,023**	*3,047,772*
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	4	**118,669**	**-**	**118,669**	*104,783*
Governance costs	7	**6,659**	**-**	**6,659**	*6,338*
Other charitable activities		**857,671**	**1,923,861**	**2,781,532**	*2,903,838*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8	**982,999**	**1,923,861**	**2,906,860**	*3,014,959*
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS		**(158,379)**	**386,542**	**228,163**	*32,813*
Transfers between Funds	16	**285,176**	**(285,176)**	**-**	**-**
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		**126,797**	**101,366**	**228,163**	*32,813*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**126,797**	**101,366**	**228,163**	*32,813*
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		**968,077**	**1,018,700**	**1,986,777**	*1,953,964*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**1,094,874**	**1,120,066**	**2,214,940**	*1,986,777*

The notes on pages 45 to 58 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	£	*2024 £*
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12		**784,930**		*793,280*
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	**293,138**		*253,357*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**1,265,341**		*1,118,534*	
		1,558,479		*1,371,891*	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	14	**(78,469)**		*(78,394)*	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**1,480,010**		*1,293,497*
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			**2,264,940**		*2,086,777*
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	15		**(50,000)**		*(100,000)*
NET ASSETS			**2,214,940**		*1,986,777*
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	16		**1,120,066**		*1,018,700*
Unrestricted funds	16		**1,094,874**		*968,077*
TOTAL FUNDS			**2,214,940**		*1,986,777*

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 16 October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Gordon Haynes
Trustee

Edward Carpenter
Trustee

The notes on pages 45 to 58 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows for year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	*2024 £*
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	18	**146,807**	*(14,778)*
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**146,807**	*(14,778)*
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		**1,118,534**	*1,133,312*
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	19	**1,265,341**	*1,118,534*

The notes on pages 45 to 58 form part of these financial statements.



Stand by Me
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

Stand By Me constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation..

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Freehold property:	1% of cost on a straight line basis

1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.6 Debtors

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

1.7 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.10 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

1.11 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

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2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	**Restricted funds 2025 £**	**Total funds 2025 £**	*Total funds 2025 £*
Income from supporters	**214,635**	**2,310,403**	**2,525,038**	*2,536,602*
Gift aid tax recovered	**376,559**	**-**	**376,559**	*378,339*
Exchange rate differences	**(2,894)**	**-**	**(2,894)**	*485*
Income from teams	**82,233**	**-**	**82,233**	*91,269*
Income from Stand By Me USA	**115,903**	**-**	**115,903**	-
Total donations and legacies	**786,436**	**2,310,403**	**3,096,839**	*3,006,695*
Total 2024	*675,681*	*2,331,014*	*3,006,695*	

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	**Restricted funds 2025 £**	**Total funds 2025 £**	*Total funds 2024 £*
Rental income	**12,925**	**-**	**12,925**	*14,375*
Bank interest received	**25,259**	**-**	**25,259**	*26,702*
	38,184	**-**	**38,184**	*41,077*
Total 2024	*41,077*	-	*41,077*	

4. COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Marketing - website	**6,372**	**-**	**6,372**	*15,230*
Marketing - fundraising costs	**28,079**	**-**	**28,079**	*12,847*
Marketing - consultancy	**6,190**	**-**	**6,190**	*3,225*
Marketing - publications	**5,886**	**-**	**5,886**	*4,778*
Fundraising staff costs	**72,142**	**-**	**72,142**	*68,703*
	118,669	**-**	**118,669**	*104,783*

5. DIRECT COSTS

	Charitable Activities £	Total 2025 £	*Total 2024 £*
Travel, field visits and volunteer costs	**7,443**	**7,443**	*15,581*
Funds and resources sent to ministries	**2,037,517**	**2,037,517**	*2,193,318*
Team expenses	**48,299**	**48,299**	*38,465*
Wages and salaries	**76,083**	**76,083**	*68,121*
	2,169,342	**2,169,342**	*2,315,485*

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6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Charitable Activities £	Total 2025 £	*Total 2024 £*
Sundry office expenses	**7,715**	**7,715**	*3,554*
Communications costs	**4,469**	**4,469**	*3,916*
Computer costs	**44,788**	**44,788**	*39,577*
Printing, postage and stationery	**34,038**	**34,038**	*32,584*
Insurance	**3,073**	**3,073**	*2,819*
Bank charges	**22,776**	**22,776**	*23,070*
Light, heat and services	**11,876**	**11,876**	*12,846*
Rent and rates	**6,646**	**6,646**	*6,558*
Office equipment and leasing	**1,870**	**1,870**	*856*
Building maintenance	**408**	**408**	*1,092*
Landlord costs	**2,944**	**2,944**	*84*
Travel	**7,341**	**7,341**	*9,594*
Wages and salaries	**361,144**	**361,144**	*354,854*
National insurance	**51,834**	**51,834**	*45,036*
Pension cost	**42,918**	**42,918**	*43,563*
Depreciation	**8,350**	**8,350**	*8,350*
	612,190	**612,190**	**588,353**

7. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Auditor's remuneration	**6,180**	**-**	**6,180**	*5,940*
Legal fees	**479**	**-**	**479**	*398*
	6,659	**-**	**6,659**	*6,338*

8. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY EXPENDITURE TYPE

	Staff costs 2025 £	Depreciation 2025 £	Other costs 2025 £	Total 2025 £	*Total 2024 £*
Expenditure on raising voluntary income	**72,142**	**-**	**46,527**	**118,669**	*104,783*
Costs of raising funds	**72,142**	**-**	**46,527**	**118,669**	*104,783*
Charitable Activities	**531,979**	**8,350**	**2,241,203**	**2,781,532**	*2,903,838*
Expenditure on governance	**-**	**-**	**6,659**	**6,659**	*6,338*
	604,121	**8,350**	**2,294,389**	**2,906,860**	*3,014,959*
Total 2024	*580,277*	*8,350*	*2,426,332*	*3,014,959*	

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9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	**8,350**	*8,350*
Auditor's remuneration - audit	**6,180**	*5,940*

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration *(2024 - £NIL).*
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind *(2024 - £NIL).*
During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses *(2024 - £NIL).*

10. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

The Auditor's remuneration amounts to an Audit fee of £6,180 *(2024 - £5,940)*

11. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Wages and salaries	**509,369**	*491,678*
Social security costs	**51,834**	*45,036*
Other pension costs	**42,918**	*43,563*
	604,121	*580,277*

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No.	*2024 No.*
Management	**4**	*3*
Administration and support	**10**	*11*
	14	*14*

The total employee benefits of the Key Management Personnel were £233,335 *(2024: £149,735)*.
The charity Trustees were not paid nor received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year and no Trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity. During the year no Trustee expenses were incurred *(2024: £0)*.

The number of higher paid employees was:

	2025 No.	*2024 No.*
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	**0**	*1*
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	**1**	*0*

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £
Cost	
At 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025	**835,030**
Depreciation	
At 1 January, 2025	**41,750**
Charge for the year	**8,350**
At 31 December, 2025	**50,100**
Net book value	
At 31 December 2025	**784,930**
At 31 December 2024	*793,280*

13. DEBTORS

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Other debtors	**292,621**	*252,869*
Prepayments and accrued income	**517**	*488*
	293,138	*253,357*

14. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Other loans	**50,000**	*50,000*
Trade creditors	**7,094**	*8,794*
Other taxation and social security	**14,161**	*12,082*
Other creditors	**1,034**	*1,578*
Accruals and deferred income	**6,180**	*5,940*
	78,469	*78,394*

Other loans relates to an interest free loan of £400,000 given to Stand By Me in September 2019, from which the Charity is being released over a number of years.

15. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Other loans	**50,000**	*100,000*

16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	**968,077**	**824,620**	**(982,999)**	**285,176**	**1,094,874**
Restricted funds					
Restricted Funds - all funds	**1,018,700**	**2,310,403**	**(1,923,861)**	**(285,176)**	**1,120,066**
Total of funds	**1,986,777**	**3,135,023**	**(2,906,860)**	**-**	**2,214,940**

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Transfers in/out* £	*Balance at 31 December 2024* £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	*913,268*	*716,758*	*(906,762)*	*244,813*	*968,077*
Restricted funds					
Restricted Funds - all funds	*1,040,696*	*2,331,014*	*(2,108,197)*	*(244,813)*	*1,018,700*
Total of funds	*1,953,964*	*3,047,772*	*(3,014,959)*	-	*1,986,777*

17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	**784,930**	**-**	**784,930**
Current assets	**438,413**	**1,120,066**	**1,558,479**
Creditors due within one year	**(78,469)**	**-**	**(78,469)**
Creditors due in more than one year	**(50,000)**	**-**	**(50,000)**
	1,094,874	**1,120,066**	**2,214,940**

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	*Restricted Funds 2024* £	*Total Funds 2024* £
Tangible fixed assets	*793,280*	-	*793,280*
Current assets	*353,191*	*1,018,700*	*1,371,891*
Creditors due within one year	*(78,394)*	-	*(78,394)*
Creditors due in more than one year	*(100,000)*	-	*(100,000)*
	968,077	*1,018,700*	*1,986,777*

18. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**228,163**	*32,813*
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation charges	**8,350**	*8,350*
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	**(39,781)**	*(3,021)*
Decrease in creditors	**(49,925)**	*(52,920)*
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	**146,807**	*(14,778)*

19. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Cash in hand	**1,265,341**	*1,118,534*

20. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £42,918 *(2024: £43,563)*.

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the year.

22. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT

In January 2026 the Supporter who generously made available an interest free loan, passed away. The terms of the loan were that, should they die before the loan was fully repaid, the unpaid amounts should no longer be payable and instead be considered a gift to Stand by Me This agreement is considered to be a non-adjusting post balance sheet event, with accounting adjustments to reflect the particular terms of the Loan being effected in 2026.



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