

Annual Report - Hopeful Hearts Charitable Trust

NI Charity Commission Number - NIC 100 700

a) Purpose of the Charity –

- 1) The Relief of Poverty
- 2) The Advancement of Education and Healthcare

(Area of operation – Uganda)

b) Trustees for this Period –

- 1) Diane Lockhart
- 2) Colin Maxwell
- 3) Barbara Foster
- 4) Stephen Kingham

One Trustee, Stephen Kingham resigned as a Trustee at the end of this reporting period, that is, 31st March 2017 leaving three Trustees running into 2017/2018.

c) Financial Year –

This report covers the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017

d) Summary of Activities to further the purposes of the Trust -

The purpose of the Trust in 2016/2017 continued to be 'to relieve poverty among urban communities in Uganda and in particular to provide education and healthcare for those living in deprived circumstances in and around the city of Kampala and other townships in Uganda'

In past years through working in and by visits contacts have been built up with the community in Uganda and, in particular, in the capital Kampala. Nanuwongo is a neighbourhood in Kampala through which a railway line runs. To the north side of the railway line sits an area called Soweto and this is a recognised slum area. It is an area which is home to about 20,000 people with little or no access to clean water, adequate toilet facilities or to meaningful employment. Zone 6 of Soweto is called Kanyogoga and it is within this zone that the Trust has sought to meet its object and to assist projects to develop.

The Trust has assisted to achieve the relieve poverty by providing funding for education and a limited amount of healthcare. (The Trust began to provide nursery and primary aged children

education by working through a local primary school called Hopeful Hearts Children's Academy. In 2009 the school was a nursery facility with 20 pupils but the school has continued to develop and by March 2017 it catered for over to 250 pupils up to P4 level.)

The Trust has continued to seek to raise funds and the funds provided have enabled to Trust to finance most of this school's recurrent costs so enabling the school to offer free education along with a daily meal. In addition the Trust has raised some funds to cover limited healthcare for the pupils and staff. This healthcare provision comprises access to a doctor and limited medicines when illness arises. The illnesses suffered by the children includes malaria. Further, the Trust has also been able to assist with the cost of teacher training including up helping two up to degree level.

The Trust has also funded –

- 1) improvements to the building used by the school, this being a large rented house. We have also helped to cover the rent and to cover the cost of a new roof for the building along with the supply of water and electricity.
- 2) staff development again recognising the importance of good training and education as a way moving people from poverty.
- 3) some uniforms for the pupils encouraging pride in their school and in getting educated.
- 4) fees to enable the pupils to take part the mandatory local curriculum and examinations.

in terms of fundraising to cover the object the Trust has undertaken the following –

- 1) Further development of a pupil sponsorship scheme encouraging individuals to sponsor a particular child's education for £10 per month. Profiles of the children have been provided to enable sponsors to link with a child and updates on progress are provided. Over this year up to 80 children have been sponsored through this scheme
- 2) Informed locally the wider community about the work of the Trust and through such contacts received individual donations.
- 3) Encouraged supporters to hold fundraising events varying from sponsored events to book sales and quizzes.

Future Targets to achieve the purposes of the Trust –

- 1) The Trust aims to raise further funds to help the school to continue to develop and improve the quality of education and the facilities available.
- 2) There is also a desire for the Trust to become better known locally to increase the pool from which funds are raised. We hope to tackle this by making contact with local schools, groups and other grant making bodies.
- 3) The Trust also plans to work with the Director of the school in Kampala to promote improved management and to encourage the school to work towards full registration within the Ugandan Education system, all with the aim of making the school more self-sufficient.
- 4) The Trust is also aiming to provide better healthcare to the pupils and their families.

e) In regard to the Commission's Public Benefit requirement –

The Trustees are fully aware of the need for the activities of the Trust to be wholly for the Public Benefit. Accordingly, the Trustees work wholly for the furtherance of the purposes of the Trust using all funds raised for these purposes. No Trustees benefit personally from any activities of the Trust. The beneficiaries of the work of the Trust are the children in the supported slum school, the teachers in the school who have received training, and associated individuals who have had assistance with medical treatment.

f) Financial Position –

The Trust began this period with a balance of £2,903.39 and ended with a balance of £2,062.00 having covered an expenditure of £27,374.17 over the same period. The Trust only uses funds in its possession and does not commit itself to funding any programme until matching funds are raised. This means of operation means that the Trust always acts with a positive balance.

g) Funds in Deficit –

The Trust has no funds in deficit nor any binding commitments that would put the Trust in deficit

The following Trustees sign this report on behalf of all the Trustees, confirming that the information provided accurately reflects the work of the Trust -

Signed CM Maxwell Colin Maxwell, date 27/1/18

Signed B. Foster Barbara Foster, date 28/1/18