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FAMILYLIFE FOUNDATION
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 MARCH 2023

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
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The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Familylife Foundation
Charity registration number	NIC102151
Principal office	Duncairn Manse Duncairn Avenue Belfast BT14 6BP
The trustees	Mr G Moore Mr T Stewart Prof. C Shaw - Appointed Chair
Independent examiner	Janice Blair FCA 5 Willowbank Road Millbrook Larne Co Antrim BT40 2SF

Structure, governance and management

Familylife Foundation is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. Its operations are governed by the Trust deed. There are 3 Trustees named above who, under the chair, Professor Chris Shaw, oversee the charity's activities and decide how it will achieve its objectives.

The Executive Director continued to develop the work of the charity. Mr Geoff Kerr's secondment from the charity 174 Trust on a part time basis was agreed for another year which included the whole of this accounting period. An agreement was made that Familylife Foundation would continue to pay 174 Trust for the time they released Mr Kerr to work on behalf of the charity.

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Objectives and activities

Familylife Foundation is a non-denominational Christian Charity that focuses on demonstrating Christ's love by addressing issues that impact family life. Issues such as: families living with disabled children & providing constant care, families dealing with children who are in same sex relationships, the impact of ill health on family particularly that related to cancer and those who suffer from it directly, and/or impacted by it within family settings. We organise meetings to provide information advice, and support to people suffering with cancer and its associated treatments.

We organise and establish support groups throughout the area of benefit for people affected by family issues, particularly that relating to cancer, and work in partnership with churches from all denominations to provide facilities for these supportgroups to meet

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees of Familylife Foundation recognise the public benefit requirement outlined by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. The direct benefits which flow from the charity's activities are as follows:

1. To promote the Christian faith in the area of benefit:

Public benefit: The direct benefit that flow from this purpose include the advancement of the Christian faith, which offers hope, prayer, care and support primarily to those individuals and families affected by cancer in some form or other. These beneficiaries find relief from their need by reason of age, ill health, family breakdown, education, by engaging in many opportunities which are available in our support groups which are safe, hospitable, and welcoming spaces. A Private benefit to trustees may arise from the opportunity to speak at meetings but this would be incidental and necessary to promote the work of the charity.

2. Relieve suffering, sickness and distress among the inhabitants and families of the area of benefit without distinction of age, sex, political or religious or other opinion and to offer christian counselling and advice to people in need in the area of benefit. Publ

Benefit: The direct benefits that flow from this purpose include the provision of the following activities: a series of support groups throughout the area of benefit, individual pastoral care, family pastoral support and group support; conferences with health professionals on relevant issues for cancer sufferers and those affected by family members suffering with cancer issues . The operation of these activities is a demonstration of non denominational Christian service to the community.

The beneficiaries of this purpose are people living throughout Northern Ireland. For an individual who is diagnosing with cancer the fear of the unknown is initially immense,

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and the support and care given by others who have previously went through similar situations can be extremely worthwhile. An individual would benefit from private pastoral care, or by the support provided through participating in a support group. Attending conferences where professionals from the Health sector talk about the issues, physical and otherwise, providing information and advice on living with cancer, and cancer treatment. A private benefit flowing from this purpose is that gained by a trustee who may incidentally have a family member who would be able to avail of these services through the same opportunity as the public. There is no harm flowing from our purposes.

Achievements and performance

During this year Familylife Foundation continued to rebuild activities with personal contact but still found that the hesitancy of many vulnerable people to meet in groups was still extremely obvious. Therefore, the Executive Director & his wife, as well as the Family-Care-in-Cancer Coordinator and his wife, worked on a hybrid basis dealing with supporting families on a remote basis as well as meeting in person.

The Cancer support groups meeting in Newtownards, Glenmachan, and Ballymena, continued to ensure that those dealing with the aftermath of treatments & bereavement were supported with prayer, encouragement & practical care. In June we had over 90 people attend celebration & thanksgiving dinner in Tullyglass House Hotel in Galgorm. This was the first since Covid and proved to be very popular allowing people to re-connect with other across the different groups enjoying fellowship and fun over a beautiful carvery lunch.

We were delighted that our two main financial supporters, TBF & KL Thompson Trust and the Ardbarron Trust were in attendance to see the impact of the work of our Cancer support ministry.

We continued to offer support to struggling families on the issues of; bereavement, grief, loneliness, and other family related issues, plus a lot of difficult issues surrounding cancer patients and their loved ones, particularly impacted by the loss of cancer services in the NHS due to a focus on Covid.

We also wish to note our deepest thanks to every volunteer who gives of their time, energy, commitment, and financial support in serving those in need. Without them it would be impossible to do as much as we do.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

The opportunity for the Executive Director to speak at church services and other church group settings continued in a small capacity. He also had several meetings with Pastors' and church leaders to talk about the work of the charity and the issues being faced by many Christian families. This is an area of potential development throughout the next year.

Financial Review

The charity relies completely on fundraising and voluntary donations from individuals, churches and Trusts/foundations.

In the current financial year, the Statement of Financial Activities, shows a small deficit, again thanks to ongoing support from the public and donations from the Ardbarron Trust which donated £4000, the TBF & KL Thompson Trust who donated £6500 and the Souter Foundation who donated £3000.

The results show a small deficit for the year of £2824 (2022 - Deficit £4192).

Reserves at the year end stood at £15741 (2022 - £18565).

Reserves Policy

While the trustees are conscious that under the present agreement our annual target for income generated is £25,000, they know the demand for support within the charity sector is extremely competitive. They are very aware of the ongoing need to raise funds and to maintain a small reserve also.

Plans for future periods

We intend to build on the strengths of our board of Trustees, adding further new professional expertise, and seeking to raise funds to enable us to appoint the Executive Director on a full-time basis to promote and manage the operations of the charity. The need for supporting families through their struggles is increasing rapidly, and god willing, we will continue to see the work of Familylife Foundation play a role in meeting some of those needs in the year ahead.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 6 December 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Prof. C Shaw - Appointed Chair
Trustee

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