

UNITED CHRISTIAN AID

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **for the Year Ended 31 JANUARY 2018**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2018. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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The objectives of the Company are to:-

(a) relieve poverty and sickness

(b) protect and preserve health by the provision or assistance of humanitarian aid amongst the poor and underprivileged peoples of Eastern Europe in particular hospitals and orphanages.

It aims to advance the education of the public in Northern Ireland concerning the causes of and way of relieving poverty, sickness and distress in Eastern Europe.

Activities

We raise money by way of regular sponsorship and donations. We also have a shop to sell clothing and other items donated. We generate money by recycling and carry out other fundraising activities. The money generated is then given to families on a bi-monthly basis. We also fund education of students that cannot afford to pay for it. These families are chosen by the town hall and school teachers as being poor and in need. We also help families with money, appliances and payment of utility bills directly to the utility company when they are identified as being in need. We also run a canteen for the poor providing 1 meal per day for. We renovate kindergartens and provide new textbooks for schools. For families with alcoholism or the inability to manage money we pay a fixed amount per month in the village shop for them to draw on as needed. These amounts are monitored on a regular basis to ensure they are being used properly for the needs of the children. We also send a newsletter to our regular donors updating them on the work being carried out by the charity.

Public benefit

The benefits flowing from the purpose of the charity include an individual families identified to be in need being able to afford the basic needs of food, clothing and housing. This leads to improved health and wellbeing. Communities have access to basic infrastructure, water and gas supplies, basic childcare, employment opportunities, leading to improved local economy and community development. This financial assistance has enhanced relations between Northern Ireland and the Eastern European country being supported.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Review

The total income for the year ended 31 January 2018 amounted to £20,796 (2017: £44,090). Total resources expended during the year amounted to £23,669 (2017: £44,974) of which £21,253 was in the form of gifts to Moldova (2017: £40,774). The Charity held £1,755 in cash reserves at the year end (2017: £3,046). The Trustees regard this as sufficient and are reviewing the reserves policy in the current year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The company was incorporated on 28 January 1998 and registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 23 November 2015.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

NI033537 (Northern Ireland)

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Registered Charity number
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24 October 2018 and signed on its behalf by:



T J Lennon - Trustee