

# ANGEL WISHES

## TRUSTEES REPORT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Angel Wishes's constitution, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The Angel Wishes was established by a charitable trust deed on 18 February 2016 and its governed by the terms of its constitution.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Ms G Kerr

Mr J Donaldson

Mrs J Connaghan

Mr A Kerr

The Trustees shall be elected at the AGM by the members present in person, or through an authorised representative. Trustees may hold office for a period of up to three years and shall retire in rotation with the longest serving one third to retire at each AGM.

Every Trustee after appointment or reappointment must sign a declaration of willingness to act as a charity trustee of the Charity before he or she may act as Trustee. When invited to serve the Trustees are provided with the charity's objectives.

The objectives and activities of the Charity are managed and administered by a Management Committee comprising honorary Officers and other members elected in accordance with the constitution, known as the Trustees of the Charity.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Angel Wishes is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

### **Objectives and activities**

Angel Wishes was established to relieve the sickness and distress of children with cancer related conditions. They provide gifts and special treats to the children, including their siblings, especially throughout intense treatment. Support is also provided to bereaved families and siblings.

The benefits which flow from our purpose include relieving distress, giving emotional support and reducing isolation specifically we give the children a huge lift and insure them they are brave children and help them smile again. This is evidenced by organising and providing treats and outings for beneficiaries and working with local business to help make these happen. These benefits will be supported through feedback from our beneficiaries and will be further demonstrated by additional families affected by cancer contacting us for support.

Devastatingly some of the children will not respond to treatment, they will become a priority family at this stage. As time is of the essence Angel Wishes will endeavour to give these families as many wonderful memories as possible and the child will be given a gift of their choice, 'Their Gift if Love'.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities Angel Wishes should undertake.

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#### **Achievements and performance**

Angel Wishes was first registered as a charity on 18th February 2016 and operated as a support group prior to this date. Since its conception, Angel Wishes has made an invaluable contribution to improving the lives of sick children and their families through various activities and by providing gifts and support.

Angel Wishes continues to be run purely by volunteers and 100% of the donations goes directly into supporting the children and their families.

Angel Wishes has continued to support many families during this period in the following ways:

- Gifts for the diagnosed child to keep their spirits high
- Emotional support for the parents
- Private days out for immune suppressed children and their families
- Special home visitors for the young superheroes
- Education support via AV1 no isolation robots which keeps the children in touch with their school friends and up to date with their lessons.
- Financial support for the siblings to provide flights for them when their sister or brother is receiving a Bone Marrow Transplant helping prevent separation anxiety
- Garden Gifts are provided during the summer period for families who are unable to go into public places such as play parks
- VIP suites for special events at the Odyssey
- Special treats to watch the Belfast Giants when on maintenance treatment
- Halloween extravaganza for all families
- Financial support for each child in the family for helping with the cost of Santa
- Private Santa experience for families who are unable to attend our Christmas party due to low immune system
- Mega Christmas party
- financially supporting all newly diagnosed families with a lump sum to help ease the financial stress at the time of diagnosis
- providing counselling support for families

The main achievement in the year was the purchase of 'Heir Lan Ben' House in Ballintoy. A holiday home where families affected by cancer related illnesses can spend quality time together away from reality and make memories.

#### **Financial review**

During the year the Charity generated incoming resources of £332,948.

Outgoing resources were £135,102 leaving net incoming resources of £197,846 for the year to 31 March 2023.

Charity reserves should provide the organisation with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future.

The Trustees retain funds in the Charity to finance the ongoing running costs of the charity and to provide funds at short notice to finance the objectives of the charity.

#### **Plans for the future**

In recent years the activities of the charity have continued to be impacted by Covid 19 but Angel Wishes will continue to support children and families in the many ways mentioned above where possible and will provide additional financial support when it is not practical to plan group events.

The holiday home will continue to be used by families to give them an opportunity to relax and switch off from the journey they are on.

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On behalf of the board of Trustees

Ms G Kerr  
Trustee



Dated: 13 March 2024