



CHILDREN OF THE DUMP ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

CHAIR OF TRUSTEES REPORT

The key priority for the charity this year has been delivering the strategy to replace Cashew Tree School and raising the necessary income to open the school in temporary accommodation in June 2018, whilst maintaining the existing services in Mango Tree House and Grapevine.

We are delighted that the generosity of donors created enough capital funds to build a new school. Work started in March 2019 and will continue to see completion later in the year. This new building will have 4 classrooms and other necessary facilities. It will be able to cater for 200 students. The building can support a second storey for future use when necessary and subject to funds being available. The charity is incredibly grateful to all those that have helped to make this possible.

Services in Manila continued to operate under the jurisdiction of local regulatory agencies and the board members of Asian Students Christian Foundation. The local environment has changed because Payatas dumpsite has been closed to garbage trucks and the new San Isidro Dumpsite opened. Scavenger communities continue to reside in Payatas as the recycling businesses are well established in the vicinity. A community of over 5000 people has developed around the new dumpsite where conditions are even worse than those in the more established Payatas area. Facilities provided by the charity are conveniently situated equi-distant between Payatas and San Isidro so can serve both communities.

Mango Tree House is a loving residential home for 47 children aged 4 – 21 (or until their education is complete). The increased national emphasis on re-integration with family has led to more children being supported to return home or to extended family, if safe to do so. The charity has continued to support their education where necessary. New children have been admitted to Mango following assessment by our social workers.

Grapevine supports over 65 children to go to school while living with their family. This avoids the need for the children to work scavenging to assist the family income.

In the UK, the drive to improve value for every penny spent continues alongside further development of our communications with donors and supporters. Sponsors have seen more communications from their sponsor child with anniversary cards and video messages for some. The strategy for raising income continues to focus more on applying for grants and on-line fundraising. We are pleased with the increase in social media activity and the interest generated in our work across many countries. The traditional sponsorship model continues although this is reducing as a percentage of our total income.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2018/19

Total income in the year was £230,000 which was just £2,000 more than 2017/18. Unrestricted income was down £10,000 but restricted income grew by £12,000 mainly due to two large grants.

Unrestricted expenditure grew by £30,000 following the re-opening of Cashew School to £158,000 and Restricted expenditure grew by £18,000 as a result of initial expenditure on the construction of the new school.

The Unrestricted surplus for the year was £17,000 and the increase in Restricted Funds was £8,000

Summary Accounts

| Movement of Funds during the year | | | | | | |
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| | Balance at 1 April 2018 | Income | Expenditure | | Net Movement | Balance at 31 March 2019 |
| | | | Charitable Activities | Fundraising | | |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Unrestricted Funds | 98 | 200 | 158 | 25 | 17 | 115 |
| Restricted Funds | 52 | 30 | 22 | | 8 | 60 |
| Total Funds | 150 | 230 | 180 | 25 | 25 | 175 |

Total Reserves at 31 March 2019 were £175,000. Restricted Reserves (mainly for the building of the new school) were £60,000, leaving £115,000 in the General Reserve.

Each year the Charity has to set a "Target" for the General Reserve. On 1 April 2019 the Target General Reserve was £70,000. The actual reserve was £35,000 higher than the target but the excess is likely to be used to subsidise the running costs of the new school for the next 2/3 years.