



Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Trust

Trustees Report for year ending 31st March 2012

The trustees are pleased to be able to give this annual report, the third since the inception of the Charity in June 2009. The Charity exists to support the work of the polio hostel in Kwa Mkono , Tanga province, Tanzania. Much of the support given is to encourage the hostel staff to undertake self-sustaining projects to become less dependent on outside help but, of course, there will continue to be many opportunities for the Charity to provide the support the hostel needs for the welfare and care of the resident disabled children and teenagers.

A number of people from other supporting charities and, also two trustees from this Charity, have visited the hostel to see for themselves how Sylvester Chang'endo, the administrator, and his staff are helping the children to overcome their physical disabilities. The visitors have commented favourably that the children are happy and on what is being achieved on so little income. Four children have been to Teule Hospital at Muheza and seen the surgeon and physiotherapist who have recommended exercises to help the children walk. It is hoped that now the St Francis Hospital at Kwa Mkono has been repaired and installed with new equipment, children from the hostel can have minor operations to improve their walking, preventing a long journey to Muheza. A number of the children will never be able to walk and will always require wheelchairs. Unfortunately due to the rough terrain, the wheelchairs require modifications and frequent repairs. The hostel has its own technicians who maintain the wheelchairs and make and repair crutches and callipers.

In the last year a used, good condition, Land Rover was purchased and prepared in the UK with under body protection, sand tyres, roof rack, ladder and spare wheel carrier, to make it suitable for use in the African conditions. The Land Rover was delivered to the hostel in October after delays at the arrival port of Dar es Salaam. The purchase of the vehicle was made possible by Polio Children, a UK/ USA charity, and trustees are very grateful for the gift. The Land Rover replaces an older and much less reliable vehicle and will allow the children to attend hospital for operations and treatment and staff to collect essential supplies from Tanga, some 3 hours drive away.

In August/September the three years of drought came to an end and the harvest was good, which enabled Sylvester to buy maize and beans from the local farmers at reasonable prices, replenishing the store at the hostel. Money has been raised and sent to re-build the poultry area and chicken houses and buy chickens, the eggs being used for the children and with any extra being sold to the local villagers. The hostel is raising money by selling stationery to school children and villagers from a shop at the hostel. This is managed by one of the hostel's former children who completed secondary school a few years ago , and who is now providing a translation and letter writing service in Swahili and English.

About 40 pupils are resident at the hostel. All children attend the local primary school, and those that are able go onto secondary schools, which are fee paying in Tanzania. The fees are paid for by sponsors or by the Charity and the other supporting charities if possible. Six students are undertaking secondary education and another four have taken secondary education exams. Of these, three wish to continue to sixth form higher education, or if they are not able to get the required grades for this, to progress to technical education. Two students have completed an initial vocational college course in computer maintenance and now have a business plan to run their own company. The Trust was pleased to be able to supply two laptops to enable them to pursue their careers.

Projects completed this last year at the hostel have been the repair of the guttering to the administration house and other buildings in time for the rainy season and money has been sent for a new roof for the storehouse and new cupboard area. Details have been sent to Polio Children with a request for help to repair the pathways around the hostel, which presently, because of their condition, lead to excessive wear and tear on wheelchairs and for a covered area for walking practice during wet weather. All children now have their own wheelchairs, frames or other walking aids as required.

The hostel is supported in the main for its regular running costs by two other charities, USPG and the Sisters of Compassion. This Charity raises funds by sponsored walks and swims, giving talks, quiz nights, its website, car boot sales, leafleting, and selling cards, gifts and calendars. In this way the Charity has been able to make regular quarterly grants for the costs of food and staff and improvements to the hostel. This Charity pays about one third of the hostel's running costs. The Charity offers its sincere thanks to all those who have supported its activities in this way and to those who make regular donations. The trustees are always happy to respond to requests to give talks about the work of the Charity. Except for small amounts of bank costs, all the Charity's income in the last year was submitted to the Kwa Mkono hostel for its work in supporting disabled children. No trustee claimed any expenses and the two trustees who visited the hostel in 2011, paid for their own air fares and other travelling costs.

The trustees believe that the Charity offers in a very economical way valuable support for the children's hostel at Kwa Mkono and can be seen to be of public benefit in the relief and aid made to the children it benefits at the hostel.

Administrative Information

The Charity's trustees for the year were Keith Wright, Lesley Wright, Polly Eldridge, Joy Savin, Paul Savin, David Miller and Michael Pettman. The trustees met 3 times during the year.

Approval of the accounts

At their meeting on 16th April 2012, the trustees were given copies of the accounts for the year to 31st March 2012 prepared by Chris Theobald (treasurer). The accounts were approved and sent to Ray Andrews for his examination.

Signed.....

Keith Wright, Chair of trustees.


Date.....

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Income and expenditure

Year ending 31 March

	2012 £	2010 £	2011 £
Income			
Donations to General fund	13,822	11,966	18,601
Sponsorship of education	520		
Donations for solar lighting project	5,000	-	-
	<u>19,342</u>	<u>11,966</u>	<u>18,601</u>
Expenditure			
Grants made from general funds	(10,986)	(11,815)	(15,416)
Sponsorship of education	(520)		
Donations for solar lighting project	(5,000)		
	<u>(182)</u>	<u>(161)</u>	<u>(140)</u>
Bank charges and fees	(16,688)	(11,976)	(15,556)
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Net income	2,654	(10)	3,045
Opening Funds		2,654	2,644
Closing funds	<u>2,654</u>	<u>2,644</u>	<u>5,689</u>

Examined and found correct

R.H. Andrews

Notes

The financial statements of the Charity have been prepared in Accordance with the Charity Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis.

At the year end all cash reserved represented unrestricted funds. The movements in restricted funds for the year are detailed within the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Trust

I report on the accounts for the period ended 31 March 2011 which are set out on pages [x] to [y].

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for the period under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act),
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's report

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - a. To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - b. To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act; have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Raymond Andrews

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14 December