

ANNUAL REPORT

2019-20



MAKING A DIFFERENCE
ONE CHILD AT A TIME



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STAFF ARE
VOLUNTEERS



SECTION A:

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name: CHILD's Trust

Other names charity is known by: Children's Home Improvement
Learning Development Trust

Registered Charity Number: 1078151

Charity's Principal Address: PO Box 6056, Basingstoke, Hampshire,
RG22 5YS

CHARITY TRUSTEES:

Ben Davies, Chair (Trustee since 2003)

Mark Thomas, Operational Director (since 1999)

Maggie Thompson (since 2016)

Mick Boys (since Jan 2018)

Joe McIlvenny (since Jan 2018)

Key Personnel: Julie Thomas, Co-Founder

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ADMIN COSTS OF
TOTAL
EXPENDITURE

OFFICE SUPPORT:

Sue Naegeli Administrator & Fundraiser

Maggie Thompson Finance & Admin

Lakshmi Smithers Administrator & Grant Applicants

Laura Thomas Publicity & Events



SECTION B:

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

STRUCTURE:

CHILD's Trust is governed by a Deed of Verification and the charity is constituted by Trust. Trustees are selected and elected to sit on the Board by the Board of Trustees. There have been no serious incidents to report within the time period of this report.

GOVERNANCE:

The charity is made up entirely of volunteers who receive no payment for their services. It is governed by a Board of Trustees who delegate the day-to-day running of the charity to its Operational Director who is supported by volunteers.

The Trustees have stated that they are satisfied with CHILD's Trust's risk management policy and procedure. To clarify, CHILD's Trust has no trading subsidiaries. The charity has four volunteers, excluding Trustees all of which are voluntarily working and receiving no financial gain from supporting the charity. DBS checks are made on all UK based individuals who will work unsupervised with children when visiting them in South Asia.



SECTION B:

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT... CONTINUED.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT SOURCES:

Funds are raised from the public through fundraising activities such as sponsored walks and one-off events. Individuals can also donate funds online on our website. All fundraising is carried out by volunteers. We have been blessed with grants that have supported the developmental work in India and Bangladesh. Grants are not however, the main income for the charity.

CHILD's Trust is not financially supported by any government or local authority. Most of the donations received by CHILD's Trust were by UK based supporters. All of our voluntary financial and administrative staff are UK based, but all beneficiaries are located in South Asia. All of our projects are covered by the need to send funds through official banking systems. However, on occasions small cash gifts were given when one of our team visited a project. At the end of this financial year we had to cancel a major fundraising event (Murder Mystery) in March due to Covid 19.



SECTION C:

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The aim of CHILD's Trust is to provide financial and practical support to underprivileged children throughout the world. The Board of Trustees have decided that at present the work of CHILD's Trust should be focused on the countries of India, Bangladesh and Nepal. The Board of Trustees apply the statutory guidance issued by the Charity Commission.



To ensure that overseas spending is monitored CHILD's Trust founders visit each project, every year, to check how the funds are spent. CHILD's Trust arranges visits every year by one of its Board Members or founders to monitor overseas expenditure. In this financial year they were joined by a large group of volunteers and supporters for the opening of the new permanent home for a project near Dehra Dun. However, to date, these trips have been self-funded by the individuals involved so as to retain as much of the donated funds to CHILD's Trust going straight to those who need it most.



SECTION D:

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

UK BASED DEVELOPMENTS:

In May 2019 we had the privilege of celebrating 20 years of CHILD's Trust activity. Buckskin Evangelical Church allowed us to host the event with over 100 guests attending. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet up with those who have faithfully supported the work over 20 years and to share so many memories. The Basingstoke Mayor Diane Taylor officially opened the celebrations. We are so grateful that so many have supported the work of CHILD's Trust over 20 years. It was a major logistical exercise to organise and run and special thanks goes to our team of volunteers who undertook most of the work.

In February 2020 a large group of Board Members and supporters visited North India which took up a significant amount of UK based time to organise.

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SOUTH ASIAN DEVELOPMENTS

Throughout this period all of the projects in India, Bangladesh and Nepal were visited by Founders, Board members and volunteers.

A significant amount of time was given to monitoring and overseeing the building of the new home for the House of Hope in Dehra Dun. Several visits were made to ensure that the significant financial investment was on time and in line with the budget and plan.

Mark visited 3 times in this period in August, October and February with Julie joining him in February in Bangladesh and India. They were joined in India by a large group of volunteers and Board members who had the privilege of seeing the new Home for the House of Hope (in the Dehra Dun area) being officially opened. They also had the privilege of visiting all of our projects (4 in total) in the state of Uttarakhand, North India. In Bangladesh we funded a new school and had the privilege of meeting the team of teachers when we visited Bangladesh in February.



SECTION D:

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

SOUTH ASIAN DEVELOPMENTS CONTINUED

A New Mini House of Hope was opened in Nepal along with an educational support programme for 5 children. Whilst these two projects officially started in the following financial year, several visits to Nepal in this financial year enabled all the ground work to be undertaken and completed.



SECTION E:

FINANCIAL REVIEW

INCOME:

CHILDS Trust gratefully received £83,948.

Income Generation: The majority of financial gifts are given monthly from a large number of individual supporters, through our Child Sponsorship Programme, regular monthly donations, and generous one-off gifts. A variety of fundraising events were organised throughout the year that brought in additional funds for specific needs. At the end of this financial year we felt the cold winds of Covid 19 and our final and major fundraising event had to be cancelled. This along with the economic climate will probably have an impact on future income.

We are always amazed by individuals and organisations raising funds. However we were particularly impressed with the Year 6 children at Oakley Junior School who were given a £1 each to go away and raise funds for us, they came back with £687. Many thanks to the head teacher Mr Rich who along with the teachers and especially the children who did an amazing job.

EXPENDITURE:

Supporting and developing CHILDS Trust existing projects cost £150,164 for the year which included a significant contribution of £69,000 for the purchase of land and building the new home for the House of Hope in Dehra Dun.

Reserves: CHILDS Trust retains funds in reserve that enables all the projects to be funded for 1 year. Additionally there are funds reserved for the House of Hope projects to be supported for 2 years.

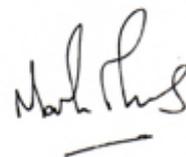




SECTION F:

DECLARATION

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**



Full Name Ben Davies
Position Chair
Date: January 2021

Full Name Mark Thomas
Position Operational Director
Date: January 2021