

**Friends of Grahamstown and District
Development (FOGADD)**

Registered Charity Number: 1093339

Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2020

FRIENDS OF GRAHAMSTOWN AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT (FOGADD)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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Legal and Administrative Information

This is a fundraising charity set up under a Trust Deed dated 16 January 2002 and Supplemental Deed dated 8 July 2002. The objects of the charity are to promote the advancement of education, health, welfare and sporting developments in Grahamstown and the surrounding region of the Eastern Cape, South Africa.

Trustees and Governance

Name of Trustee	Dates during which the named trustee acted if not for the whole period	Name of person or body entitled to appoint any charity trustee
Prof C Megone (Chair)		Trustee resolution
Mr C Iley (Treasurer)		Trustee resolution
Mrs A Hall		Trustee resolution
Mrs C Harvey		Trustee resolution
Mr M Lamb (Secretary)		Trustee resolution
Mr C Law		Trustee resolution
Mrs S Law		Trustee resolution
Mrs C Mallett		Trustee resolution
Prof D Matravers		Trustee resolution
Mrs D Megone		Trustee resolution
Mrs C Smith		Trustee resolution

11 trustees are appointed by resolution of the existing trustee body.

Activities and Achievements

Overview

FOGADD continues to support education and welfare projects in the Eastern Cape of South Africa, specifically in the Grahamstown area. During the financial year ended 31 March 2020 there were three full meetings of the UK trustees, whilst in South Africa there was one meeting of the Watch Committee and a selection meeting of the Scholarship Committee. All committee members both in UK and SA remain volunteers, and all fund-raising is carried out on a voluntary basis. We would once again like to thank Mrs Margie Keeton for monitoring our activities in Grahamstown.

j) Fund-raising

In the UK this year we are pleased to report that there was a further significant increase in our regular donations to £12,260 from £10,240. This was due to a number of new supporters following an initiative by trustees to broaden our support base. One off donations were £2,085. Our income from events rose slightly to £4,447 which mainly came from the regular sponsored walk of the Yorkshire Three Peaks by The Grammar School at Leeds. We are delighted by the undiminished success of this event and the continued support of the school.

Total income from the year showed a pleasing increase to £22,387. Our strategy is to increase our regular donations and reduce our dependence on events so we are very pleased with this outcome. We are extremely grateful to all our supporters who give so generously and provide FOGADD with a sound basis to enable us to carry out our work, which remains much needed in such a poor part of a very poor Province. We also benefited as the rand remained weak against the pound which means the money we raised could go further in South Africa.

We would encourage all regular donors to consider whether they have any friends who might contribute regularly ***even on a small scale*** to a charity which has virtually no running costs but remains well-managed.

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ii) Allocation of Funds

How then do we spend the money which we receive?

Strategy

We continue to support six on-going projects. The projects we support provide us with good feedback on their activities, accounting well for the money we send, and in the case of the scholarships, which has always been our major outlay, we are now seeing very gratifying results as the scholars go on to Universities or employment. As usual, we report on the projects supported last year individually, setting out our comments on them again below. As we noted in last year's report, in the financial year ending 31 March 2020 we made two payments to each project scheme (not the scholarships), due to banking issues which delayed a transfer of money from the UK in the previous year. The trustees are satisfied they have sufficient funds to pay bills and meet any liabilities as they fall due.

Scholarships

The amount spent on scholarships fell due to the end of boarding for one scholar and because the previous year had included two school years' payments.

During 2019-20 we supported six scholars. We are again very pleased that one of the scholars who matriculated in 2019 has enrolled to do a PGCE at Rhodes University in Grahamstown, and ultimately plans to become a teacher. The other scholar passed her matric but her future plans are not yet known.

Overall since we began, fourteen of our scholars have gained University or Tertiary Education places and five more have gained full employment in good quality jobs. In 2019/20 five scholars attended PJ Olivier High School, where the language of instruction is Afrikaans, and one attended Victoria Girls High School. All the scholars continue to benefit from the opportunity to attend these good quality schools despite often difficult home backgrounds and, whilst all have benefited significantly, some of their achievements have been very impressive indeed.

We have worked with Victoria Girls High School, which obtains the best exam results in the Eastern Cape, to find other suitable scholarship candidates. As a result, the school identified a suitable candidate for a scholarship, commencing in January 2020.

GADRA

Donations R150,000 (£8,095) +R115,000 (£6,206) from prior year

We funded GADRA (Grahamstown and District Relief Association) with an increased amount of R150,000 (approximately £8,095) in the financial year to 31 March 2020. This was now allocated to four main areas. Firstly GADRA has embarked on an ambitious plan to improve the quality of the more deprived schools in Grahamstown. This plan involves a number of initiatives including a mentoring programme at three schools for final year pupils, with mentoring provided by Rhodes University students. This was a significant contributing factor in an excellent number of passes at University entrance standard from these schools.

Secondly, we also continued to support GADRA's existing work with the Matric School, which provides intensive tuition to school leavers to improve their grades and so improve their chances of further education and employment. GADRA is now the leading feeder school in Grahamstown (public or private) for Rhodes University. In 2019 there was approaching a 100% pass rate and over 100 students gained bachelor passes i.e. achieved university entrance level grades. We believe this achievement by GADRA gives credibility to the wider project they are undertaking to raise achievement levels in the weaker schools across the city.

Thirdly our funding continues to support the mobile science lab which we have helped to fund since its inception. This is now run by GADRA (hence it is included under this donation). The rationale for this is that GADRA can provide financial and other management skills needed to organise their work. There has been a shift in Mobile Lab project's approach to developing science education in weaker schools. Rather than supplying teachers into the schools, the teachers at the supported schools receive additional training and development through sessions undertaken at Rhodes University. The mobile lab then provides the

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necessary equipment for pupils to undertake practical work in biology and physics, as well as giving support for that practical work via the Xhosa speaking assistant.

Finally we have begun to provide support, through this funding, for a new initiative, two "Whistlestop" schools which work with deprived children at primary age to develop their literacy and numeracy and prevent them from falling behind in these key skills early in their educational development. So far results for this programme have been outstanding.

St Mary's Development and Care Centre

R30,000 (£1,619) and R20,000 (£1,079) from prior year

We continued to provide funding to this Centre which was originally founded to address the problem of poor children coming to school hungry. This year FOGADD donated Rand 30,000 (c.£1,619), thus increasing on the previous year. Here is an extract from their annual report describing their broader purpose whilst they still feed and support these children.

The DCC: "provides daily care and support to 165 children through purposefully scaffolded sets of developmental, learning and enrichment activities. The aim is to help grow young people with a positive sense of self and the attributes and learning foundations to make their way in the world. The DCC also works with parents and caregivers from over 100 families to build stronger relationships and supportive learning and social environments at home. A final goal of the DCC is to collaborate with like-minded agencies and grow city-wide networks to unite Grahamstown in support of all its children."

Child and Family Welfare

R30,000 (£1,619) and R25,000 (£1,349) from the previous year

We made an annual contribution to Child and Family Welfare of R 30,000 (c£1,619) for the 19-20 year. This charity works with children suffering from abuse and neglect and struggles to retain the professional staff required. (It is estimated that 1 in 3 children under 18 suffer from child abuse. This terrifying level of abuse has remained constant for many years.) Case-loads thus remain high, and salaries need to be competitive if social workers are to be attracted to Grahamstown as there is a national shortage of social workers. Thus the FOGADD contribution supports salary costs, aiming to help with staff retention. We are delighted that under Woineshet Bischoff and the SA management committee this important organization continues to develop its work. As part of that work, it is now successfully running three safe houses for 16 children that have suffered abuse or neglect. (It's worth noting that Woineshet has retired in November 2020, so we hope that in our report next year we will be able to note successful new leadership, but Woineshet will be a hard act to follow!)

Siyazama Pre-School

R22,000 (£1,187) and R20,000 (£1,079) from the prior year.

We made an increased contribution of Rand 22,000 (c.£1,079) to Siyazama school for the 19-20 financial year. Siyazama continues to be a model for pre-schools in the township and our funding enables them to keep their buildings in good repair and provide some small additional funding for staff, who receive only a very small monthly stipend.

CSD

R20,000 (£1,079) and R16,000 (£863) from previous year

We made a donation of Rand R20,000 (c£1,079). The Centre for Social Development ('CSD') focuses on training and support for pre-schools but uses these bases for early childhood development as a springboard for the development of Multipurpose Centres that serve the welfare of the whole wider community (from Aids awareness classes to Governance training).

Assumption Nutrition

We made a small donation of R5,000 (£270) to this project which like St Marys provides lunches to children who would otherwise not be sure of getting a meal at home. We will continue to monitor this project to see whether we should continue our support.

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iii) Costs and Publicity

In all this activity, we seek to keep our costs to the barest minimum. Thus almost all donations are spent on the needs in SA. Our only costs continue to be the bank charges for each electronic transfer of funds, and a monthly charge from Just Giving. We aim to minimise the bank charges by making just one transfer a year. Everyone involved directly in our work both here and in SA is contributing voluntarily.

The web-site address is www.fogadd.org and we have a facebook page. We also have a short power point presentation which can be delivered to donor organisations such as schools and churches in order to provide their members with more information on our activities.

iv) Grahamstown Watch Committee

We are grateful for the work of the Watch Committee in Grahamstown which continues to monitor all FOGADD projects and also to advise on other possible worthwhile areas for support. This committee plays a crucial role (along with the accounts and reports from the relevant organisations) in assuring us that the money raised by FOGADD is well spent. We are very fortunate that such skilled and busy people continue to offer their services. We are delighted that Mrs Margie Keeton, who is involved in a number of voluntary organisations in Grahamstown, continues to monitor projects on our behalf.

During part of the financial year ended 31 March 2020 one of our trustees was able to visit Grahamstown with her family during a visit to South Africa over the Christmas period. Owing to the time of year – the peak holiday period for SA, the City was very quiet, so it was only possible for them to visit Child Welfare. However it is important for our projects to be aware of the direct interest taken in their activities by Trustees. Also in the early part of 2020 a daughter of two of the trustees was able to visit Grahamstown for a longer period (prior to the onset of Covid19). In her visit she was able to provide some support to GADRA work and also to take photographs and do interviews with scholars which could be used as content for a revamped website. Again this hands-on engagement is recognised at the Eastern Cape end and plays a role in the efficacy of FOGADD's work.

These visits provided rewarding opportunities to review once again at first hand the tremendous work undertaken by the organisations that FOGADD supports. The quality and dedication of the leaders of all the organisations FOGADD supports was both reassuring and heart-warming, with so much still needing to be done.

The visit of the daughter of two trustees leads to the issue of Covid19, which was already taking root at the end of March despite a severe lockdown by the SA government. As I write SA is in the midst of its so-called 'second wave', with only four intensive care beds currently available in the entire Grahamstown and district region (population for the region being about two million). As in countries across the globe there has been a very significant health impact – we do not have figures for cases and deaths in the region but they will have been significant numbers. But in such a poor region the economic impact has also been dramatic, and since March there has been a need for community kitchens to provide at least 10,000 meals daily (in a population of c80,000) to ensure the recipients received one meal a day. The SA Press reported earlier in the year that in Peddie (about 25 miles from Grahamstown) people were having to gather roots in order to feed their children.

Readers of last year's report will recall that the area was then in the third year of an extensive drought. With residents limited to 50L water a day. This limit dropped to 25L a day during the reporting period, although more recently there has been some slight improvement in rainfall. However on top of these problems the Municipality was found by the Grahamstown High Court to be in breach of its constitutional duties by not providing basic services to citizens – maintaining roads, sewerage and electricity delivery, keeping public highways clear of grazing animals (cows and donkeys), and so on. As a result an order for its disbandment, and the appointment of an Administrator was ordered (though this is still being fought in the Courts by the Eastern Cape Government, fruitlessly, and at considerable cost).

In all these circumstances it is once again important to stress that the achievements of civil society, and in particular the organisations FOGADD supports, is even more impressive, and even more vital.

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In conclusion, we reiterate our thanks to all our donors, and as chairman I would once again also like to thank all my fellow trustees for all the work they have put in over the last year. I would also like to thank all those in Grahamstown who send us regular reports on their activities. As this review has indicated the work needed to raise funds for FOGADD is always challenging. Nonetheless we wish to continue our support and if possible to increase it year on year. Recent visits, and recent events, have only confirmed the need for this. We hope to be returning in 2021, Covid19 permitting, so we continue to monitor projects closely.

Our current plan remains that of maintaining contributions to the activities we currently support, subject to satisfactory reports on their work. However, if possible we would like to raise additional funds to increase our support for the ambitious project to raise standards in all the former 'township' schools. So it is likely that the demands will continue to be challenging over the next few years as our support base also faces financial challenges. Having said that the overall sums required remain fairly small when viewed in a larger context and I am confident that we will continue to be motivated to meet the significant needs that continue to require addressing in Grahamstown.

(Prof.) Christopher Megone, Chairman of Trustees.

* The conversions are approximations using an exchange rate of R18.53 to £1 which was the average for the past year.

Policies

There should be a description of the policies adopted as follows:

- *Reserves Policy: The charity currently operates with minimal reserves. The trustees are endeavouring to build up its donor base with a view to having cash reserves equal to 4 months operating expenditure.*
- *Grant-making policy –*
 1. Accountability and ease of monitoring e.g. proper accounts must be kept; Grahamstown Watch Committee able to monitor activity and report back on progress and outcome.
 2. Effectiveness and achieving outcomes – e.g. monitoring of what scholars have gone on to do; monitoring of results from GADRA matric school and primary schools projects.
 3. Meeting our priorities – our priorities are in the areas of education and welfare, with health and sport remaining as secondary targets.
 4. Number of people benefiting – we want to uplift the whole community, so where we support individuals, as in the scholarship scheme, we shall be looking for knock on benefits for the wider community.
 5. Geography – projects nearer to Grahamstown have priority, in part because of greater ease of monitoring via the Watch Committee.
 6. Length of our commitment – important to classify all potential projects as ongoing or one-off.
 7. Scholarship selection – independent Grahamstown scholarship committee to recommend scholarship awards for approval by Trustees.

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- *Review of major risks (optional) –*

Risk: failure of proper allocation of funds overseas

Action: Grahamstown Watch Committee to oversee activities, and accounts received from projects supported.

Signature and Declaration

I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that:

- The trustees have approved the report above; and
- Have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Prof. C Megone, Chairman

Date: January 2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS OF GRAHAMSTOWN AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT (FOGADD) CHARITY NUMBER 109339

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2020, which are set out on page 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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.

Use of my report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 31 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the statement I have made.

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Relevant professional qualification or body: FCA

Office address: Little Trees, Brearton, Harrogate HG3 3BZ

Date:

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

	Year ended	31 March	Year ended	31 March
	£	2020	£	2019
<u>Receipts</u>		£		£
Donations and other similar receipts	14,345		12,473	
Fundraising events	4,447		4,075	
Gift aid	3,579		3,677	
Deposit interest	12		7	
Total receipts	<u>12</u>	<u>22,387</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>20,232</u>
<u>Payments</u>				
Charitable payments:				
Scholarships paid	7,350		18,464	
Grants paid	16,247		7,339	
Charitable activities	8,204		4,257	
Bank charges	102		188	
	<u>102</u>		<u>188</u>	
		31,903		30,428
Fundraising costs		216		216
Administration costs		0		0
Total Payments		<u>32,119</u>		<u>30,464</u>
Net of Receipts/(Payments)		-9,732		-10,232
Cash funds last year end		12,159		23,026
Exchange rate differences		168		-635
Cash funds this year end		<u>2,595</u>		<u>12,159</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT YEAR END for the financial year ended 31 March 2020

	31 March	31 March
	2020	2019
	£	£
Total Unrestricted Cash Funds	<u>2,595</u>	<u>12,159</u>

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees:

Prof C Megone
Date

Mrs D Megone