

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

Registered Charity Number: 1093339

Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2018

FRIENDS OF GRAHAMSTOWN AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT (FOGADD)

ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

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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 C Mallett		Trustee resolution
Mrs D Megone		Trustee resolution
Mrs S Law		Trustee resolution
Mrs C Smith		Trustee resolution

10 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 2018 there were two 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 RSA 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 there was a slight decrease in our regular donations to £7,336 mainly because one or two regular donors ceased. One off donations also decreased to £1,304. Despite that, this year total income rose to £21,725. We are extremely grateful to all our supporters who give so generously and give a sound basis to enable us to carry out our work. 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.

Our income from events rose significantly due to trustee Chris Iley undertaking a sponsored cycle ride. The most significant amount raised through events was once more from a sponsored walk of the Yorkshire Three Peaks by The Grammar School at Leeds which continued to support us. They raised the fantastic amount of over £5026 for us. Chris Iley's cycle ride raised £4345 including gift aid. We are extremely grateful to all those who organised or participated in fund raising events as this money is vital for us.

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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. This year due to problems with our bank in South Africa we were unable to make payments within our financial year. However the payments were made just after the year end so we will report on the projects in any event.

Scholarships

During 2017-18 we supported six scholars. The scholar who matriculated this year passed her matric despite extremely difficult home circumstances, but did not gain sufficiently good grades for university admission. We arranged for her to retake her exams through GADRA, but due to her very challenging personal circumstances she has struggled to take advantage of this opportunity.

Overall to date, twelve of our scholars have gained university or tertiary education places and five more gained employment. In 2017/18 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 some of their achievements have been very impressive. Two of our trustees again visited Grahamstown this year and, as well as visiting some of the projects, met the scholars and had a good discussion with the relevant senior teachers about the challenges they face.

Because this has been a successful scheme, we would still like to increase the number of scholars by recruiting two each year. However we need to find supporters who will sponsor suitable candidates, and at present we cannot increase the number and also sustain all our other support. We have had discussions with Victoria Girls High School about identifying suitable candidates for a scholarship, possibly from existing pupils whose families have major financial difficulties.

GADRA

We funded GADRA (Grahamstown and District Relief Association) to the tune of Rand 180,000 for 2016/7. However for 2017/18 we had to reduce the amount to R115,000 (c£6,765). GADRA has embarked on an ambitious plan to improve the quality of all the schools in Grahamstown. This plan involves a number of initiatives including a mentoring programme for hundreds of school pupils by Rhodes university students, as well as professional development programmes to support the head teachers of some of these schools. Fortunately GADRA's fund raising was sufficient to allow them to adjust to this lower payment from FOGADD.

We also continued to support GADRA's existing work and again sponsored eight scholars to attend the matric school which provides intensive tuition to school leavers to improve their grades and so improve their chances of further education and employment. We are delighted that all of our eight scholars improved their grades in every subject they retook and all achieved the grades needed to go to university. GADRA is now the leading feeder school in Grahamstown (public or private) for Rhodes University. Last year 109 out of 169 pupils gaining university 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.

In addition our funding has made a small contribution to another GADRA initiative which is part of the overall strategy for uplifting previously disadvantaged schools, namely a new 'Whistle-stop school'. This is focused on raising the standards of literacy and maths in early year's children, particularly those in Grade 0-3. This school has had tremendous success in its first years.

The mobile science lab which we have helped to fund since its inception, is now run by GADRA

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who can provide financial and other management skills needed to organise their work. This leaves them free to concentrate on their very worthwhile teaching development activities. The mobile lab provides the necessary equipment for pupils to undertake practical work in biology and physics. The pupil's own school teachers are also developing their ability to deliver that teaching as their skills are enhanced through the support they receive from sessions at Rhodes University and the Xhosa speaking assistant. However in the 'township' schools science teaching still needs a great deal of support. The mission of the mobile science lab therefore remains very important.

St Mary's Development and Care Centre

We continued to support this Centre which was originally founded to address the problem of poor children coming to school hungry. FOGADD normally donates approximately Rand 30,000 (c. £1,764) and is maintaining that support. 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

We made an annual contribution to Child and Family Welfare of Rand 30,000 for 2016/17 (c. £1,1764), the figure for this year will be slightly less at R 25,000. 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.) Case-loads remain high, and salaries need to be competitive due to a national shortage of social workers. 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.

Siyazama Pre-School

We make a contribution of Rand 20,000 (c.£1,176) a year to Siyazama school and that was maintained. Siyazama continues to be a model for pre-schools in the township and our funding enables them to keep their buildings in good repair.

CSD

We made a donation of approximately Rand 20,000 (£1,176) to CSD in 2016/217, and a slightly lower amount of R16,000 was paid after the 2018 year end. 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).

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 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.uk 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 to provide their members with more information on our activities.

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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, and 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.

In 2017/18 two of our trustees were able to visit Grahamstown for an extended period in virtue of Professor Megone undertaking a sabbatical at Rhodes University for one year (from 11/8/17 to 10/8/18). In virtue of this both Professor Megone and Mrs Megone were able to engage fully with all the organisations which FOGADD supports. Mrs Megone attended AGMs for GADRA, and Child and Family Welfare and she visited Siyazama. Both trustees met with staff and leadership at St Mary's Daycare Centre and the two schools with scholars. And they were able to have extensive discussions with Ashley Westaway who leads GADRA, and a number of other GADRA staff and pupils.

It was extremely rewarding to be able to review once again at first hand the tremendous work undertaken by these organisations. 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.

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. Our visit in 2017/18 has only confirmed the need for this.

Our current plan is to maintain 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 c R17.0 to £1 which was the average for the past year.

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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.

- *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: 25 January 2019

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

<u>Receipts</u>	Year ended £	31 March 2018 £	Year ended £	31 March 2017 £
Donations and other similar receipts	8,640		9,247	
Fundraising events	9,699		4,558	
Gift aid	3,385		3,851	
Deposit interest	1		1	
Total receipts	<u> </u>	<u>21,725</u>	<u> </u>	<u>17,657</u>
 <u>Payments</u>				
Charitable payments:				
Scholarships paid	0		10,847	
Grants paid	0		10,580	
Charitable activities	0		4,232	
Bank charges	-25		124	
	<u> </u>	-25	<u> </u>	25,783
Fundraising costs		216		216
Administration costs		0		0
Total Payments		<u>191</u>		<u>25,999</u>
Net of Receipts/(Payments)		21,534		-8,432
Cash funds last year end		1,508		11,532
Exchange rate differences		-16		-1,682
		<u>23,026</u>		<u>1,508</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT YEAR END for the financial year ended 31 March 2016

	31 March 2018 £	31 March 2017 £
Total Unrestricted Cash Funds	<u>23,026</u>	<u>1,508</u>

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees:

Prof C Megone
Date 25 January 2019

Mrs D Megone