

Gumboots
Foundation UK

Registered charity no: 1123418



Trustees Annual Report 2018

(1st March 2017 to 28th

February 2018)



Helping to educate and empower some of South
Africa's most disadvantaged children

Objectives of the charity

The Gumboots Foundation's mission is to address poverty and AIDS related issues in South Africa by improving education, nutrition, employment and wellbeing.

Our objectives are:

1. To empower children through education, both formal and informal, whilst also ensuring that their basic needs are met by providing food, shelter, healthcare and recreation.
2. To strengthen and support local home grown projects with local leadership and to secure a sustainable long term solution.
3. To help strengthen local communities both through financial assistance and by fostering a mutual understanding.
4. To provide individuals with an opportunity to be directly involved financially and personally in community development projects.
5. To provide honest and informative feedback on the progress of the projects and transparency on the use of donor money.
6. To seek partnership rather than dependency, with the focus being to uplift all involved through building relationships between donors, Gumboots and beneficiaries.

Statutory Declaration

In arriving at these objectives the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.



Structure, governance and management

Registered address:

Tyndallwoods Solicitors, 29 Woodbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B17 8BY

Managing trustees at 28th February 2018 were:

Angela Dyer - Secretary and fundraising

Vivien Hunt - Communications and fundraising

Mark Escolme - Fundraising

Karen Beard - Communications and fundraising

Graham Allibone - Finance and fundraising

Changes to trustees since 28th February 2018

Vivien Hunt resigned on the 1st June 2018

Margz Green and David Lightfoot were appointed as trustees on the 21st May 2018

Methods for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees are as outlined in the Essential Trustee document CC3 regulations from the UK Charity Commission.

Governing document:

The Gumboots Foundation UK is constituted as a charitable trust by way of a Trust Deed/Charity Commission Application, dated the 1st March 2008.

Decision making is via Trustee Board Meetings which are held quarterly and at least one of which is held face to face annually. Other meetings may consist of some or all members attending via videoconferencing.

Areas of operation and main activities

Gumboots UK is a charity founded for the purpose of raising money in the UK for the benefit of projects operating in South Africa.

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Projects operating in South Africa apply to Gumboots Foundation UK for grants. Each application is approved or rejected by the board of UK Trustees. The Board will only approve grants which fulfil the criteria and further the aims of the charity as set out in our aforementioned mission statement. This year we made a grant to The Click Foundation

We have a partner organisation, Gumboots South Africa, which works together with the four projects below which operate either within Alexandra Township or benefit township residents who are attending educational institutions elsewhere in South Africa. These projects apply for grants from Gumboots UK via Gumboots SA:

Leratong Pre-school

Ratang Bana Family Centre and Community Food Garden

Sigiya Sonke Youth Dance Group

Phetoho Education Project (including learners supported by The Caitlin Fund)

Our wider network

Kidlinks World is our sister organisation in the USA which also supports some of the Alexandra projects, (in addition to other initiatives in rural parts of South Africa), whilst the Kadey Family Charitable Corporation in Canada supports the Kadey House Orphanage which is based at the same site as Leratong Preschool.

Role of volunteers

The trustees of Gumboots Foundation UK and the directors of Gumboots South Africa and Kidlinks USA offer their services on an entirely unpaid basis. All three organisations are assisted by a small but dedicated group of local volunteers without whose assistance operation of the projects and fundraising would not be possible.

Leratong Pre-School Project –

providing a stimulating and safe space in the heart of Alexandra Township in which children can play and learn

This year we have made £29,729 in grants to be spent on salaries and medical insurance for 7 teachers and supporting staff

150 children were registered

We thank [Brita Filters UK](#) for their continued support for this project. See our website and "The Beat" newsletters for this year's good news stories and highlights



Sigiya Sonke (meaning “Youth Stand Together”) Youth Dance Project – giving

children and young people a purpose through dance, music and performance and offering pastoral care and guidance

This year 50 children and young people participated in the many and various activities organised by Sigiya Sonke

This year we made grants totalling £8,153 which was used to pay stipends to 4 teachers and supporting staff, to pay for admin support and also to replace musical instruments and costumes which had been stolen from the group's old premises

Our fundraising drive via the [Big Give Christmas Challenge](#) made it possible for these youngsters to experience the joy of dancing and music making again. Our website and issues of “The Beat” newsletter provide further insight into the great fun had by Sigiya Sonke this year



Phetoho (meaning “change”) Education Project – helping children and young people maximise their opportunity to access and benefit from education

This year we made grants totalling £7960

We paid the fees of 3 children to attend St Mary's Outreach Programme which provides high quality supplementary tutoring during out of school hours, giving learners the possible chance to achieve their matriculation

We provided funding to help pay for uniforms, transport and lunch boxes enabling many children from impoverished families to attend their state schools well-clothed and fed

We provided financial support to one young man in order to enable him to continue his degree course in electrical engineering at the University of Witwatersrand (“Wits”) in Johannesburg



We provided funds to pay for the fees, uniforms and transport of four children to attend the United Church School, a fee paying school with a good track record of providing high quality education. All the children obtained good results this year

The Caitlin Fund –

established in 2010 by Margz Green, a Gumboots volunteer, in memory of the life and achievements of her daughter Caitlin, the fund aims to improve the lives of disadvantaged young South African women through education

This year the fund made grants of £3,360, helping four young women to achieve their goals

These grants paid for one young woman to complete her degree and graduate in Entertainment Technology (she has since found paid work using her mural painting skills); for a second woman to attain her post-graduate diploma in Media Studies - (she then went on to be selected from 20 candidates for a year's internship as a journalist with one of South Africa's largest media organisations) and for a third young woman to commence her diploma studies in Agriculture and Animal Husbandry. We also made several smaller grants and gave mentoring to a fourth young woman who needed help in overcoming very difficult personal circumstances. As a result of this support she has felt enabled to explore a wide range of options, including training and gaining employment as a specialist facilitator and teacher of reading to young children.



Ratang Bana (meaning “Love the Children”) Family Support Project & Food Garden

This year we made a grant of £2,726 which contributed towards the stipends of the staff, premises, food garden and internet connection

This year the project supported 450 children and employed one director and a total of 11 volunteer support staff, delivering a variety of services including providing fresh vegetables grown in the centre's food garden



We are proud to contribute to the upkeep of the food garden, created by our sister organisation Kidlinks USA. For news and stories about the many activities that thrive at Ratang Bana, see our website and “The Beat”

The Click Foundation -

working in primary schools with the purpose of teaching children how to read with the aid of technology, aiming to have learners reading at an age appropriate level when they go to high school, being a fundamental part of them being able to complete their education and become functioning adults

This year we made a grant of £13,450 to this organisation

This will enable them to extend their project into a new school from the beginning of the academic year commencing January 2018. The grant will be used to pay for the fees of two facilitators; to enable on-line access to the programme for 400 learners; the purchase and installation of 20 computers; IT support fees, training & support



Annual accounts

Receipts and Payments Account - Period from 1st March 2017 to 28th February 2018

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME			
Personal and Corporate Income			
Unrestricted Corporate funds	14500	0	14500
Unrestricted Personal inc Gift Aid	12304	0	12304
Restricted Big Give 2016 Sigiya Sonke	0	1375	1375
Restricted Caitlin inc Gift Aid	0	4131	4131
Restricted Corporate Leratong	0	24000	24000
Restricted Big Give 2017 Phetoho	0	5465	5465
Total Personal and Corporate	26804	34971	61775
Events Income			
Unrestricted Fundraising events	4747	0	4747
Total Events Income	4747	0	4747
Total Income	31551	34971	66522
EXPENDITURE			
Administration costs	-773	0	-773
Event Expenses	0	0	0
Paid UK invoice for restricted events	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	-773	0	-773
Net amount available for Distribution	30778	34971	65749
Grants distributed	-33722	-31656	-65378
Transfers unrestricted to restricted	0	0	0
Transfers from restricted to unrestricted	0	0	0
Net Cash Movement	-2944	3315	371
Cash funds at 1st March 2017	18887	19703	38590
Cash funds at 28/02/18	15943	23018	38961

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 28/02/2018

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
General Fund	14443		
Caitlin Fund		6330	
Restricted Leratong		0	
Fundraising reserve	1500		
St Marys School & Wits Uni Fees		7263	
Big Give 2016 Sigiya Sonke		3959	
Big Give 2017 Phetoho		5466	
Total Cash Funds at 28/02/18	15943	23018	38961

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Graham Allibone

Position held

Treasurer

Date

22/09/2018



For further information regarding the work of our charity during this period see our website at www.gumboots.org.uk including 2017 editions of "The Beat" newsletters