



ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016

Annual Report for the financial year beginning on 6 December 2015 and ending 05 December 2016 for the Charity Children's Hearts (UK reg. No. 1082929)

Dear Readers,

During this period the charity continued to develop its network of contacts and organisations that could be useful to the charity in achieving its objectives.

According to its foundation principles, Children's Hearts continued to endeavour to provide funds to buy specific items of equipment used in the open-heart operations for children on individual basis.

During the year Children's Hearts continued to co-operative relationship with a company Audosta Ltd in the UK that donated to the charity on a regular basis throughout the year.

We also received some donations from various organisations and sponsors during the year, which enabled us to accumulate funds for future life saving support for children with congenital heart defects.

The charity continues to pursue fund-raising and information disseminating activities in order to support its following main activities set in the founding principles:

- Fund raising for live saving heart operations for children
- Providing help to improve knowledge and skills as well as exchange of information between surgeons internationally in order to keep abreast of new developments in the cardiology
- Providing educational materials to parents, general practitioners and maternity ward doctors on congenital hearts defects in children and ways of early diagnostics, coping with pre- and post operational problems and rehabilitation practices

In 2016 the charity received many enquiries from various countries, with parents or their representatives asking for help for children with congenital heart defects. The charity, however, has very limited available funds so, unfortunately, it was only possible to help one child. During 2015/2016 the charity supported heart operation for Andrea Verecio (d.o.b.09.04.2009) from the Philippines (see below the success story).

We thank all people and organisations that donated and helped Children's Hearts in the past year, which enable us together to save life for the precious Andrea from the Philippines. We wish her all the health and happiness in the future.

On behalf of the board of Trustees,

Yours faithfully,

Dmitrii A. Styrkas (DPhil, Oxon)
Trustee, Children's Hearts



Annual Report 2016 and Annual Accounts 2016 reviewed and approved by Trustees on 05 January 2017.

Trustees:

Dr D.Styrkas

Mrs S.Hemington

Mr Bulat Zarifullin

Annual Accounts 2015/2016:

**Children's Hearts
Registered Charity No. 1082929**

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Year Beginning (Day, Month)	6 December		YEAR: 2015
Year Ending (Day, Month)	5 December		YEAR: 2016
Income		Expenditure	
Membership fees	£0.00	Charitable Causes	£9,954.48
Grants	£0.00	Staff Costs	£0.00
Fund-raising from other sources	£0.00	Promotion and publicity	£0.00
Donations	£3,310.96	Fundraising Running Costs	£0.00
Other	£9.39	Associated Banking Costs	£0.00
		Office Running Costs	£945.73
		Other	£0.00
TOTAL INCOME	£3,320.35	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£10,900.21
		Balance Bfwd	£19,614.91
		Income	£3,320.35
		Expenditure	-£10,900.21
		Closing balance	£12,035.05

Balance Sheet

Assets - all unrestricted	Bank Balance @ 5 December 2016	£12,035.05
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Andrea Solomon VERECIO

Date of birth 09.04.2009.

The Philippines

Andrea was about 2 years old when she was diagnosed with the congenital heart defect (CHD).

Since then she was under medical supervision in a cardiac centre in Maniila. Initially the Philippine Heart Center (PHC). The hope was that the hole would heal naturally but unfortunately by the age of 4 it was clear Andrea needed surgical intervention as the hole had grown to 1.2cm and was having a serious effect on her health.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to cure the CHD condition and doctors advised that a heart operation was required.

Miguela J Solomon – the mother and a single parent of Andrea – could not possibly afford the cost of the operation while the state medical care system did not provide for such support either.

The cost of operation in Manila, the Philippines was estimated at around £10000 (\$15000).

The family began the search for people/organisations to help Andrea and it was fortunate that they found a friend Mr Jo Leitner from the UK who helped Miguela to approach English language charities worldwide. In 2015 Mr Leitner approached Children's Hearts charity for the support for the CHD operation for Andrea, and the joint search to provide best help for the child continued. In March 2016 the family, encouraged by Mr Leitner, contacted Children's Hearts charity, and the charity agreed to support Andrea. The medical condition of Andrea was gradually deteriorating, so it was vital for the child's life that support was found as soon as possible. In September 2016 Children's Hearts charity provided the funds for the operation to be performed. The operation was performed just in time, at the time the hole in her heart had grown to 1.7cm and had it been even 0.2 cm bigger she would have required intensive open heart surgery.

On 16 September 2016 in the St. Luke's Medical Centre in Manila, the Philippines, Andrea had successful heart surgery performed by Dr Jonas Rosario, lead Paediatric heart surgeon for the hospital. The operation went perfectly, a stent was fitted and Andrea is at home now. The recovery has been good and Andrea has put 3.5kg in weight, from 15 to almost 19kg in the following few months. She is gradually able to do the things she has always wanted to try, such as dancing, running and swimming. Thanks to Children's Hearts, Andrea now has the chance of a normal and happy future. We wish Andrea all the best and happy life!

Children's Hearts (UK) thanks all its supporters and, in particular, Audosta Limited, for their support. The Children's Hearts charity remains committed to helping children with congenital heart defects, giving children another chance to live.

THANK YOU

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The Annual Accounts 2015/2016 have been reviewed by an independent Examiner on 03 February 2017:

**Report of The Independent Examiner
On The Accounts For the Year Ended 5 December 2015
To The Trustees And Members of Children's Hearts Trust
Registered Charity No. 1082929**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 05 December 2016, which are presented on a separate page.

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 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.

Signed:

Date: 03 February 2017

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