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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	1	04	2023		31	03	2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Starchild
Starchild Charity in memory of Frankie Marsh
SCO43787
Flat 1/2, 37 Corrour Road,
Glasgow, Scotland
Postcode G43 2DZ

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1		Chair		
2		Vice Chair		
3		Minute Secretary		
4		Treasurer		
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The charity was founded by Michaela Foster and officially recognised as a Scottish charity on 13th February 2013. It operates in accordance with the provisions outlined in its Charity Constitution.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The trustees were appointed during the charity's establishment. Appointments and removals are governed by the Charity Deed and Constitution, which stipulate that new trustees must be unanimously approved by the existing trustees, and the removal of any trustee requires unanimous agreement from the remaining trustees.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The charity aims to support orphaned, vulnerable children, and women in Uganda by improving their health and wellbeing through education, training, healthcare, food, and love. We also promote education, enterprise, and the integration of creative arts in schools, while tackling social barriers and stigma surrounding Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and learning challenges in both Uganda and Scotland.

Our long-term goal is to finalise the Sunflower Sanctuary (SFS), a holistic centre for families with autism and disabilities in Jinja, Uganda, situated on the grounds of the Mango Tree School and Learning Centre. The main building has been completed, and we are now focused on constructing disability-friendly toilets and showers, which are nearing completion. Additionally, we are in the process of cementing and plastering the floors and walls to bring the sanctuary closer to full functionality. Our key objectives moving forward include:

1. **Securing funding** to further develop our autism and disability projects in both Uganda and Scotland.
2. **Working at a grassroots level** with our Ugandan partners to expand and enhance the autism/disability project.
3. **Securing funds** to support the hiring and training of support workers at the Sunflower Sanctuary.
4. **Continuing the development** of the Starchild School for Creative Arts (SSCA) in Vvumba, promoting the growth of arts programs at both SSCA and SFS.
5. **Expanding our partnership** with Grace Primary to welcome more children with disabilities into the school, providing them with vocational arts training.
6. **Sustaining the Gift of Education Program** to ensure continued educational opportunities.
7. **Supporting feeding programs** for those with disabilities, as needed.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

With the funds raised this year, Starchild successfully completed the construction of the Sunflower Sanctuary in Jinja, Uganda. This sanctuary features a three-classroom building with partitioned walls, a spacious veranda with wheelchair accessibility, and an office. Additionally, we are nearing the completion of the area's first disability-friendly toilets and showers. This ground-breaking project has significantly transformed the community's attitude towards people with disabilities (PWDs). The sanctuary has had a profound impact, empowering the PWD community with newfound confidence and dignity, allowing them to live without fear or the need to remain hidden.

■■■■■ travelled approximately 2,750 miles across Scotland giving talks about Starchild, book readings, and signings. These events were largely organised through the Church of Scotland Guilds, with some additional support from Rotary clubs and other charitable organisations. Together, these efforts raised £29,096 with the majority of the funds coming from the Guild. Our board member, ■■■■■ accompanied ■■■■■ at many of these events, particularly for evening talks.

Starchild continues to support nine senior secondary school pupils in S5 and S6 at boarding schools. While some students left in S4 as expected, nine students chose to continue through to S6 and are thriving in their new boarding environments.

In addition, we support two disabled students at Grace Primary School. ■■■■■ completed her primary education this year, and ■■■■■ who experienced complications with his eye, received medical intervention with assistance from Starchild. His treatment was successful, and he continues to study and enjoy his time at Grace Primary.

To celebrate our 10th anniversary, we hosted a disco and silent auction, raising a total of £4,365 which includes contributions from the clubs Captain's charity golf rounds.

The Rockchoir held their annual Christmas concert in aid of Starchild, raising £2,606 and another successful concert at Netherlee Church this year. Additionally, ■■■■■ held a concert at Netherlee Parish Church, raising £424.

■■■■■ will continue her Starchild talks and book signings until December 2025, helping to further raise the charity's profile.

Despite the ongoing challenges posed by the global cost-of-living crisis, Starchild has successfully continued to support all of our projects in Uganda, particularly our autism and disability initiatives, and the construction of the Sunflower Sanctuary, which is dedicated to the memory of ■■■■■

Financial review

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

Rockchoir generously donated their time for two concerts in support of Starchild. [REDACTED] choir also donated their time for a concert to benefit the charity. [REDACTED] contributed by covering the costs of printing and ink, as well as donating his time for editing pictures and video footage. He also assisted [REDACTED] as her technical support during some of her talks and donated some of his petrol costs. [REDACTED] contributed £200 in petrol costs back to the charity. Various businesses and individuals generously donated raffle prizes and auction items, helping to boost our fundraising efforts. [REDACTED] continued to offer valuable support with the distribution of our online newsletters and website hosting. Diamond Sound Studios kindly provided PA equipment for [REDACTED] talks. Netherlee Stamperland Church supported Starchild by donating some food, drinks, and volunteers for the Rockchoir concert events held at their venue. Additionally, they donated their halls and sanctuary for the Father Song concert. [REDACTED] donated his time and talents as a DJ for our 10th anniversary party. His daughter and granddaughters baked fabulous cakes for our event and donated them. [REDACTED] donated disco props and various goodies for our 10th anniversary party. Williamwood Golf Club donated their hall for our 10th anniversary party.

Other optional information

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)

Position (e.g.
Chair

Date



STARCHILD

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Receipts and payments accounts						
For the period from				to		
	01	APRIL	2023		31	MARCH
						2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	2,242	2,730			4,972	9,941
Legacies					-	-
Grants	-				-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	36,492	-			36,492	30,516
Gross trading receipts					-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	-
A1 Sub total	38,734	2,730	-	-	41,464	40,458
A2 Receipts from asset & Investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	38,734	2,730	-	-	41,464	40,458
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	3,012				3,012	2,384
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	28,536	7,149			33,685	47,280
Grants and donations	-				-	39
Governance costs					-	-
Audit / independent examination					-	-
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
Bank Charges	200				200	231
Other - Just Giving & Membership Fees	544				544	807
Other - Website Costs	129				129	318
A3 Sub total	30,421	7,149	-	-	37,570	51,059
A4 Payments relating to asset and Investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,421	7,149	-	-	37,570	51,059
Net receipts / (payments)	8,313	(4,419)	-	-	3,893	(10,601)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	8,313	(4,419)	-	-	3,893	(10,601)

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of	44,344				44,344	57,145
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts	3,894				3,894	(10,801)
	Accrued Income	2,200				2,200	(2,200)
	Accrued Expenses	1,473				1,473	-
	School Fees	(4,320)	4,320			-	-
						-	-
	Cash and bank balances at end of year (Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	47,891	4,320	-	-	51,911	44,344

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments			
	Total	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets	Unrestricted			2,200
	Total	-	-	2,200

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities	Unrestricted	1,473	-
	Total	1,473	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities			
	Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees
behalf of all the trustees

Date of approval

20/12/24
20/12/24

Independent examiner's report on the accounts of Starchild

**Report to the
trustees/members**

I report on the accounts of Starchild for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

**Registered charity
number**

SCO43787

**On the accounts of the
charity for the period**

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**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's
statement**

In the course of 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 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

Signed

Name

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any)**

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APPENDIX 3

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose