



TRUSTEES REPORT SEPTEMBER 2019 - AUGUST 2020

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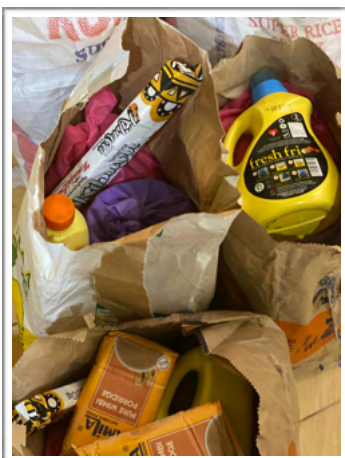
The charity has continued to benefit from much generosity and kindness from many individual donors, churches and Trusts. We are very grateful that even in a time of worldwide uncertainty and crisis due to the distress of Covid 19 that people have still chosen to give wholeheartedly to The Lunchbowl Network.

On 13th March 2020 President Uhuru directed covid restrictions within Kenya and with immediate effect schools and all large gatherings were no longer allowed to operate. Sadly, for The Lunchbowl Network this meant that the regular charity programmes were suspended, this included the Saturday Dinner Programme, Kings Rugby Development Academy and the extensive schools work at Angel Kindergarten Kibera and ACK Good Samaritan Primary.

In response to these Covid restrictions, The Lunchbowl Network embarked upon a series of emergency initiatives to help counteract the impact of Covid 19. The Covid restrictions severely impacted the nutritional, educational and social wellbeing of the children we serve. Therefore the charity's response included; provision of emergency food packs, emergency home learning packs which included home to home tuition for the youngest children, emergency rent payments and help for medical emergencies.

This year £ 302,263 has been donated, last year £ 276,002 was donated, therefore with an increase of over £ 26,261. We are very thankful for all funds received.

Nutritional impact:



The Saturday Dinner programme operated every week until it had to close temporarily due to covid restrictions in the middle of March 2020. The provision then switched to an Emergency Food Pack

programme. Families were selected according to the highest level of need, this was assessed by our dedicated community team.

- **Emergency Food packs were given to 127 families twice a month.** Each food packs provided one meal for a family of 8 so that they could eat everyday for a two weeks period.
- **In total 185,000 food pack meals were provided during lockdown.** These food packs included maize flour, rice, beans, oil and soap. The families benefiting from the food packs were all connected to Angel Kindergartens and Good Samaritan Primary School and selected due to severity of need.



- **9,800 hot dinners provided on Saturdays.** The Saturday Dinner Programme operated between September 2019 and March 2020. On average 350 children attended each week.
- **35,100 breakfasts, lunches and fruit snacks have been provided in the two schools.** 390 severely underprivileged children have been educated between two kindergartens and one primary school from September 2019 to March 2020.
- **7,000 hot dinners were provided for 350 children aged between five and nineteen years old attending the Sunday Kings Rugby Development Academy.** The programme operated between September 2019 and mid March 2020. The charity has facilitated these children being transported from Kibera every Sunday to an international school playing field to learn rugby skills and discipline, receive spiritual input and are given a healthy lunch.

In total 236,900 dinners have been provided this year. The previous year 91,686 dinners were provided.

This year the food provided equates to 19,740 dinners each month.

Educational impact:

In total 390 children have been given a good quality education for children aged between two and fourteen years.



- 301 Primary children were educated at ACK Good Samaritan Primary school and 89 children in Angel Kindergarten in Kibera. The schools provide a daily sanctuary, education and food for some of the most vulnerable and youngest children from Kibera.
- Grade 8 children sat National exam papers for the Kenyan Certificate of Primary Education. The results confirmed a 50 mark increase with students moving up a whole grade boundary from C to B. The school was recognised as being one of the top most improved school in Nairobi.



■ The children continued to be transported daily from Kibera in two buses funded by The Brothers Trust. The Lunchbowl Network is extremely grateful to The Brothers Trust for this very generous and transformational donation.

■ In addition 38 children from the St Nicholas Children Home, which is on the same site as the Good Samaritan Primary School, attended the School. All of the children from the home have been referred from Social Services due to their vulnerability.



210 Home Learning Packs were created and delivered to children from the Kindergarten up to children in Grade Two.

568 Home visits were made by the community teaching team during school closure.

228 emergency rents have been paid for families who have children attending our schools who were at risk of eviction. This was a direct consequence of loss of work due to Covid 19.



In total 40 staff members are employed, 21 of whom are from the local Kibera community.

The financial donations have been achieved from the following:

UK VOLUNTEER TEAM

Based in the UK the team generously give their time and energy to raise the profile and funds for The Lunchbowl Network.

SCHOOLS

25 schools have supported this year before schools were closed in the UK due to Covid 19. The donations given range £83 and £1728

Total donations: This year £10,534 was raised through schools. The previous year £17,290 was donated by schools. This decrease indicates a significant direct loss of fund raising as a result of UK school closures.

CHURCHES

We are delighted to be "Mission Partners" with an increasing number of churches. This has included church donations from PCC St Leonards Church Amersham, PCC Hampreston All Saints, St Pauls C of E Kingston, South West London Vineyard and Christchurch C of E New Malden, Laleham All Saints Church, West Wickham and Shirley Baptist Church

Total donations: Over 17,000. This is a significant increase from the previous year of £12,000

TRUSTS

Deutche Bank match funding: **£1,500**

EF Rathbone Charitable Trust: **£1,000**

Herrod Foundation: **£7,500**

INEOS Charitable Committee: **£2,500**

SMB Charitable Trust: **£1,500**

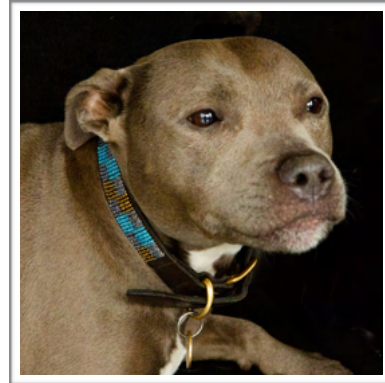
Souter Charitable Trust: **£15,000**

St James Place Charitable Trust: **£2,500**

Sterry Family Foundation: **£2,000**

Total donations: £33,500. This is a significant increase from the previous year of £16,984. We are extremely grateful for the time and tenacity of Mandy Cormack for applying to Trusts and Foundations on behalf of The Lunchbowl Network.

THE BROTHERS TRUST



£44,030 was generously donated by The Brothers Trust. This included the online sale of Masai beaded dog collars. These were sourced locally in Nairobi providing work for Masai women who are mostly from the Manyatta village which is close to ACK Good Samaritan.

£19,000 was restricted giving for the maintenance of the school buses for fuel, insurance and drivers. However due to the sudden temporary school closure in March 2020 due to Covid 19, the two school buses were not allowed to operate in any capacity. The buses therefore operated September, October, November, January, February and March only.



A balance of £4,000 of restricted funds remained available for bus maintenance when schools resumed.

During the school closures the funds donated by the Brothers Trust also significantly impacted and contributed to Covid Emergency Food packs, Covid Emergency Home Learning packs and Covid Emergency home rental payments and school rental payments.



The Lunchbowl Network is especially grateful to The Brothers Trust. Their extreme generosity in donating two school buses in the previous year that daily provide transport for children attending the Good Samaritan Primary School and Rugby transport on Sundays has been a life transforming donation.

The charity was extremely happy to welcome the Holland family to visit the work of the Lunchbowl Network in January 2020 and for them to see how their involvement and support has significantly improved the lives of many highly disadvantaged children.

EVENTS

Total donations: £4,728. This was sadly down from £26,976 from the previous year as a result of UK Lockdown. Due to Covid restrictions in the UK there were significantly fewer fundraising events or sponsored runs.

Thank you Heike Paulson for managing all our running events with such enthusiasm and energy.



- London 10 K: £2,227
- Royal Parks Run £417
- St Leonard Christmas Sale £1,027
- CBS Charity challenge £730
- Nikki Brown Cake sale £326

KINDERGARTEN E- GIFTS



Fruit



Clean Teeth

People have been buying online virtual gifts to support the kindergarten resources totalling: £1,457

These online gifts have included flour, tooth paste, cookery lessons, shoes, uniform, fruit and play doh

A very special thank you to Jenny Stuart for facilitating the online gifts on the website.

LARGE DONATIONS

10 private donations ranging between £500 to £15,000 were received. We are very grateful for every donation and respect the discreet manner in which these have been given.

We are also sincerely thankful to a private donor who has given £60,000. This has been a restricted donation for payment of Kenyan staff salaries. The donation covered the salary costs of all the teachers including Esther Karanja who became the new Head Teacher, a specialist music and a sports teachers, teaching assistants, cooks, security, community workers and cleaners. **This has been a discreet donation of great kindness, thank you.**



CHILD SPONSORS

- **117 children were sponsored in the two Lunchbowl schools with a total income of £31,090.** Six children left the programme due to their families moving away from Nairobi.
- In total 22 new sponsors have joined The Lunchbowl Network this year to support children in the Angel Kindergartens and ACK Good Samaritan Primary school.
- **7 teenage girls were sponsored in 7 Secondary boarding schools, totalling an income of £3,795.** Two girls completed their Secondary education and one now studies Engineering at the University of Nairobi.
- Many donors collectively raised £1,038 to help buy Christmas gifts for all our Kindergarten children and other sponsored children.

MONTHLY DONORS

19 donors for the Saturday Food Programme this year have provided £3,356
10 donors for general expenses for Angel Kindergarten and ACK Good Samaritan donors have provided £6,447
13 donors for General funds have provided £3,888
1 donor for the Extreme Need Fund has provided £246

PAYPAL DONORS

4 donors for the Saturday Food Programme have provided £264
1 donor for Education provided £8.75
9 General fund donors have provided £1,000
8 sponsors from overseas gave £1,605

The Lunchbowl Network and The Lunchbowl Network Ltd

The Lunchbowl Network Ltd UK partners with The Lunchbowl Network Kenya Ltd. This is a Kenyan registered charitable company with experienced local Kenyan Trustees including two trustees from The Lunchbowl Network Ltd, UK. This provides transparent accounting and governance. The Lunchbowl Network Kenya is incorporated.

The Kibera Dinner Programme:



350 orphaned and vulnerable children fed every Saturday

The Saturday Dinner programme operated every week until it had to close temporarily due to Covid 19 restrictions in March 2020. In total over 9,800 were cooked and served between September 2019 and March 2020. The Saturday Dinner Programme is facilitated in a rented large hut within Lindi Village. This is the area where most of the children live who are connected to the charity.

The Saturday Dinner Programme fills an essential need in the children's weekly nutrition. The provision is limited by space for under ten year olds and is administered every Saturday by The Lunchbowl Network Kenya. The team live within Kibera and coordinate the purchase, preparation, cooking and serving of the food. Most of the children are identified by wearing their purple Lunchbowl T-shirts.



Extreme Need Fund and response to the Covid crisis:



This fund exists for families who are in crisis situations and who are connected to the charity through either the kindergartens, Primary School or Rugby Programme.

Individual crisis cases are evaluated by the community team and the charity directors. Provision is made when appropriate and necessary. The help offered is food relief, emergency rent and medical assistance. Due to the Covid crisis there was an increased demand for emergency food packs, emergency rents and emergency medical care.

Emergency Food packs

In total 185,000 food pack meals were provided during lockdown.

These food packs included maize flour, rice, beans, oil and soap. The families benefiting from the food packs were all connected to Angel Kindergartens and Good Samaritan Primary School and selected due to severity of need.

The distribution of food packs was organised by the community team and some teachers in an orderly and efficient manner to avoid tension over food scarcity. Families queued early in the morning before sunrise to receive a food pack, the pack provided basic food for a family of 8 for two weeks. Each food pack contained rice, beans, flour, soap and oil.



Some of the classrooms at Good Samaritan became temporary emergency food stores to stockpile rice and beans for 4 months for the most needy families. Without this provision the weakest families and children would have been severely malnourished during the lockdown.

Emergency Rents



228 emergency rents have been paid. This was provided for families who have children attending our schools who were at risk of eviction. This was a direct consequence of loss of work due to Covid 19. Household necessities have been given to 10 families including bedding, cooking utensils and stoves.

Emergency Medical Care



CROWD FUNDING - £3,000 was raised for Joys medical treatment. Funding was also raised to help other children who had been physically injured or abused by the Covid lockdown.

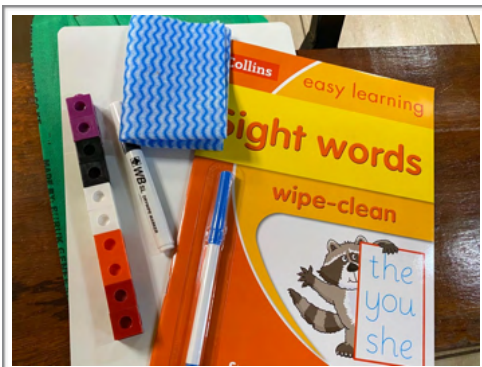
Joy suffered horrific facial burns from boiling oil. The accident was a direct consequence of being locked down for an extended time in an enclosed space. The money raised helped to pay for her medical treatment, including bandages and ointment and her rehabilitation. Other children with Special Educational Needs were at particular risk and suffered burns or their conditions worsened during lockdown in their homes. There were cases of sexual and physical abuse during the lockdown period and money raised also funded counselling for abused children.



Covid Emergency Home packs and Home to Home learning

210 Home Learning Packs were created and delivered to children from the Kindergarten up to children in Grade Two. The packs contained phonics and numeracy work books, counters, white boards and pens, play doh, note books and crayons. The resources were sourced mostly from the UK.

568 Home visits were made by the community teaching team during school closure for children who would usually attend the kindergartens.



The community team consisted of three teachers and two community workers. Mothers were involved in ways to help their children with the packs. During each home visit a child would have some help with phonics, numeracy and would be given some puzzles, art and craft and story.

International Angel Kindergartens : **Educating 189 children in their early years**

The Lunchbowl Network operates two kindergartens, one on the outskirts of Kibera and the other is part of ACK Good Samaritan in Karen, Nairobi. Between the two kindergartens 189 young children are offered a bright and stimulating early years education.



The early years teachers have been trained to teach in a more creative way using sensory learning and play based learning experiences. This is offered daily to an exceptional level with a high ratio of adults to children to ensure a high level of care and wellbeing.

The aim is to stimulate young minds through fun interactive learning and to offset the degradation of mind and body that sadly results from growing up within Kibera. Quality educational resources from the UK such as Numicon have been purchased and the teachers have received training in how to use the equipment to teach numeracy.

The kindergartens had to close due the Covid restrictions in March 2020 and a door to door Home Learning programme was organised with Home Learning Packs.



Zawadi Class (meaning Gift in Swahili) has provided a safe stimulating haven for 10 children with Special Educational Needs. Children's needs range from mobility issues, profound deafness and learning delays. The classroom has been equipped with sensory equipment. The class has a trained teacher for SEN with two assistants who are mothers of children with Special Educational Needs. When possible, Zawadi class integrate with their peer group for play activities, stories and singing.

ACK Good Samaritan Primary School
Educating and feeding 201 primary children



The Good Samaritan Primary school provides a Kenyan Curriculum syllabus. Teachers have received Government training on how to administer the new Competency Based Curriculum and this will gradually replace the Kenyan 8 -4-4 system.

Everyday the children are transported from Kibera in the two school buses. On arrival the children receive porridge for breakfast, have an assembly and then lessons start between 7.30 am for the older children and 8.30 am. for the younger children. The children have a fruit snack mid morning, a hot lunch and then return to Kibera at 4.00 pm.

Every class has no more than 30 students. All children are selected according to severity of need by our community team. In addition 38 children from the St Nicholas Children Home, which is on the same site as Good Samaritan Primary School, attend the Primary School. All of the children from the home have been referred from Social Services due to their vulnerability.

The key subjects are taught by subject specialist teachers. All of the teachers have been recruited according to their teaching experience and previous performance. The subjects offered are Maths, English, Science, Social Sciences, Kiswahili. In addition children have music and sports lessons with external part time teachers.

Grade 8 children sat National exam papers for the Kenyan Certificate of Primary Education. The results confirmed a 50 mark increase with students moving up a whole grade boundary from C to B. The school was recognised as being one of the top most improved school in Nairobi.



All Kenyan schools had to close from March 2020. Sadly none of the students had access to laptops or iPads in Kibera and so their education was severely impacted. The prolonged school closure placed many of the students at risk of sexual abuse in the day time when they were left unattended. Cases that became known to the community team received counselling and were rehomed to more safe locations with Kibera .



All the school children are given a full set of uniform including knickers, pants, socks and tights. One pair of School shoes is given each year. The shoes and underwear are donated by school children in the UK and stored in Yellow Storage units which are kindly subsidised by the Yellow Storage company.

End of term trips and experiences



- 108 children from the kindergarten were invited to Stepping Stones Kindergarten for a Teddy Bears Picnic. The children were given home made recycled paper hats, fruit skewers, sausage, egg and chapati for a picnic lunch. They each received a teddy to take home.
- A small group of kindergarten children were asked to perform as mice in The Nutcracker at the Kenyan National Theatre.
- Every Thursday Artists for Africa, an American funded charity, spend the afternoon with every class in the Primary school. The children experience ballet, African contemporary dance, drama and music.
- The whole staff have been developed by attending an annual retreat at Resurrection Gardens followed by lunch. The annual retreat is essential for team unification, spiritual direction and welfare of the Kenyan team.

Vulnerable Girls Education Programme:

7 Girls have been sponsored

The Lunchbowl Network funds a total of 7 girls in boarding schools within Kenya. Two girls finished school in December and one of the girls now attends the University of Nairobi studying a BSC in Engineering.

The boarding school environment provides an escape from Kibera for vulnerable teenage girls and offers them hope to change their future by providing a better education. The process of school allocation is administered Nationally by the Department of Education according to the child's KCPE examination results.

All of the sponsored girls are met by the administration of the charity three times a year when they are back in Kibera for the school holidays, they all write cards and give written updates for their sponsors. We are very thankful to Sue Stears for managing the educational sponsorship programme.

Kings Rugby Development Academy:

350 children escape Kibera, learn rugby skills and are fed every Sunday

Over 7,000 hot dinners were served to the children on Sundays after the rugby training.



The Lunchbowl Network has facilitated the transport for the children every Sunday from Kibera to Hillcrest International School playing fields and also the provision of a hot dinner at the end of the training session. The charity funds three ladies from Kibera to wash all of the rugby kits every Monday. The children play in rugby kits donated by Old Ruts Rugby Club in Wimbledon and a Church of England Youth chaplain joins each of the training groups to give spiritual direction and nurturing to the children. Sadly, due to Covid restriction the Rugby programme could only operate up to the middle of March 2020.

Schools' Work UK



25 schools support the work of the charity

The majority of supporting schools sell charity merchandise throughout the year. This includes soapstone hearts at Valentines Day, small soapstone animals, beaded animal key rings and beaded angels at Christmas.

UK School Ambassadors:

The School Ambassadors provide a unique school-charity relationship which is vital in sustaining support and engagement from schools. They have established long term partnerships with many schools. This communication link between the schools and the charity has been appreciated and welcomed by many schools who have supported the work for over 10 years.

Thank you to school ambassadors Nicole Dyson, Carolyn Green, Jean Shipton, Selina Overy and their children for visiting in October 2019 and for training the teachers in phonics and numeracy and physiotherapy for our Zawadi children.



School Ambassadors:

Thank you Selina Overy, Carolyn Green, Pauline Collins, Wendy Clow, Nicole Dyson, Jean Shipton, Heidi Gomes, Mandy Cormack and Anna Kate Fuller for your wholehearted willingness and skills to tell the Lunchbowl story to school children.



Thank you to the following school communities and head teachers for the generous support given this year:

All Saints C of E
Beatrix Potter School
Christchurch C of E New Malden
Coombe Academy
Dundonald Primary School
Elmea Infants
Elswick House School
Holy Cross
Holy Trinity C of E
Joseph Hood Primary
Merlin School
Merton Park Primary
Morden School

Park Community School
Pinkwell Primary
Poplar School
Roehampton University
St Agatha C of E
St Boniface C of E
St Marks C of E
St Mary's Shacklesford C of E
Sherston Primary School
The Garden Room Nursery
Tiffin School

Special Thanks:

Our Volunteer Network: The dedicated core of the Lunchbowl team consists of Alice Hutton, Anna Kate Fuller, Jess Shadrach, Eli Gomes, Camilla Wright, April McDevitt, Carolyn Green, Gerry Howitt, Fran Turko, Heidi Gomes, Heike Paulson, Helen Masters, Jean Shipton, Jenny Stuart, Liz Tozer, Mandy Cormack, Nicole Dyson, Selina Overy, Sue Stears and Wendy Clow.

The compassionate support and dedication of the whole Lunchbowl Team is highly valued. Each member has made a significant selfless impact in the fundraising potential of the charity. Their compassionate concern and weekly interest from the team via whatapp is a source of much encouragement and support to the trustees of The Lunchbowl Network Kenya. Together the team in Kenya and the UK are helping to bring hope and change to a desperate situation. The whole team is greatly appreciated.

Trustees: A special thank you to Gerry Howitt who after years of support and commitment to the charity has stepped down. We will always be very grateful to Gerry for her good nature and humour and willingness to serve. Thank you to Wendy Clow for your generous heart and commitment to the charity. We are very grateful to you and the support you give at every level. We welcome Jessica Bridgland and Hannah McGreevy as new trustees.

New Malden Team: Thank you to Jenny Stuart for all of your IT website skills, to Mandy Cormack for all the many grant applications that you have written and secured for the charity and to Alan and Heidi Gomes for your tireless energy, compassion and support. All of your wholehearted generosity of heart, time, energy and resources is deeply appreciated.

Sue Stears: The charity would like to express much gratitude to Sue Stears for her commitment, time and energy and not least her administrative and book keeping skills. Sue Stears tirelessly and thoughtfully administrates all of the sponsorship programme for the kindergarten, primary and secondary school pupils. Her financial expertise is highly valued and appreciated.

Liz Tozer: Thank you for your time and skills that you have kindly given to help raise the charity profile through social media, Liz has stepped down but remains in a supportive role. We welcome and are very grateful to Jess Shadrach and Ele Gomes who are helping to develop our social media presence.

Finally thank you to:

The Big Yellow Storage Company: We are always very grateful to The Big Yellow Storage Company for making it possible to store much of our event equipment and school resources for Kenya, including school shoes. Thank you very much, your support makes a big difference.

British Airways: Thank you for their continued and frequent generous charity extra baggage allowance

Lunchbowl Financial Management

There are effective and appropriate financial systems in place. There is a segregation of responsibility such that all monies collected are counted by two designated individuals from the Lunchbowl Team.

All donations are deposited into the bank by named regional team members. All gift aid forms are maintained by Mandy Cormack. All documentation is kept in compliance with data protection regulations. Monthly book keeping, receipts, bank statements and reconciliations of all monies debited and credit to the bank account are maintained on a monthly basis by Sue Stears. Monthly book keeping is also processed and checked by our accountants.

Present and future use of resource and team

The Lunchbowl Network UK operates completely on a voluntary basis and consequently over 96 pence of every £1 raised reaches and impacts the orphaned and vulnerable children

Reserves policy

We currently have a no reserves policy. We focus on deploying funds as received for the uplifting of the poorest children.

No trustee or volunteer receives any financial remuneration or benefit from the charity. All visitors to Lunchbowl Network Kenya are self-funded.

Signed



Date 23.05.21

Sally McGreevy: Trustee

Signed



Date 23.05.21

Jessica Brigland: Trustee