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STREET KIDS DIRECT
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STREET KIDS DIRECT

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Duncan Dyason



Nothing can ever prepare you for what you discover when you head out onto the streets of Guatemala City. The work in Guatemala is now 25 years old and I remember the very first day I headed out onto the polluted city streets as a young volunteer in 1992 with hope and excitement in my heart and with a burning passion to actually make a difference to the lives of children living on the streets.

My first day did not go exactly as planned but those I met and the difficult situations I faced in just a few hours brought me very quickly into the reality of street life in Guatemala City.

Looking back over the last 25 years it has been one incredible roller coaster of emotions and experiences that I would not trade for anything. I remember very clearly the faces of the scruffy children sniffing glue, shuffling aimlessly around the dark alleyways and hiding every time a gunshot was heard.

Their reckless living was summed up by one boy who told me that it didn't matter what I did on the streets with the kids because: "we will all die here".

The following day was a day I will never forget, as I had to carry his coffin and bury him in the cemetery because he was shot a point-blank range that night by a police officer.

The commitment of Street Kids Direct to the children and young people on the streets of Central America and those now living at high-risk of taking to the streets or being recruited into gangs will never waiver.

This is not the easiest of jobs and it does come at a massive cost to your personal life in many unexpected ways. But we know there is a great army of people out there who are praying for us, writing messages of encouragement to us and making sacrificial gifts, and this really does carry us through.

Working with children who are all in various situations of stress, abuse and neglect is the most challenging and, at the same time, the most demanding of jobs. However, the rewards are so great and the numerous cards and letters and all manner of homemade gifts demonstrate love in a way only children can.

Thank you for your support of our work as it is a privilege to serve in Central America and continue with our commitment of ensuring 100% of all donations go directly to the projects we partner with.

We appreciate you journeying with us, thank you.



DUNCAN DYASON
on behalf of the Trustees

STREET KIDS DIRECT

CHARITY VISION & MISSION

Charity evolved



VISION

To see a world where children and young people do not need to depend upon the streets in order to survive.

Susanna Agnelli: "a street child or street youth is a minor for whom the street (in the widest sense of the word, including unoccupied dwellings, wasteland, etc.) has become his or her habitual abode, and who is without protection"

(Agnelli, 1986, Street Children – A Growing Urban Tragedy)

MISSION

Our mission is therefore to work in partnership with children and young people to help them reach their full potential and enjoy life in all its fullness. This is achieved by:

- demonstrating God's love by standing alongside them, whoever and wherever they are;
- providing an environment where it is safe for them to be challenged and to explore an positive future;
- encouraging each of them to develop a unique personality;
- enabling each of them to mature and become a truly fulfilled individual.

STREET KIDS DIRECT WHO WE ARE

CHARITY TRUSTEES



Joanna Soden is a busy working mother from Amersham and is committed to the work in Central America and two of her sons now live and work with the projects in Guatemala City.



Duncan Dyason first started working with street children in Guatemala in 1992 and continues to live in Guatemala City where he coordinates the work of the charity and works on the streets each week.



Matt Levett is a youth pastor from Suffolk and has worked with high-risk children and youth for over 20 years and visits the projects in Central America each year.

OUR PERSONAL GUARANTEE TO DONORS

The founder, Duncan Dyason, had spent nearly 30 years in the charity field and had been involved with numerous charities as well as setting up four charities himself. One day Duncan was asking himself the question as to how charity could be done differently. His question came from bitter experience of seeing thousands of pounds poured into offices, staff salaries, publicity and the like and wishing that more of that money given by the public could get to the children who so desperately needed it.

We make a promise that 100% of all donations go directly to the projects we partner with and we are able to do so because the charity is internet-based. We have no offices, no staff and spend not one penny of our donations here in the UK on those costs. All of us are volunteers and pay for our own costs should we visit the projects the charity supports and cover any costs ourselves of running the charity.

100% OF ALL DONATIONS
DIRECTLY TO THE PROJECTS

WE ARE PROUD TO BE

STREET KIDS DIRECT
CHARITY EVOLVED

our focus is on street-living and high-risk children

“ Children who have spent a year or more on the streets have developed a unique set of skills that have enabled them to stay alive. Their resilience to pain and rejection are much higher than other children but the impact of street life becomes obvious to the street worker after only 2-3 days of the child living on the streets.



Jose is 11 years of age and lives on the streets of Guatemala City. His cheeky smile is infectious and he is very good at telling you his story in order for you to feel sorry for him and hand over some money. He has learned to survive on the streets over the last year after he ran away from a situation of abuse and neglect.

He now prefers the streets to returning home and says he will not put himself at risk again. His choice to live on the streets is, however, a sad and desperate replacement.

Despite his idealistic view that life on the streets is fun, exciting and much safer than being with his family, Jose is slowly acclimatising to street life and this is taking its toll on his young body. He has started to scratch all the time now, pulling at his lice-ridden hair and now sniffing solvents to help him not feel things like pain, loneliness and hunger.

Photo above

The name of the child has been changed in this story and is not the same child as the photo

Duncan had to sit with him recently and explain to him what being sexually abused was all about. Duncan witnessed this happening one night and so had to bring the subject up as Jose was still innocent enough to not fully understand what was happening to him when he lay on the streets and fell asleep.

Street life violently robs a child of their innocence and dignity. It psychologically disfigures and scars a child and leaves them at the mercy of other children and adults. Unless the child quickly learns resilience and discovers a variety of coping and survival strategies, their life expectancy is still very low.

THE PROJECTS WE SUPPORT

Guatemala

MI ARCA

Guatemala City

The Mi Arca Project in Guatemala will soon change to SKDGuatemala as the work grows and it develops a fresher identity and stronger links with Street Kids Direct in the UK. The project runs an outreach programme in Guatemala City for high-risk and street-living children and youth as well as an effective mentoring programme together with a mentoring centre.

The street team often has to deal with distressing scenes and situations of child abuse, neglect and trafficking. The hardest experiences are when the team are informed of yet another death or killing on the streets.

Early one evening the call came through to the street team that a shooting had occurred a few blocks away from the charity's mentoring centre and so the team were able to respond rapidly. On arrival they found Miguel and Maricela lying dead in the road and Brandon struggling to survive from gunshot wounds to his chest. A gang member had shot the three young homeless adults as they begged at the traffic lights and Street Kids Direct continues to denounce in the strongest possible manner the constant abuses and killings of those who live on the streets in Guatemala City.

The funeral of Maricela and Miguel was a tough time for the team and especially Maricela's two young children who clung to Duncan and sobbed as Maricela was



laid to rest. Duncan discovered that both children were already at high-risk but were now being pulled towards life on the streets and so extra support and help will need to be given to them both in the coming months.

Later that evening Brandon was operated on and managed to pull through yet again. This is the third time an attempt on his life left him fighting to stay alive on the operating table and the team offered him the support he needed until he was able to leave hospital and enter into a rehabilitation programme.

Street Kids Direct targets the most vulnerable children and offers them a variety of therapeutic programmes that are part of a much bigger strategy to help keep them safe and help them thrive despite all the world throws at them and the most vulnerable are always the youngest and predominantly girls.

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Growing up in Guatemala can be a tough ride for many children, but if you are born a girl the odds seem to be stacked against you even more. The statistics of just how tough life can be for girls can be rather overwhelming and demonstrate clearly that girls suffer disproportionately.

The biggest threat to live for a young girl is death in pregnancy and with an increase in the number of girls ages 10-14 dying in pregnancy. Every 7 minutes a young girl becomes pregnant in Guatemala! Add to that the upsurge in general violence and murders of women with sadly fewer than 10% of all those crimes actually being fully investigated and even fewer prosecuted. Furthermore, abuses against girls and women seeking to flee Guatemala to the USA via Mexico have increased by 70%.

The Street Kids Direct teams in Guatemala City help support girls through the most difficult of situations and are often taking girls to hospital, health clinics and to the court to bravely make their allegations of abuse. We hope to develop new initiatives to create a safe environment in the mentoring centre for girls to enjoy being girls and developing their unique personality and skills.

In October the team in Guatemala responded to a huge fire in La Terminal, Guatemala City. The fire started in one of the shacks where children in the Street Kids Direct mentoring programme live and quickly spread to consume 15 other tin shacks.

One of the boys in the programme, 13-year-old Carlos, told how he woke to the smell of smoke and then saw how much was already in his shack. His younger brother and sister were crying and could not get out of the door due to the flames. "I thought I was going to die", he told Duncan later. But when flames started to come in through the roof he then knew the end was close, but all of a sudden firefighters broke in through the door and rescued the children.

Street Kids Direct was able to quickly respond to the tragedy and not only take food to the 16 homeless families each day but take the children to the Centre each day for showers while rebuilding the 16 homes in just over a week. It was a huge effort and thanks to the supporters from Street Kids Direct the care of 16 families and the rebuilding of their homes was made possible.

The Street Kids Direct annual Coin Race in Amersham was the inspiration for this year's very first Coin Race in Guatemala. A publicity company who provided a vast array of publicity materials and signs and the Municipal Government licensed the event. Around 40 volunteers participated and the fun event that managed to raise £300 for the ongoing work on the streets.

The charity has enjoyed many years of faithful support from the British Embassy in Guatemala City for their work and this year both the British Ambassador to Guatemala and the British Ambassador to Guatemala joined the street team and visit those currently living on the streets. Both Ambassadors were very moved by the experience and spoke later in a series of recorded videos for Radio Christmas about how they felt about the street work before visiting the Street Kids Direct mentoring centre in Guatemala City.



GO GUATEMALA

Guatemala City

The Go Guatemala (Generation Omega) Project in the notorious zone 18 of Guatemala City provides a fun and energetic club for high-risk children event Saturday in a safe environment.

Between 80-120 children and youths benefit from the opportunity of leaving their communities that are blighted by gang violence and enjoy a day of games, homework support, teaching and Christian worship and can access the new computer lab and learn how to use a computer and navigate the internet safely.

Street Kids Direct pays the rent on the building that Go Guatemala use and without your regular support this work would not be able to offer the level of care they do to these children.

Most of the children live with high levels of stress in their lives and their resilience to daily life is high. However, the impact of growing up where gang killings are common place and where many aspects of their daily lives are controlled by the gangs means that the children need regular support.

Pastor Alex, the Director of Go Guatemala, together with his wife Evelyn, visit the children in their homes each month and help support them with their homework and are there on call in times of crisis.

Street Kids Direct is very proud to partner with Go Guatemala and your support really does impact the lives of some very vulnerable children and helps provide a robust support network for up to 120 children each week.



AFE

Tegucigalpa

AFE is an inspirational project that works with children and young people working and living on the city rubbish dump on the outskirts of the capital, Tegucigalpa.

The AFE School is open from Monday to Friday and provides a loving and caring environment for high-risk children to start and progress through their education.

Street Kids Direct are proud to partner with AFE and were excited to see how the redevelopment of the school's nursery has resulted in many more babies and young children benefitting from AFE's personalised care.

We know that the funds we have raised through the year directly affect the health outcomes of these vulnerable children. Without the nursery so most of these children will be on the rubbish dump and exposed to multiple dangers including eating contaminated food, drinking contaminated water, disease, abuse, and risk of being kidnapped and buried under tons of rotting rubbish.

Your support really does keep children safe and gives them the help and protection they need during these vulnerable years.





MANUELITO HOME

Tegucigalpa

Nestled in the heart of the sugarcane district of Honduras is the Manuelito Children's Home. The home offers a caring and supportive environment for 42 children with a further 80 children attending the Manuelito School.

The vision for the home is to offer children who have lived on the streets of the capital or who have lived in very high-risk situations a place to grow, develop their unique personalities and enjoy a safe place they can call home.

Some of the older young people are now entering college and university and your support means these young men and women will go on to achieve their dreams. For many those dreams have changed dramatically as their horizons have been opened to a whole new world of possibilities thanks to the committed and dedicated staff and teachers who help them to believe all things are possible.

Over the next 2-3 years the "Vida Adulta" programme will be developed to help these young people transition from living in a children's home to living more independently. A great deal of funding will be needed for this new phase and so Street Kids Direct will seek new sources of funding for this exciting development.

LITTLE DUNCAN

one example of success

Early one evening Duncan Dyason and Pastor Jorge Pinto was visiting a group of children on the streets of Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras. They soon came across a small group of children sniffing glue and one boy said he was guarding a box as there was a baby inside.

On further inspection Duncan found the cardboard box was offering shelter to a newly-born baby. The baby had been abandoned by his mother but was then rushed to the hospital and now lives in the Manuelito home and was named Duncan by the judge when he was registered as an abandoned child.



United Kingdom

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Amersham, Buckinghamshire

Our bi-annual Family Quiz Night in Amersham took on the theme of A Night at the Movies this year and raised £1,600 towards the costs of educating over 500 children in Guatemala and Honduras.

The popular Coin Race in Amersham raised £2,000 and involved two teams of volunteers raising funds on either side of the High Street by placing donated coins along a long line that stretched from one end to the other and back again twice.

Many thanks to the 60 or so volunteers who come and help each year by collecting coins, busking, face painting or by kneeling in the pavement and counting coins. The event is now a regular feature in Amersham High Street and we are very grateful to the many supporters who save up their coins all year round for this event each June.

The biggest fundraising event for Street Kids Direct is the Radio Christmas project. On the 1st December Radio Christmas 2016 went live and over the next 24 days 530 volunteers came to help produce shows, answer the phone and emails, read the news and present a variety of shows 18 hours a day.

Radio Christmas raised nearly £30,000 and then a further £20,000 of match funding was added to give us the largest total we have ever raised on Radio Christmas. Not only was the month of fundraising very successful with our fantastic total raised but also the station continues to attract a larger audience each year. At one point our peak online listeners reach 45,000, plus the many hundreds listening on 87.7FM.

In 2018 the radio station celebrates 10 years of broadcasting and is very grateful to Alexis Curson for the use of her home each year, apart from one year where we had to move to Stephen Fitzjohn's home due to work being carried out at the Curson home. Thank you to Alexis and Stephen for the sacrificial giving up of your home for many weeks during Radio Christmas.



WALKING CENTRAL AMERICA

In July 2016 Duncan started a 1,400km sponsored walk from San Jose, Costa Rica to Guatemala City, Guatemala. The grueling 40km per day walk through some very difficult and dangerous places took him through the five Central America countries of Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala.

Duncan had trained extensively for this challenge and started most days around 3-4am and finishing around noon before going through a routine of finding somewhere to sleep for the night, finding food and somewhere to shower and wash his clothes.

When Duncan entered Honduras he was given armed police and military protection to the border with El Salvador. Despite his armed guards his support vehicle, which was being driving behind the police car, was attacked and the driver held at gunpoint who stole Duncan's bag and extra clothes and walking boots.

In Nicaragua Duncan contracted Dengue Fever and was rushed into hospital but after a one day rest managed to continue the walk, arriving in Guatemala to a heroes welcome as hundreds of people joined him on the final 10km walk into the city centre, together with police outriders to manage traffic and keep him and the other walkers safe.

Nearly £10,000 was raised during the sponsored walk and we are grateful to all those who sponsored and sent in daily messages of support during



MARK & ROSALIE BALFOUR

Fulltime Volunteers

Mark and Rosalie Balfour have been supporters of Street Kids Direct for many years and have taken the very bold decision to leave their work as ministers of St. Peter's Church in Maidenhead and move to Guatemala City to work with the charity.

The Church Mission Society will be their sending and supportive organisation and when they begin their work in Guatemala, after an initial period of language training, they will be responsible for the pastoral care of the team, the development of a new programme to help young people start their own business or enter the work place as well as provide support to visitors and volunteers. Mark and Rosalie will also travel with Duncan to help pastorally support the workers in the various projects Street Kids Direct partners with in Central America.



DUNCAN DYASON MBE

Royal Recognition

In December 2016 Duncan received the news that he would be honoured in the Queen's New Year's Honours List with an MBE (Member of the British Empire). When the list was finally made public messages of support and congratulations poured in and friends, family and supporters were encouraged that Duncan's work over the last 25 years had been recognised by Her Majesty the Queen.

In early February Duncan attended a special reception at Buckingham Palace together with his sister Michelle, his surrogate mother Celia Banner and long time friend Alexis Curson.

It was a very special day and Prince Charles officiated at the ceremony and carefully placed Duncan's MBE on his jacket lapel before asking him more about the work in Guatemala. The prince was very keen to know all about the work Duncan had done over the last 25 years and finished the discussion by wishing him well and saying that his work was "truly inspirational".

The MBE was sponsored by the Foreign Secretary who proposed Duncan's name to the Queen for his sustained work over 25 years with children and young people at risk and on the streets in Central America.

FINANCIAL REPORT

BREAKDOWN

Annual Accounts

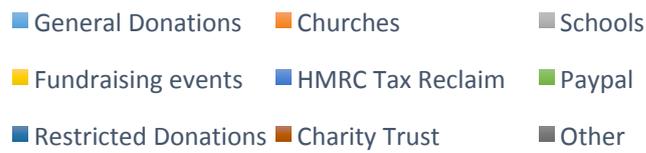
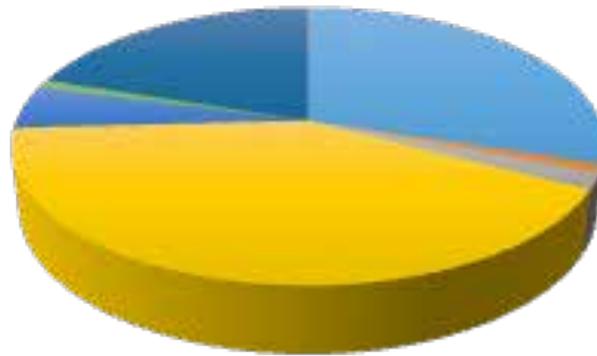
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cash basis from 1st April 2016
to 31st March 2017

STREET KIDS DIRECT

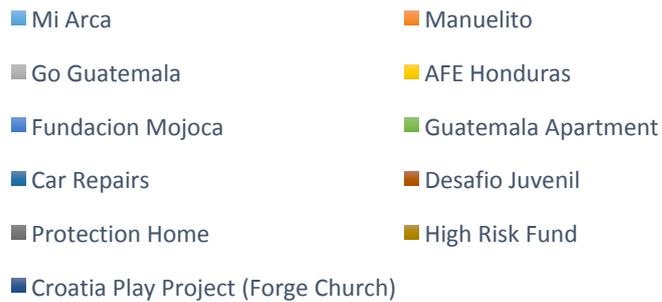
	Financial Statement	2016-2017	
Income	General Donations	£56,371.28	
	Churches	£1,589.00	
	Schools	£3,679.86	
	Fundraising Events	£77,600.24	
	HMRC Tax Reclaim	£9,438.23	
	PayPal	£1,805.92	
	Restricted Donations	£37,081.21	
	Charity Trust	£100.00	
	Other	£128.93	
		Total Income	£187,794.67
Expenditure	Mi Arca, Guatemala	£49,341.67	
	Manuelito, Honduras	£18,000.00	
	Go Guatemala, Guatemala	£5,000.00	
	AFE, Honduras	£18,000.00	
	Fundación Mojoca, Guatemala	£399.92	
	Guatemala Apartment (Designated Donation)	£15,000.00	
	Car Repairs, Mi Arca, Guatemala	£1,000.00	
	Desafio Juvenil, Guatemala	£1,025.00	
	Proetction Home, Guatemala	£300.00	
	High Risk Fund, Guatemala	£300.00	
	Croatia Play Project, Croatia (Forge Church)	£350.00	
		Total Expenditure	£127,156.59
		Opening Balance as at 1st April 2016	£23,299.01
		Income	£187,794.67
	Less, Expenditure	£127,156.59	
	Closing Bank Balance as at 31st march 2017	£83,937.09	

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Income



Expenditure



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Trevor Nicholas FCCA

Trevor Nicholas FCCA
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To: The Trustees of Street Kids Direct

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Street Kids Direct Charity for the year ended 31st March 2017.

I report on the accounts of the Street Kids Direct Charity for the year ended 31st March 2017, which is set out on one 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
- 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
- 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.



Trevor Nicholas FCCA (Fellow Chartered Certified Accountant)
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Date 18th January 2018



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¡Para que la tengan en
¡Buenos días!



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