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working in partnership with children and young people to help them reach their full potential and enjoy life in all its fullness

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Introduction

The trustees of Street Kids Direct are continually amazed by all that happens when ordinary people come together with the purpose of trying to make a difference in the lives of children and young people who are the most excluded, abused and neglected in society.

The focus of our work is in Latin America and specifically Guatemala and Honduras where we have been working since 1992.

Our commitment to our core goals and principles have helped the charity remain focused on its work to help the most vulnerable children and young people and build capacity in all the projects we partner with.

This report will outline how the money that has been so generously and sacrificially given by our supporters has been used to great effect to help those most marginalised in Latin America.

We are grateful to God and to all those who stand with us to make a difference in the lives of children and young people and hope all those who support will be encouraged by this report.



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Our Vision and Mission

Our Vision

To see a world where no child has to live on the streets or in danger.

Our Mission

To work in partnership with children and young people to help them reach their full potential and enjoy life in all its fullness.



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Financial Statement

Street Kids Direct is a small volunteer-run charity that continues to commit itself to its founding principle of guaranteeing that 100% of all its donations goes directly to the projects it supports in Latin America.

Income

General Donations	£77,267.38
Churches	£2,711.25
Schools	£1,353.03
Fundraising events	£3,204.50
Charities Aid	£1,328.53
HMRC Tax Reclaim	£3,439.36
Global Care	£1,400.00
Paypal	£441.63
Charity Page	£6,814.67
Charity Trust	£14,072.00
Other	<u>£88.75</u>
Total	£112,121.10

Expenditure

Manuelito	£25,511.00
Go Guatemala	£5,610.10
Mi Arca	£43,321.83
AFE Honduras	£31,903.74
Bank Fees	<u>£128.00</u>
Total	£106,474.67

Opening Bank Balance as at 1st April 2013	£12,698.24
Income	£112,121.10
Less, Expenditure	-£106,474.67
Closing Bank Balance as at 31st March 2014	£18,344.67

Accounts have been prepared on a cash basis from 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014

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Independent Examiner's Report

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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 2014

I report on the accounts of the Street Kids Direct Charity for the year ended 31st March 2014, 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:

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- 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)

Date 11th January 2015

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Fundraising in the UK & Guatemala

Street Kids Direct relies on an army of volunteers to help the three trustees with various fundraising events throughout the year. Our aim is not only to raise money but also to organize fun events and activities where people of all ages and abilities can participate and in doing so build trust, friendship and community.



Our annual Coin Race in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, involves around 50 volunteers, many of whom are children and young people who helped raise just over £2,000 by using donated coins to make a line from one end of the high street in Amersham. Friendly competition is encouraged by boys being on one side of the street and girls on the other.



The popular Family Quiz Night in Amersham raised £1,878 and focused on education. All the money that was raised was used to help provide educational opportunities for nearly 500 children and young people in Guatemala and Honduras.

In Guatemala the first Radio Christmas in Spanish was launched and raised a few hundred pounds in online donations for the 3 days it was broadcasting live. The variety of programmes included children and young people who had benefitted from the funds raised the previous year during the UK Radio Christmas Live.

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Our Partners in Guatemala & Honduras

Our focus in Guatemala and Honduras is to reach children and young people who live on the streets together with those who live at high-risk.

Over the year we have seen the street work in Guatemala City develop into something very exciting. One of our partners in Guatemala City is the charity Mi Arca and their aim is to see no more children live on the streets. The daily outreach to the children and young people who live on the streets can often be dangerous work but it is also incredibly rewarding.

One family that benefitted from the street team's support was Cesar and Maria who live in a small room in the bus terminal in Guatemala City. Three years ago the couple used to live on the streets but Street Kids Direct helped them rent a small room and start a business of selling sweets. Cesar and Maria were excited to welcome their first child who they named Duncan after the charity's Director, Duncan Dyason.



It was while Duncan Dyason was visiting Cesar and Maria that he came face-to-face with a contract killer who told him that he had tried to kill him one day when he followed home after visiting the bus terminal!



Street Kids Direct invited the UK charity, Street Invest, to come to Guatemala and help provide a week's training in working on the streets. Street Invest trained 30 people in the basics of working on the streets and we were all greatly encouraged by the diversity of people and organisations that attended the course including the national police.

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Sadly, there have been more deaths on the streets during the year and the death of Henry and Oscar hit many people hard, particular Duncan Dyason who knew Henry since he started working on the streets of Guatemala City in 1992. Henry died of complications due to an infection he had from living on the streets and Oscar died after been kicked to death by an unknown person while he slept on the streets.

The deaths of Henry and Oscar continued to keep us focused on the urgency of our work on the streets. Our dream to have a centre for children and young people together with an overnight shelter is something we will be seeking funding for in the next few years.



keeping them safe from street life.

A personal victory for us this year was when 3 boys Duncan and the Mi Arca team had been working with in Guatemala City started school. The 3 boys had been living partly on the streets and partly in various locations and with friends and family and were slowly moving to live on the streets full time.

This photo was taken the day Sergio, Josué and Jony started at the AMG School. We are very grateful to AMG for accepting the boys and we will continue to commit ourselves to supporting their education and to

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The two projects we support in Honduras are the AFE School and the Manuelito Project.

The AFE School has been supported by Street Kids Direct for nearly 10 years and reaches out to children who work and live on the city rubbish dump on the outskirts of the capital, Tegucigalpa.

Funds raised for AFE were used to provide a hot meal each day for the 160 children attending the school and also to help fund the running of a nursery for babies and very young children who would otherwise be growing up among piles of rubbish on the city dump.



The Manuelito Children's Home grew this year with the opening of their own school for the 40 children in the home and began to welcome high-risk children from the local town where the home is situated.

All the children in the Manuelito home have been either rescued from the city streets or from situations where their lives were in imminent danger. The home benefits from the donations Street Kids Direct supporters provide and without these funds the home would really struggle to feed and educate the children.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE VISITED GUATEMALA AND HONDURAS TO ENCOURAGE US IN OUR WORK.

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