



ChoraChori

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation
(CIO)

Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31st December 2018

Charity Number: 1159770

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Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name ChoraChori

Charity Registration No 1159770

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Philip and Beverley Holmes

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Clotilde Hunter (Chairman)

Helen Buckworth (Vice Chairman)

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Rory Buckworth (appointed 17th February 2019)

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Chairman of Trustees' Statement

I am very pleased to report on another very successful year for ChoraChori, as the charity has risen to new challenges in Nepal and to the task of finding the resources required to meet the need.

Our implementing partner NGO, ChoraChori-Nepal, is now at the forefront of the fight against child rape in Nepal, a new project area for our partnership. This is an issue that seems to be spiralling out of control for a number of reasons and, it has to be said, that few NGOs wish to engage with the trauma, the emotions and indeed the long-term care needs of the victims. We have always taken pride in our refusal to eschew such needs and our willingness to reach out to help desperate individual children, confident that we can help them overcome experiences that so often beggar belief.

In UK our main role is to source what ChoraChori-Nepal requires to meet the operational need. This is a combination of finding funds and suitable volunteers who can help develop ChoraChori-Nepal's capacity to manage its own affairs. Our CEO, Philip Holmes, is the main fundraiser and through a combination of his grant applications and coordination of fundraising campaigns we have raised £268,208 in 2018, a 15% increase on 2017 income (£232,999) with an operating surplus of £65,033 compared with the previous year's deficit of £21,618. This is a remarkable result also given that these funds have been raised against a backdrop of austerity in the UK and uncertainty over Brexit. He has also identified some first class volunteers whose impact in Nepal has been nothing short of transformative. I would like to record my thanks to these wonderful people – Aagje Hoekstra, Toby St John Foggo, Ben Fletcher-Harvey, Frances Pope, Debbie and David Mintz and Caroline Milne for all that they have contributed in this regard. Thank you also for non-Trustee volunteer (pro bono) support to our own core activities from Shay Keogh and Beattie Sheldrick (website), Adrian MacFarlane (film production) and everyone at Creative Triangle (graphic design). And last, but by no means least, the input of the Nepalese-Ukrainian actress Amrita Acharia (HBO's Game of Thrones and ITV's Good Karma Hospital) and her fellow actors for their endorsement of our Big Give Christmas Appeal.

In 2019 we look forward to the continued partnership of registered mental health charity Unity In Health, German charity Hatemalo and to new Joint Ventures with Gandys Foundation (UK) and Her Future Coalition (USA). Also we are thrilled and honoured to be the chosen charity for The Soroptimist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland in a three year project "Empowering Girls in Nepal" that will launch in October 2019. So many opportunities lie ahead!

Finally, I would like to record my thanks to our Founder, Beverley Holmes, who stood down as Chairman in October 2018 after almost a four year tenure. Bev presided over what has been exponential growth that shows no sign of abating. I am very pleased that she will continue to support us as a staff member and as a valued advisor to the Board.



Clotilde Hunter
London
27th March 2019

Report of the Trustees

Introduction

The Trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements of ChoraChori for the period ended 31st December 2018. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Articles of Association, the Statement of Recommended Practice 2005 (updated 2008) and the Companies Act 2006.

ChoraChori is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with The Charity Commission on 5th January 2015. ChoraChori is the Nepali word for “children”.

Background to ChoraChori

Philip and Beverley Holmes founded ChoraChori in January 2015 to support the types of child welfare projects they had been involved in during their time living and working in Nepal between 2004 and 2012. An autonomous NGO, ChoraChori-Nepal, is the operational partner for ChoraChori’s projects as Nepalese law forbids overseas charities from implementing projects directly in Nepal. ChoraChori’s responsibility is therefore to provide ChoraChori-Nepal with the resources it needs to implement projects. These are primarily financial but the charity also provides some volunteer consultancy support to help build ChoraChori-Nepal’s capacity, including through developing its own fundraising. ChoraChori does not make grants to any other charities or to individuals.

ChoraChori was set up with the broad Object of *“To advance such charitable purposes (according to the law of England and Wales) within Nepal as the Trustees see fit”*. In practice the charity works solely for children. Our Mission is:

“ChoraChori rescues Nepalese children from abusive situations in Nepal and India, manages their trauma and reintegrates them with their families and communities. Where this is not possible, we provide for children’s care, education and training until they can look after themselves as young adults. We bring child abusers to justice.”

This translates into the following primary activities:

1. Support to child rape victims and their families in Nepal, including the prosecution of child rapists.
2. The rescue, rehabilitation and reintegration (where possible involving family reunification) of displaced Nepalese children from India.
3. The management of child trauma in both of the above groups
4. Education and training of beneficiaries for whom reunification with families is not possible.
5. Legal support to the prosecution of child rapists.

Secondary activities are:

1. Education and training of vulnerable adolescent girls from Districts where there is a high risk of sexual abuse and trafficking
2. Capital and revenue support to under-resourced government schools that lie within ChoraChori-Nepal’s immediate operational area.

Historically ChoraChori has also supported disaster relief following the 2015 earthquakes and the 2017 floods in Nepal.

Structure and Governance

Trustees

There are six Trustees:

- *Mrs Clotilde Hunter (Chairman)*: Clotilde grew up and trained as an Occupational Therapist in France. She moved to the UK in 1998 and, after meeting her British husband, the UK became her second homeland. In 2009 they decided to adopt Nepal as their third homeland, meeting Beverley and Philip Holmes in Kathmandu. Since then the life of destitute children and young women in Nepal has been close to her heart and she has fundraised for Nepal children's charities. In 2018 Clotilde became a qualified craniosacral therapist, sharing child management techniques that she learned during a visit to ChoraChori-Nepal's facility in early 2018.
- *Ms Julie Graham*: Julie is a graduate in social work from Queen's University Belfast, who is currently working within the education welfare sector in Northern Ireland. She has volunteered twice in Nepal, on both occasions working with deprived and marginalised children at Bhairahawa on the Indian border. During that time she saw the best and worst of the country, the latter including gender and caste discrimination and grinding poverty. Notwithstanding that, she developed a profound respect and love for Nepal's resilient people and its children.
- *Mr Brian Muirhead*: Brian is a graduate lawyer and chartered accountant with a long career in finance, consulting and private equity. Having visited Nepal several times for trekking he has been an enthusiastic supporter of several Nepali charities. He spends his time now working with and investing in start-up businesses and enjoying travel and the arts. He is also a Trustee of Longborough Festival Opera.
- *Mrs Helen Buckworth*: Helen is a qualified solicitor who worked in the City of London and Hong Kong before leaving work to concentrate on her family. She has travelled widely and was introduced to ChoraChori by her son Rory who, together with two friends, cycled from Shanghai to Kathmandu in 2016 raising funds for ChoraChori's new Trauma Management Centre in Godavari. Helen deals with all legacy enquiries to the charity.
- *Mr Rory Buckworth*: Rory, who is Helen's son, is a graduate in philosophy and a senior business development executive with recruitment start-up Tempo. He first became involved with ChoraChori in 2016 when with two others (including Philip Hunter, below) organised a sponsored cycle ride from Shanghai to Kathmandu. This raised £56,000 for the construction of CC-N's child trauma management centre.
- *Mr Philip Hunter*: is a graduate in mechanical engineering. He is employed as a corporate fundraiser with St Mungo's, the homelessness charity. He will be supporting the CEO in applications to the corporate sector.

Recruitment is by invitation of the existing Trustees. Upon joining the Board, new Trustees are provided with information on the charity's history and plans, the role and responsibilities of Trustees, the governing document, key policies and the minutes of recent Board meetings. Trustee meetings are held on a quarterly basis, as a minimum. All Trustees are active in fundraising support and Mr Brian Muirhead acts as Treasurer, producing quarterly management accounts in advance of each meeting.

The Trustees observe the official guidance of the Charity Commission for England & Wales and the Hallmarks of an Effective Charity (CC 10, 2008). In addition, they have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. The Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Staff and volunteers

Lt Col (retd.) Philip Holmes acts as the CEO of ChoraChori and as such is able to offer not only almost 20 years of fundraising and media experience but also his operational insight gained as a former charity Country Director in Nepal. He works from home, this acting as the charity's office. Since January 2019 he has been supported by Beverley Holmes as Chief Operating Officer on a two day per week basis and by the actress Amrita Acharia who has provided volunteer fundraising support.



Kathmandu volunteer Caroline Milne (left) supporting an art class

There is at least one full time overseas volunteer in Nepal at any given time with the current volunteer being Caroline Milne. Caroline brings a wealth of experience in the international teaching sector and has been central in developing a new education programme and in improving social media communications. Her Nepal assignment is scheduled to end in March 2019 although she will continue to provide volunteer support thereafter.

Other professional services

The website was designed and is maintained by the company "First Click". The accounting firm Bibbys in Kingsbridge provides payroll and accounting support.

The charity's network

Nepal partners

Under Nepalese law overseas charities must implement their projects in Nepal through local NGOs. ChoraChori has one Nepal partner, the autonomous NGO ChoraChori-Nepal, and this is likely to remain the case for the foreseeable future. Through ChoraChori-Nepal we have built a strong working relationship with Nepal's Central Child Welfare Board.

National and International partners

ChoraChori works in partnership with German charity Hatemalo¹ and with UK charity Unity In Health² which provides support to our child trauma management service. In early 2019 we will be joining with Gandys Foundation³ and by Her Future Coalition⁴ in three major joint ventures in Nepal. During this reporting period we received grant funding from 38 grant-making Trusts (also 38 in 2017) and in October we were the chosen charity for a joint project, "Empowering Girls in Nepal" with the Soroptimist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland that will run for three years from October 2019.

¹ www.hatemalo.de

² www.unityinhealth.org

³ www.gandyslondon.com/gandys-foundation

⁴ www.herfuturecoalition.org

Operational activities in the reporting period

In 2018 ChoraChori has underpinned ChoraChori-Nepal in the following operational activities:

- Support to the victims of child rape and their families. This includes child trauma management and protection, material and legal support.
- Rescue and repatriation of displaced or trafficked Nepalese children from India, their rehabilitation and reintegration with families and society.
- The provision of education and vocational training to children who cannot be reunited with their families.
- Educational support to local government schools.
- Providing educational and training support to a group of vulnerable girls from Tipling, Dhading District and from Jhapa District. This includes craft training.
- Managing individual child welfare cases on an ad hoc basis, including through a special Patron's Fund
- Support to contemporary circus training.

Child rape in Nepal

In a major shift of emphasis this year, we turned our attention to the issue of child rape within Nepal. The instance of child rape has quadrupled since Nepal's transition from being a very conservative Hindu monarchy to becoming a secular republic in 2008. We believe the growth has also been fuelled by the ease of access to pornography through smartphones in tandem with unhealthy male attitudes within certain elements of Nepalese society. The Nepali Times reported in December 2012⁵ how young men have filmed rapes and shared them on social media with their peers. The police have been at best ineffectual, often complicit in brokering "deals" at village level that see rapists paying "compensation" to their victims who are often from the poorest lower caste families. At worst, they have been guilty of malfeasance, deliberately destroying evidence and, under political or financial pressure, framing the wrong individuals. Conviction rates are very low. Sometimes village elders have ruled that a girl should marry her rapist and pay a dowry to his family. At government level, the (Communist) Minister of Home Affairs stated in September that rape was all due to capitalism. In November 2018 the Minister for Communications instructed the press to stop publishing accounts of rape and to print more positive narratives.

ChoraChori is approaching the issue from a number of angles. This year we extended the use of the our Children's Refuge and Rehabilitation Centre (CRRC)⁶ from caring for children repatriated from India (see below) to support also child rape victims. Of the 34 children who are currently passing through the CRRC eleven are child rape survivors. One of these, a 12 year old girl, was abducted earlier this year and held captive for four months, raped every day. We have managed these children primarily with the "Theraplay" technique that was introduced to the local therapists by our UK volunteer Debbie Mintz in August. Ours is the only childcare facility in Nepal that is using this approach that is highly regarded internationally. We have also raised awareness about the issue through the pages of the main English language weekly, the Nepali Times, which is read by the most influential people in Nepal. We instigated prominent articles in February 2018⁷ and in June 2018⁸.

⁵ <http://archive.nepalitimes.com/news.php?id=19884#.XAj7CvZ2uP8>

⁶ A combination of our former "Kathmandu refuge" and "Trauma Management Centre"; these are on the same site.

⁷ <http://nepalitimes.com/article/nation/young-girls-not-pushed-around-anymore.4183>

⁸ <https://www.nepalitimes.com/banner/four-fold-increase-in-reported-rape-in-10-years>

A ChoraChori-Nepal field team, including two lawyers, is very active in visiting the villages in the southeast of the country (which has the highest incidence of rape) supporting families in their quest for justice and ensuring that rapists are brought to book. One of the lawyers, Sunita Karki, is a trafficking survivor whom ChoraChori funded through Law School, completing her Bar Council exams in August 2018. The team's work is tough in so many respects, including with rapists and their families issuing death threats in a futile attempt to deflect our attention. These visits also serve to assess family circumstances and establish if any support is required beyond trauma management. In 2019 we are aiming to set up an additional legal team and purchase a dedicated vehicle to cope with the scale of the challenge.



ChoraChori-Nepal field staff Anila Dangol and Sunita Karki visiting a family

Rescue and repatriation of children from India

There is an open border between Nepal and India that makes it easy for Nepali children to cross into India or be taken there by traffickers. Many children (mainly boys) do so after running away from home or, with the blessing of their families, in search of employment. It is believed that this underlying outflow of children surged in the wake of the 2015 earthquakes. Once inside India children can travel for remarkable distances as stowaways on Indian trains. Eventually their adventure ends when they are picked up (usually at railway stations) by the police or Indian NGOs. They are then placed in gruesome, dangerous institutions termed “children’s shelters”. Up until our involvement little effort was made by the Indian authorities to trace the children’s families and to all intents and purposes the children effectively became prisoners of the shelters.

ChoraChori-Nepal, being the only NGO that goes into India in search of Nepali children, is the first port of call for the Nepal government’s Central Child Welfare Board (CCWB) when they are informed about displaced children. We have been pleased to facilitate communications between CCWB and their counterparts in India (Child Welfare Committees and Social Welfare Departments) where no previous channels of communication existed. Indeed, this was a central part of the original problem.

In early 2018 the importance of our work came to the fore when it emerged that a “children’s shelter” at Muzaffarpur, north India, from which we had previously rescued a number of girls, had been a focus for child sexual abuse. The Director of the NGO which had been operating the “shelter” had been raping the children along with a number of accomplices who included the local District Child Protection Officer. Nineteen people, including several women, have been arrested in what has become a national scandal in India.



ChoraChori-Nepal Operational Director Shailaja CM interviewing two Nepali girls at the Muzaffarpur shelter prior to their release

Since August 2015 ChoraChori-Nepal has rescued and repatriated 143 Nepali children from India. This

has usually involved ChoraChori-Nepal rescue teams visiting India several times to liaise with local Child Welfare Committees and overcome bureaucratic hurdles. Sometimes families go directly to collect their children after ChoraChori-Nepal has notified them of their whereabouts. Most of the returned children are successfully reunited with families after a short stay at our 30-bed CRRC where all their needs are provided for, including any necessary rehabilitation. In respect of the latter, children can return to Nepal with a range of medical conditions such as scabies after the chronic neglect of the “children’s shelters”. Worse still, others may have severe mental health issues after months, even years of de facto imprisonment. At the end of 2018 only 12 repatriated children remained at the CRRC, the empty bed spaces a testament to our success and the hard work and compassion of ChoraChori-Nepal staff.

Educational and vocational training support to returnees from India

ChoraChori provides non-formal and formal education support to children who cannot be reunited with their families (e.g. if families cannot be found or if children are runaways from domestic abuse). The children attend the local state school which is one of the best in Nepal. For older children we also offer vocational training, funding residential courses at training establishments in Kathmandu. Although quite expensive, this is a very cost-effective approach and graduates from these training colleges are guaranteed employment. An example is Youshan, pictured right, who during the summer of 2018 graduated from the top catering college in Kathmandu. This is a remarkable result for a former street child whom we retrieved from a “children’s shelter” in India in December 2016.



A proud Youshan with CRRC manager, Rita Mokhtan

Educational support to local schools

In 2018 we funded capital development projects at two government schools in Kathmandu valley, Shree Buddha and Shree Ganesh. At Shree Buddha, which serves 350 pupils, we provided piped water and toilets. Previously the school relied upon a nearby, contaminated river, for its water and pupils had been using the river bank for open defecation. Shree Ganesh secondary school is attended by 147 pupils most of whom come from the highly marginalised Danuwar community. In common with many government schools, the majority of the students are girls (85 girls vs 62 boys). This is a reflection of parental discrimination in that they choose to invest what money they have in their sons by sending them to better-resourced private schools. At Shree Ganesh the pupils had been “taught” computer studies without access to any computers. We remedied that by setting up a computer suite with new computers.

Educational and training support to girls from Tipling (Dhading District) and Jhapa District

In June 2016 we were approached by Jesuit priests who asked our assistance with completing the education of trafficking-prone girls from Tipling, Dhading District. Their villages and prospects had been devastated by the earthquakes and although these ten girls had completed the coveted School Leaver’s Certificate (SLC) examination (tenth grade) they no longer had the possibility of progressing their education locally. So we agreed to bring these girls, aged 16-18, to Kathmandu where they could attend Kitini College. Our aim was to do this over two years, combining their education with skills training. The programme has continued ever since with a total of 20 girls joining education, of whom 10 have successfully completed Higher Secondary education. This aspect of our work has been funded through the Soroptimist International President’s Appeal, although there has been some significant additional income through the sale of the girls’ felt craft products at fairs in the UK.

In July 2018 we brought ten girls from a very different part of Nepal to join in-house vocational training. They are from Jhapa, Nepal's most south-eastern District which is home to the tea plantations. Out of Nepal's 75 Districts, Jhapa has the highest incidence of sexual assault, rape and indeed of girl suicide. There are few employment opportunities in Jhapa beyond the de facto slavery in the plantations so these girls, who are school dropouts, are highly vulnerable. After initial introductory training in candle-making led by UK volunteer David Mintz, the girls started a six month tailoring training course as a pilot for a larger programme in 2019. At the end of the course the girls will have skills for life and will leave with their own sewing machines and the continued support of ChoraChori field staff.



David Mintz teaching candle making

Individual child welfare cases

From time to time ChoraChori-Nepal intervenes to support individual children in distress in its immediate locality. In this reporting period the NGO supported the welfare and education of one girl through our special "Patron's Fund" to meet this need. In addition, two sisters have had their care funded by The Soroptimist International on Devon-Taranaki Club in New Zealand. The elder of the two sisters, Ina, scored a remarkable success in the 2018 SEE (Grade 10) examinations with an "Excellent" A grade which means a score of 80-90%. With ChoraChori's support she has now joined Higher Secondary education and is studying management. Ina is a perfect example of what can be achieved with targeted long term financial support to individual children.

Support to contemporary circus training

ChoraChori has supported the training of two contemporary circus performers in Nepal, both of them trafficking survivors. This was in association with Ali Williams Consultancy (UK) and Cirkus Xanti in Norway who provided the funding. In 2018 the performers toured in Norway with the highly acclaimed "As a Tiger in The Jungle" circus production that told the story of how the two of them had been trafficked. They had two shows at Sandvicka Kulturhus (800 people), two sell-out shows at Porsgrunn International Theatre (700 people), Sandvicka Circus Village (90 people) and at Oslo circus village (190 people). At the circus villages they also were involved in workshops that benefited approximately 500 children and young people.

Public Benefit

The public benefit in 2018 can be summarised as follows:

- Support to 18 child rape victims and their families. Our legal team has been involved in 16 prosecutions
- The rescue of 143 children from India.
- The reintegration of 127 children with their families
- Care to 135 children at CRRC, with 36 there at the time of writing
- Vocational training support to 4 children through external training providers
- Educational support to 20 girls from Tipling and vocational training support to 10 girls from Jhapa
- A total of 497 children have benefited from capital development projects at two government schools
- Three girls have benefited from individual educational support

- Circus performances in Norway have been seen by a total of 1,780 people with 500 children and young people taking part in circus workshops
- We instigated two major articles about child rape in the main English language weekly, the Nepal Times. This has a weekly readership of 125,000, so a potential total of 250,000.

Future Plans

Child Rape

Our strategic aim is to increase ChoraChori-Nepal's presence by establishing two new field offices, with associated girls' hostels, in the rural Districts where sexual assault and rape are the worst. These are likely to be in Jhapa District in the east and in Banke District in the west. Each centre will have its own legal team, with dedicated transport, to help support victims and their families. In Kathmandu we anticipate appointing a new Clinical Director thereby increasing the therapeutic team from two to three.

Child Rescue from India

In 2019 we will continue to network with Nepal's Central Child Welfare Board and with government bodies in India. Subject to funding being available, we will extend our reach further south into India, principally focussing on children's shelters in Bangalore and Mumbai.

Children's Refuge and Rehabilitation Centre

In spite of our successful reintegration of 95% of children rescued from India, the CRRC has acquired a small number of children for whom there is no prospect of reunification (e.g. if they ran away from domestic abuse in the first place). This is a potential problem as the facility is designed to be a transit refuge and if bed spaces are taken up by a potentially growing number of long term residents this can mean that rescues may have to be curtailed. Also, in the past year it has become a management challenge to have boys rescued from India staying on the same site as child rape survivors. Therefore, as a priority in early 2019 we will open a transit boys' hostel at a nearby location in a joint venture with Gandys Foundation. Subject to a successful grant application we plan to open a residential care unit that can provide for the children who have no homes to go to. We hope that this can become a stepping stone to foster care arrangements, these being still in their infancy in Nepal.

Vocational training

From January 2019 we will operate two six month long tailoring courses primarily for girls from Jhapa. In late 2019 these will link in with the funding from the Soroptimist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland funding that will support the setting up of a girls' hostel for such trainees while in Kathmandu. We aim to combine this training with income generation through making products that are suitable for sale locally and internationally. This will contribute towards programme sustainability.

Tipling programme

We expect to close down the Tipling girls' programme as the funding line for this runs out and given that schools in Tipling have now been rebuilt.

Contemporary Circus

"As a Tiger in the Jungle" will return to the UK in 2019 for a three month tour and will play as part of a ChoraChori fundraiser in London in May.

Financial Review

In 2018 ChoraChori derived its support from a broad range of sources:

- 38 UK grant-making Trusts and one corporate Foundation (total value £63,500), of which 14 were first time donors
- A UK corporate donates £3,000 per month
- The Soroptimist International President's Appeal - £15,000 as the final tranche of a £40,000 grant towards education and training of Tipling girls
- A Hong Kong-based Foundation donated £7,600 towards vocational training
- A German Foundation, Hatemalo, which is a regular donor, donated £5,000 towards trauma management
- A Swiss Foundation, donated £4,960 towards a school capital development project
- The general public donated £69,996 in response to quarterly e-updates, individual initiatives, and an online appeal, The Big Give Christmas Challenge.

There is some overlap in the above; for example, the Big Give Christmas Challenge income (which totalled £66,934) is a combination of public and Trust donations. A new and major market from late 2019 will be the clubs of the Soroptimist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland who will effectively become a new fundraising partner.

The charity showed a 15% increase in income over 2017 with a return to an operating surplus. At the start of 2019 cash holdings were £129,280 which is almost exactly double those from January 2018. Free reserves have increased from £16,902 to £18,500. These are below the Trustees target reserves level (see below), however unrestricted income is very healthy and there is good reason to expect continued strong growth in both income and in reserves.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aspire to holding unrestricted funds equating to six months of UK operating costs (currently £40,000) and will continue to work towards achieving that goal through donations, grants, challenges and events. In addition, the charity is building a local reserve in Nepal for ChoraChori-Nepal should it need to cease operation due to unforeseen reasons. This fund – which does not feature in these accounts - currently stands at £10,000 and we aspire to having double that available locally as soon as possible and by no later than the end of 2019.

Risk management

The Trustees have considered the risks to which ChoraChori may be exposed and are content that the overall risks to the Foundation are mitigated to an acceptable level. The Trustees maintain a risk register as an annex to the Business Plan; both documents are reviewed quarterly at Trustee meetings.

Conclusion

In conclusion this has been a fourth highly successful year for ChoraChori at home and in Nepal. We look forward to further growth in 2019.

Statement of the Trustees' responsibilities in respect of the Trustees' annual report and the financial statements


The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 27th March 2019 and signed on their behalf by:



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Clotilde Hunter
Chairman of Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHORACHORI

Report to the trustees of ChoraChori on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2018 which are set out on pages 11-16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period 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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

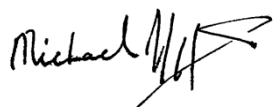
Basis of independent examiner's report

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 principles 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.



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Date: 27th March 2019

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes				
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary Income	2	93,802	174,406	268,208	232,999
		93,802	174,406	268,208	232,999
Incoming resources from charitable activities		-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		93,802	174,406	268,208	232,999
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS					
Cost of generating voluntary income	3	23,146	2,849	25,995	48,020
		23,146	2,849	25,995	48,020
Cost of charitable activities					
Nepal transfers	3	62,724	85,391	148,115	205,997
Operational support, monitoring and evaluation		13,091	-	13,091	-
UK administrative support		10,529	-	10,529	-
Governance		5,445	-	5,445	600
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		114,935	88,240	203,175	254,617
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		(21,133)	86,166	65,033	(21,618)
Transfer between funds		22,731	(22,731)	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		1,598	63,435	65,033	(21,618)
Fund balances brought forward		16,902	47,345	64,247	85,865
FUND BALANCES AT 31 December		18,500	110,780	129,280	64,247

The notes on pages 17-22 form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Notes	2018 £	2017 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	27,903	15,939
Cash at bank		<u>103,844</u>	<u>72,044</u>
		131,747	87,983
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after one year	6	<u>2,467</u>	<u>23,736</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	9	<u>129,280</u>	<u>64,247</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>129,280</u>	<u>64,247</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted Funds	9	18,500	16,902
Restricted Funds	9	<u>110,780</u>	<u>47,345</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>129,280</u>	<u>64,247</u>

The accounts were approved by the board on 27th March and signed on their behalf by:



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Clotilde Hunter



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Brian Muirhead

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP 2005, updated 2008) and applicable UK Accounting Standard and Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming Resources

Grants and donations are included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources. Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included at the same time as the gift to which they relate. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable. Incoming resources from charitable activities are only included in the SOFA in the period in which they are earned.

1.3 Resources Expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. Overhead costs including fundraising costs are managed at 15% of grant income with fundraising being apportioned at 50% of overheads (including the CEO time, he being the sole fundraiser). Other UK costs are apportioned at 20% towards operational support (including visits to Nepal), 20% towards administrative support and 10% towards governance costs. The latter includes the independent examiner's fee and time spent by the CEO on governance issues such as support to the Board e.g. in policy development.

1.4 Tangible Fixed Assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost more than £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

1.5 Accumulated Funds

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors on how they may be used; the purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

2 Analysis of Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
Donations and Grants				
ChoraChori-Nepal head office	-	12,060	12,060	-
Child Rescue from India	-	12,704	12,704	23,533
ChoraChori refuge operation	-	39,693	39,693	55,991
Refuge reserves	-	5,000	5,000	-
Trauma Centre (operation)	-	20,220	20,220	29,573
Trauma Centre (build)	-	-	-	99
Vocational training	-	49,221	49,221	6,800
Child Welfare Fund	-	15,634	15,634	24,469
Education Fund	-	9,558	9,558	16,329
Patron Fund	-	1,110	1,110	-
Shree Chapakharka School	-	-	-	47
Shree Tulasadevi School	-	-	-	7,401
Rayale School	-	-	-	607
Circus	-	6,357	6,357	3,693
Floods	-	-	-	13,349
Fundraising expenses	-	2,849	2,849	-
Unrestricted	93,802	-	93,802	51,109
Total	93,802	174,406	268,208	232,999

3 Analysis of Resources Expended

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2018	Total 2017
Cost of generating funds				
Staff costs	20,881	-	20,881	41,258
Event (Big Give)	238	2,849	3,087	-
Website costs	69	-	69	1,560
Travel and subsistence	1,356	-	1,356	3,114
Printing	110	-	110	-
Advertising	90	-	90	-
Publications	107	-	107	-
IT and accountancy	-	-	-	479
Telephone	-	-	-	55
Postage and stationery	146	-	146	1,107
Training	149	-	149	388
Justgiving	-	-	-	36
Licences	-	-	-	24
Subtotal	23,146	2,849	25,996	48,020

Nepal project costs

ChoraChori-Nepal Head Office	21,230	-	21,230	-
Child rescue	10,244	14,350	24,594	13,014
Children's Refuge and Rehabilitation Centre	22,486	12,254	34,740	57,906
Refuge reserve fund	31	5,000	5,031	-
Trauma Management Centre (build)	-	-	-	57,968

Nepal project costs (continued)

Trauma Centre (operation)	8,427	9,630	18,057	20,298
Vocational training	-	15,159	15,159	4,250
Child Welfare Fund	-	15,524	15,524	15,049
Education Fund	306	8,563	8,870	16,596
Circus	-	4,911	4,911	2,393
Patron Fund	-	-	-	903
Floods	-	-	-	13,320
Gabriel's Fund	-	-	-	4,300
UK operational support, monitoring and evaluation	13,091	-	13,091	-
Subtotal	75,815	85,391	161,206	205,997
UK costs				
Administrative support	10,529		10,529	-
Governance	5,445		5,445	600
Subtotal	15,974		15,974	600
Total	91,789	85,391	177,180	206,597

4 Staff Costs

	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£
Salaries and wages	39,760	39,760
Social security	1,241	1,498
Pension	1,610	-
Total	42,611	41,258

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000. The total amount paid to key management personnel for their services to the charity is £42,611 (2017: £41,258). The average number of employees during the year was 1 (2017: 1).

5 Debtors

	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£
Debtors and prepayments	24,470	15,136
Gift Aid claimed	3,433	803
Total	27,903	15,939

6 Creditors and Accruals

	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£
Taxation/social security/pension	1,667	5,081
Accountancy fee	800	726
Nepal projects	-	17,929
Total	2,467	23,736

7 Restricted Funds

Funds held

Fund Name	Purpose
ChoraChori-Nepal head office	<i>Funds raised towards the operating costs of the ChoraChori-Nepal head office in Nepal.</i>
Child Rescue from India	<i>Funds raised for the rescue of displaced and trafficked Nepalese children from India</i>
ChoraChori Refuge Operation	<i>Funds raised towards the operation of a refuge in Kathmandu that acts as a transit shelter for children rescued from India prior to family reunification</i>
Refuge Reserves	<i>Funds transferred to ChoraChori-Nepal to hold in reserve in case the Nepal operation needs to be closed down due to unforeseen circumstances</i>
Trauma Centre (operation)	<i>Funds raised to meet the operating costs of the child trauma management centre that is colocated with the ChoraChori-Nepal refuge</i>
Trauma Centre (build)	<i>Funds raised by a cycle challenge in 2016 towards the building of the child trauma management centre. This fund is now closed.</i>
Vocational training	<i>Funds raised for in-house vocational training and for courses by external training providers</i>
Child Welfare Fund	<i>Funds raised in support of individual children and for "The Tipling Girls"</i>
Patron Fund	<i>Funds donated by our Patron towards supporting needy individuals identified during his visit to Nepal</i>
Education Fund	<i>Funds raised through grant application towards supporting education projects and revenue costs at local government schools</i>
Shree Chapakharka School	<i>Funds received towards the rebuild of Shree Chapakharka School following the earthquake. This fund is now closed.</i>
Shree Tulasadevi School	<i>Funds received towards the rebuild of Shree Tulasadevi School following the earthquake. This fund is now closed.</i>
Rayale School	<i>Funds received towards the rebuild of Rayale School following the earthquake. This fund is now closed.</i>
Circus	<i>Funds raised for training beneficiaries in contemporary circus skills</i>
Floods	<i>Funds raised for emergency relief and reconstruction following floods and landslides in Nepal in August 2017</i>

8 Movement of Funds

	Fund balances b/f £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances c/f £
Restricted Funds					
ChoraChori-Nepal head office	-	12,060	-	-	12,060
Child rescue	13,850	12,704	(14,350)	(2,154)	10,050
ChoraChori children's refuge	10,415	39,693	(12,254)	(6,517)	31,337
Refuge reserves	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Trauma Centre (operation)	7,716	20,220	(9,630)	(3,231)	15,075
Vocational training	2,550	49,221	(15,159)	(7,544)	29,067
Education	40	9,558	(8,563)	(1,035)	-
Child Welfare Fund	9,853	15,634	(15,524)	(2,250)	7,713
Circus	1,300	6,357	(4,911)	-	2,747
Patron	1,592	1,110	-	-	2,702
Fundraising	-	2,849	(2,849)	-	-
Floods	29	-	-	-	29
Total Restricted Funds	47,345	174,406	(150,969)	(22,731)	110,780
Unrestricted Funds					
Big Give/grant FCR	-	-	-	22,731	22,731
Nepal projects	-	-	(62,724)	-	(62,724)
UK operational support	-	-	(13,091)	-	(13,091)
Governance	-	-	(5,445)	-	(5,445)
UK office costs	-	-	(10,529)	-	(10,529)
Fundraising	-	93,802	(23,146)	-	70,656
Reserves	16,902	-	-	-	16,902
Total Unrestricted Funds	16,902	116,533	(114,935)	22,731	18,500

9 Allocation of Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
Net Current Assets	18,500	110,780	129,280	64,247
Total Net Assets	18,500	110,780	129,280	64,247

10 Transactions with Related Parties

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

Philip Holmes is the CEO and received a salary of £39,760 (2017: £39,760).

11 Taxation

The charity is not liable to taxation on the revenue from its primary activities or on its investment income as it is a registered charity.

12 Controlling party

The charity was controlled by the board of Trustees throughout the current year.