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Encouraging local communities in Africa

Report and Receipts and Payment Account

For the Year ended 31 December 2015



LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Status

Ukuthasa is constituted under a trust deed dated 3 May 1996 and deed of amendment dated 12 September 2006. It is a registered charity, number 1055539.

Trustees

Karen Barnes
Trevor Blackmur (Treasurer)
Christopher Wilks (Chairman)
Lynne-Anne West
Gary Welsh
Garth Vincer
Pete Kerly (resigned 10 October 2015)
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the receipts and payments accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2015.

The legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

Letter from the Chairman

I take great pleasure in providing a report of **Ukuthasa** activity during 2015.

We have made some progress in increasing our regular monthly donor support base and we have maintained our 2014 increase in the percentage of funds donated going to directly benefit our supported and partner projects.

We remain in partnership with **Emyezweni School**, **Choices Centre** and the **Helderberg Academy** issuing various grants during the year as well as regular sponsorship for our supported classes at **Emyezweni School**.

Particular highlights of the year have been:

- **Emyezweni** receiving 20 large boxes full of much needed resources which had been freighted by sea from the UK. The contents included clothes, books and educational games. The arrival, unpacking and distribution of the gifted supplies caused much celebration amongst the Emyezweni community.
- In July, we supported **Choices** in the re-opening of the **Skills Development Programme** and the **Residential Unit**.
- The **Choices Baby Saver Project** rescued a newborn baby boy.
- **Emyezweni** experienced and survived an armed robbery and as a result **Ukuthasa** now supports the provision of security during school hours.
- The **Emyezweni** building suffered severe damage when a pylon fell on to the asbestos roof. Fortunately the local authority took responsibility for the cost and project management of the extensive repairs required to enable the school to be re-opened.
- Long standing supporter, Peter Kerly, resigned as an **Ukuthasa** Trustee and was replaced by his wife, Tracy, who is already making a significant contribution to **Ukuthasa**.
- Supporter, Adrian Hair, celebrated his birthday and requested his birthday gifts to be donated to **Ukuthasa**.
- Jackie Roberts raised £150 by hosting Movie nights.

None of the above would have been possible without the remarkable support of our donors, volunteers, staff and Trustees and it is my sincere pleasure to extend our grateful thanks to all of you.

We remain dependent on the generosity and ingenuity of the many who remain committed to making a difference by trusting **Ukuthasa** with their donations. Thank you all so much!

We remain active in supporting various local communities in the areas of advocacy, education, training and empowerment.

We are looking forward to another year of activity, building on past experience, our trusted reputation and the commitment of our community of supporters.

Chris Wilks, Chairperson, **Ukuthasa**

Objectives

The trustees shall hold the trust fund and its income upon trust to apply them for the following objects (“the objects”) in Africa (the “area of benefit”)

- the relief of poverty, particularly by the provision of assistance in the building of housing for persons living in squatter communities,
- the protection and preservation of public health to establish a health centre and nutrition centre,
- the advancement of education by the provision of vocational skills training and a pre-school education project.

There have been no changes in objectives since the last annual report.

Activities, achievements, performance and future developments

The Trustees' aims for the year were:

To provide ad hoc HIV training and development to project partners working with us in Africa.

To continue the support of **Choices Crisis Pregnancy Centre**.

To continue the support of **Emyezweni School** in Lwandle.

To continue to support projects which provide mentorship and life-skills training to children and young people in disadvantaged communities, principally through the **Helderberg Academy**.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

In urban areas (where treatment is available and accessible) we are working with educators and other service providers, who in turn seek to influence their local communities to understand HIV infection routes and impacts, in order that they can better defend themselves against the devastating effects of the virus. This extends to substantial support of **Emyezweni Day Care and Primary School**, as well as projects working with teenagers in secondary schools and interventions for women at risk (**Choices Crises Pregnancy Centre**).

We continue to support projects which provide mentorship and life-skills training to children and young people in disadvantaged areas (**Helderberg Academy**).

Summary of the main achievements

Sponsorship of 22 children at the **Emyezweni Day Care and Primary School**.

HIV training and development continues and proves successful within the community.

Support to women in crisis as a result of pregnancy continues at **Choices**.

Life-skills training and mentorship through sport continues through support of the **Helderberg Academy** holiday club sponsorship.

After careful review, **Emyezweni School** takes the decision to return to operate as day care and nursery to reception class school.

Ukuthasa continues to partner with the **Helderberg Academy**, **Choices Crisis Pregnancy Centre** and **Emyezweni Day Care and Primary School**.

Financial review

The financial performance of the charity is shown on the accompanying receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have agreed to have reserves sufficient to fund existing projects (including employees' wages) for a minimum of six months. Where a project has less than six months to run, the reserve for that project will reduce on a monthly basis. The reserve figure is calculated by the treasurer, and at each trustees meeting the trustees are informed of the state of the finances and reserves.

Risk management

The trustees consider that there are no major strategic, business or operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that they will review these on a regular basis.

Public Benefit Statement

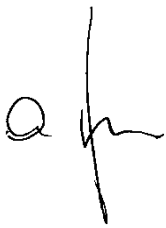
The activities currently carried out for the public benefit by the charity can be broadly categorised into the following groups of programmes where we support local communities:

- Support for education: Emyezweni Pre-school
- Empowerment of local communities: through peer education projects and the Helderberg Academy.

The common feature of all these programmes is that we are working with the most vulnerable groups in Africa.

In setting our programme each year we have regard to both the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and prevention, and relief of poverty for the public benefit. The Trustees always ensure that the programmes we undertake are in line with our charitable objects and aims.

Our ambitious aim is to support communities in the areas where we work so that they are able to live healthily, and support their immediate and extended families.



Chris Wilks

Chairperson

Date: 17 October 2016

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF UKUTHASA

I report on the accounts of Ukuthasa for the year ended 31 December 2015, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustee 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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- 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 the 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 examiners' statement

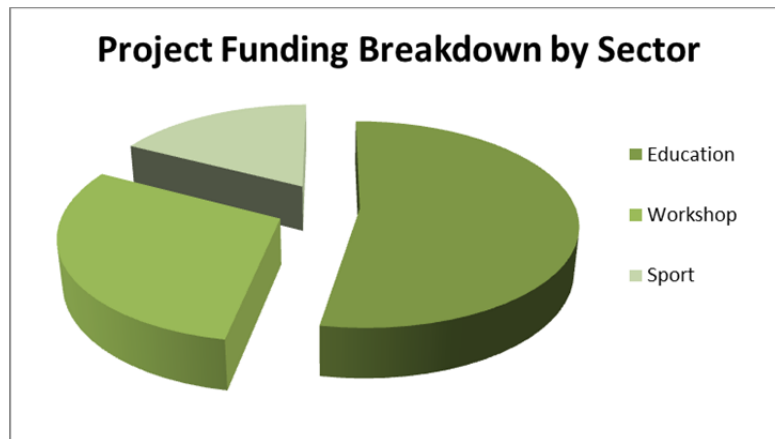
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act and;
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- 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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Graphical representations of the receipts and payments pages 7 - 9.



The above chart represents all active projects to 31 December 2015 allocated within the sectors of focus that **Ukuthasa** supports.

