



## **Rays of Sunshine**

### **Annual Report and Financial Statements**

Year ended 30 June 2023

Charity Registration Number 1102529

Company Limited by Guarantee  
Registration Number  
04860607 (England and Wales)

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## **Board of Trustees Annual Report**

The Board of Trustees presents its report and audited financial statement for the year ended 30 June 2023 with comparative information for the 18 months period to 30 June 2022.

### **Reference and Administrative Information:**

- Charity name: Rays of Sunshine
- Charity registration number: 1102529
- Company Limited by Guarantee. Registration Number: 04860607
- Operational Address: 4th Floor, Berkeley House, 304 Regents Park Road, London, N3 2SY

### **Board of trustees**

Mr Stephen Allan (Chair)

Mr Justin Randall FCA (Treasurer)

Mr Daniel Coleman

Dr Ronelle Naidoo

Mr Divyesh Papat

Mrs Jane Sharpe

**Chief Executive Officer:** Mr Daniel Assor (from October 2023)

**Auditor:** Buzzacott LLP, 130 Wood Street, London, EC2V 6DL

**Bankers:** Barclays Bank pic, 27 Soho Square, London, W1D 3QR

**Solicitors:** Ingram Winter Green LLP, Bedford House, 21A John Street, London WC1N 2BF

### **Structure Governance and Management**

#### **Governing Document**

Rays of Sunshine is incorporated as a charitable company limited by guarantee (charity number 1102529, company number 04860607). It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, as amended by a special and a written resolution dated 16 May 2011.

The Trustees are also the directors for the purpose of company law.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

## **Organisational Structure**

Rays of Sunshine's Articles of Association provide for a minimum of four and a maximum of 15 Trustees. The Board of Trustees meet on a quarterly basis and takes overall responsibility for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

A scheme of delegation is in place such that responsibility for the provision of the charity's day-to-day operational activities, charitable services, execution of the strategic plan and supervision of the Senior Management Team (SMT) rests with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

The CEO is supported in these duties by the SMT, working also with relevant support and oversight committees including (but not limited to) the Executive Board, the Administration and Finance Committee, the Risk Committee and the Safeguarding Committee. The CEO attends all Trustee and Executive Board meetings.

## **Trustee recruitment, appointment induction and training**

Where there is a requirement for new Trustees, these are recruited and appointed by the existing Trustees, who undertake this duty with due regard for the skills, experience and knowledge necessary to support existing Trustees in discharging their obligations.

New Trustees are invited to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates by way of visiting the operational premises and meeting key internal and external stakeholders. Induction is jointly led by the Chair of the Board of Trustees and the CEO and covers:

- Trustee obligations - drawn from various Charity Commission publications;
- The main documents which set out the charity's operational framework, including the Memorandum and Articles and key policies and plans;
- The charity's financial position as set out in the published accounts; and
- The charity's progress against goals and objectives as set out in CEO board reports and the associated minutes and future plans.

## **Committees and related parties**

### ***The Executive Board***

The Executive Board consists of individuals who are charity founders, industry experts, and longstanding supporters. Its purpose is to provide the Board of Trustees and the CEO with valuable advice, fundraising support, and additional oversight regarding the progress and performance of the charity. The members during the stated period were:

- Mrs Hayley Allan
- Mr Stephen Allan

- Mr Tim Allan
- Mr Richard Burston
- Mr Grant Fox
- Mr David Saul
- Mr Mark Shipman
- Mr Jonathan Vandermolen

### **The Administration and Finance Committee**

The Administration and Finance Committee consists of individuals selected from the Board of Trustees, the Executive Board, and professionals from the finance industry. Its primary responsibility entails evaluating the financial status of the charity and providing guidance to the Board of Trustees regarding the execution of financial strategies on behalf of the charity. These committee meetings, which occur on a quarterly basis, are chaired by the Treasurer and attended by the CEO, the Head of Finance and the Head of Operations. These meetings are conducted prior to the Board of Trustee meetings. The members during the stated period were:

- Mr Justin Randall (Chair and Treasurer)
- Mr Daniel Assor CEO (from October 2023)
- Mr Richard Burston
- Mrs Jane Sharpe

### **The Risk Committee and Risk Management**

In September 2021, an independent advisory group was established under the leadership of Mr. James Martin, a volunteer industry expert. This committee assumes the responsibility for the creation and continuous oversight of the charity's risk register, providing quarterly reports to the Board of Trustees. The Board meets quarterly. The members during the stated period were:

- Mr James Martin (Committee Chair)
- Mr Daniel Coleman
- Mr Divyesh Popat
- Mr Justin Randall FCA

### **Medical Advisers**

All the medical advisers to the charity are GMC registered practising Consultant Paediatricians, who provide their advice and support entirely voluntarily. Drawn from across a wide range of subspecialties, including neuro disability, cardiology, gastroenterology and

oncology, their combined experience enables them to advise the charity on the wide range of conditions that may fall within the charity's mission.

The medical advisers also support the wish team in determining whether applicants meet the medical eligibility criteria, where necessary attending (weekly) wish meetings to assess and advise on more complex cases. During the period, the medical advisers were:

- Dr Nick Barnes
- Dr Matthew Fenton (resigned September 2022)
- Dr Warren Hyer
- Dr Kerry Robinson (resigned September 2022)

### **Other Advisory Panels**

Rays of Sunshine regularly consults with wish children, their parents/carers, hospital play specialists and nursing and medical experts about the services and activities we provide. The charity uses these insights to ensure the services delivered truly meet the needs of seriously and terminally ill children.

### **Principal Risks**

Rays of Sunshine conducted a comprehensive review of the major risks facing the charity, identifying key areas that require ongoing attention and mitigation strategies. The Board of Trustees actively monitors and manages these risks to ensure the charity's continued success in fulfilling its mission of granting wishes to seriously ill children.

### **Key Principal Risks and Mitigation Strategies:**

1. Leadership and Culture:
  - Maintaining a strong leadership team and fostering a positive organisational culture to attract and retain talented staff.
2. Strategy and Planning:
  - Adapting strategic plans to address changing beneficiary needs and evolving fundraising landscapes.
3. Staffing and Organisational Memory:
  - Addressing pandemic-related staff turnover by rebuilding organisational memory through recruitment and retention initiatives.
4. Services - Quality, Type, and Delivery:
  - Adapting and updating services to meet changing beneficiary needs, including fulfilling 'on hold' overseas travel wishes.

5. Safeguarding:

- Actively reviewing and improving safeguarding obligations through policy development, enhanced training, and designated board appointments.

6. Governance, Regulatory, and Compliance Risks:

- Strengthening organisational resilience to shocks and harms by improving internal governance and protections, including data and cybersecurity.

7. Financial Risks:

- Adopting innovative approaches to meeting income targets despite challenging fundraising landscapes, utilising online platforms and high-profile events.

8. Operational Risks:

- Ensuring compliance with health and safety regulations for staff, beneficiaries, and volunteers through periodic reviews of internal procedures.

9. Information Governance, IT Security, and Business Continuity:

- Maintaining robust data protection and cybersecurity measures to safeguard sensitive information and ensure business continuity.

Rays of Sunshine is committed to proactively managing risks to safeguard its operations, reputation, and ability to deliver on its mission. The charity's comprehensive risk management framework and ongoing vigilance ensure its continued success in bringing joy and hope to seriously ill children.

## **Objectives and Activities**

### **Mission**

The charity's mission is to relieve the suffering of children and young people who have illnesses or disabilities causing limited life expectancy or who suffer from long-term physical or mental disabilities (including learning disabilities). There have been no changes to the charity's mission over the years.

### **Core Activities**

Based solely in the four nations of the United Kingdom, Rays of Sunshine works tirelessly to deliver on this core purpose by:

- Fulfilling magical wish requests from children aged between three and eighteen who are living with, or have suffered from, very serious, life-threatening, life-limiting or life-changing illnesses and conditions.
- Always seeking to fulfil these wishes in ways that enable the child's loved ones to be part of the process, thereby creating a deeply meaningful and shared experience for whole families, which they can treasure forever.
- Keeping our wish children and their families in mind by holding large and small-scale remote and in-person special events and activities throughout the year.
- Supporting seriously ill children in hospitals and hospices through:
  - Fulfilling 'ward wishes' and 'ward grants' to enable the creation of beautiful, soothing, entertaining, or distracting spaces for our children to use and enjoy.
  - The provision of specialist play equipment, tailored to specific sensory needs, to soothe and distract those children who are undergoing stressful or painful procedures.
  - Delivering wonderful remote and in-person hospital and hospice activity days throughout the UK.

### **Strategy**

In order to uphold these fundamental goals and guarantee their achievability and effectiveness, particularly as the charity transitions from the post-pandemic phase to a comprehensive wish program, we have implemented a strategy that:

- Focuses on the quality of the wish-granting program; ensuring each child is at the very heart of the process and expectations are not just met but exceeded.
- Increases team capacity and training to ensure wish numbers continue to rise and unnecessary waiting times are eradicated.



- Prioritises and supports the development of an agile in-house team who are experts at working across remote and in-person platforms and are 'future fit' - able to deliver on all wish types, irrespective of pandemic restrictions, without compromising on quality and skilled communications with families and children under difficult circumstances.
- Delivers against our pre-pandemic international travel commitments.
- Builds engagement with key clinical staff, including hospital and hospice teams, to make sure we keep delivering what the children need in these settings, attract applications, and continue to provide a sensitive and rapid response to urgent 'rush' wishes in the critically or terminally unwell.
- Attends to organisational resilience, sustainability, effectiveness, memory and culture and the protection of staff and beneficiaries, through the active strengthening of internal processes and governance systems.
- Continues to build a sustainable and diversified income stream.
- Builds our profile and visibility across a range of platforms.

### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees affirm their unwavering commitment to fulfilling the public benefit requirement as stipulated in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011, ensuring that all activities undertaken by Rays of Sunshine serve the greater good.

Our compassionate services extend to all seriously ill children between the ages of three and eighteen residing in the UK.

Rays of Sunshine stands in unwavering solidarity with children facing the daunting challenges of serious, life-threatening, or terminal illnesses. We believe that our work is of paramount importance in providing these children with uplifting, exciting, and magical experiences, creating cherished memories that offer solace and hope during difficult times.

Our approach is deeply rooted in fostering joy, providing distraction, forging long-lasting connections, involving entire families in planned activities, and prioritising a child's needs during hospitalisation. We believe that this holistic approach can be truly transformative in alleviating anxiety, suffering, and isolation among this vulnerable group, thereby contributing significantly to the public good.

### **Achievements and Performance**

During the period from 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, Rays of Sunshine achieved significant milestones. We recognised the unique struggles faced by individuals with serious illnesses and remained committed to our mission of alleviating their suffering and providing comfort.

By actively listening to our beneficiaries and collaborating with healthcare professionals, we gained valuable insights into where our impact could be greatest. We focused on finding

meaningful and joyful ways to support seriously ill children throughout their difficult journeys.

Our wish-granting services and additional supportive programs proved immensely valuable to the children we serve. Beyond mere gifts or outings, these services brought genuine moments of joy to our beneficiaries and their families. We aimed to remind them that they are not alone or forgotten and that normal experiences are still possible, even in the face of illness.

We expanded our work to encompass various settings, fostering a deep sense of connection and community for the children and their families. Our hope is that they find solace in knowing that they are constantly in the thoughts of our generous donors and unwavering supporters.

## **The Wish Programme**

Rays of Sunshine's dedicated supporters played a crucial role in enabling us to fulfil 329 remarkable wishes for seriously ill children throughout the financial year 2022/23. Our plans for 2023/24 currently exceed 550 wishes.

Rays of Sunshine actively works towards granting personalised wishes as unique as the children themselves. Whether a child aspires to experience a day as a princess or a firefighter, own an iPad, meet their favourite celebrity, or encounter a genuine mermaid, our team endeavours tirelessly to transform their dreams into reality.

The pandemic posed significant obstacles for Rays of Sunshine and the families we assist. Many wishes and events had to be either cancelled, delayed, or altered. Nevertheless, with revitalised determination, the period of 2022/23 represented our successful restoration of a comprehensive wish program encompassing in-person interactions, at-home experiences, and the resumption of fulfilled travel desires.

Noteworthy achievements include:

- Organising 12 Christmas events, attended by 546 children and young individuals across the UK.
- Facilitating 11 visits to Legoland, 23 excursions to Center Parcs, four exclusive shopping experiences at Smyths Toy Superstores, and many more delightful endeavours.
- Applications to international travel wishes were re-opened in January 2023 with a limited number of trips to DisneyWorld Florida, Disneyland Paris and other European destinations.

One of the recipients of a wish in 2022 was Khaliq, whose dream was to experience being a real-life superhero for a day. Consequently, he chose to spend his time at Walton-on-Thames Fire Station, accompanied by its team of dedicated firefighters. Khaliq partook in training sessions on utilising the fire hose, rode in the fire engine, and even had the opportunity to meet the station's highly skilled fire dogs.

Expressing her gratitude, Belynda, Khaliq's mother, conveyed, "Words cannot adequately express my gratitude for making his humble wish come true. The expression on his face was priceless, filled with overwhelming excitement. Upon returning home, he declared it the best day of his life. He was truly a blissful child!"

## **Building a Wish Community**

Our events are designed for children and young people who have received a wish from Rays of Sunshine, and their families.

From the moment the wish is granted, children become part of this community and are invited to join in any of the events which take place throughout the year across the UK.

We offer a 'relaxed', fully accessible environment during our events, so children and young people can feel free to be themselves whilst not being overwhelmed and share valuable time with others in a setting which aims to boost their confidence. The Events Team has been very successful in engaging with Wish Community families and providing them with fun and memorable experiences.

Noteworthy achievements include:

- An exclusive relaxed screening of the new Super Mario Bros. film for Wish Community families at the BFI, London Southbank which was attended by 30 families (123 people). The screening was also preceded by a morning of gaming experiences for families and a Mario-themed breakfast.
- Hosting a roadshow of private regional screenings of Disney's The Little Mermaid in Birmingham, Leeds, Colchester and Wokingham, complete with face-painting and an opportunity for local families to meet each other over coffee.
- Working with Milly Giveaway, Rays of Sunshine was pleased to hold its annual Milly Day which provides unforgettable experiences for children and young people living with serious illnesses.

Our focus this year in events has been to diversify and expand our offering. The team have spent time researching and engaging with our Wish Community to tailor events to popular interests. We are very much a national charity and attach great importance to delivering this offering across the UK, specific to the teenagers/young people in our Wish Community.

### **Rays of Sunshine Choir**

The Rays of Sunshine Choir, a unique initiative, brought together wish children and their siblings to explore their musical talents and express themselves through song. The choir provides a platform for self-expression, confidence-building, and camaraderie.

In 2022/23, the choir underwent a transition from exclusively conducting rehearsals online to adopting a hybrid model that combined in-person workshops and monthly online sessions. This transition coincided with the introduction of a new professional choir leader, Cathrine Hopkins, who joined the team. The Sunshine Choir celebrated their inaugural in-person performance at the Christmas Party.

The move to online monthly sessions has been welcomed by a number of children and their families based all around the UK, who are now able to be a part of this inclusive, confidence-building community by joining sessions from their home.

Throughout this period, the online choir rehearsals continued to yield positive outcomes with the objective of engaging the choir in a wider range of events. The choir organised in-person workshops that centred around themes suggested by the children, encompassing singing, dancing, and acting. To further support the choir children, their parents were provided with care packages and encouraged to establish connections with others.

## **Supporting Seriously Ill Children in Hospitals**

Rays of Sunshine extended its reach beyond wish-granting by providing ongoing support to seriously ill children in hospitals. The charity's efforts focused on creating positive experiences and alleviating the emotional and psychological impact of illness.

This year much of the team's focus was on continuing to rebuild our hospital services following the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, which limited our activity. Working with hospital teams, we have been exploring how we can best support children during their time in hospitals going forwards.

This year the team worked to improve the Sunshine in Hospitals Grant process and enhancing hospital services. Rays of Sunshine received 12 grant applications, with Glasgow Royal Hospital for Children being selected. The hospital was awarded £18,500 for a project to introduce mobile and interactive sensory equipment into the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit to reduce anxiety, promote development and encourage recovery.

The Hospital Services team also reinstated the Play Specialist panel, developed informational materials with QR codes, and participated in events to assist families with wish applications.

Noteworthy achievements include:

- The Play Specialist panel has been reinstated, providing valuable insights into the needs of children's wards.
- Informational materials with QR codes have been developed to facilitate wish applications.
- The team has participated in events like GOSH's 'Get Active' and the British Transplant Games to assist families with wish referral forms.

The achievements of Rays of Sunshine during this period demonstrate our unwavering commitment to providing hope and happiness to seriously ill children and their families. The charity's impact extends beyond wish-granting, fostering a supportive community and enhancing the lives of children facing life-threatening illnesses.

## **Fundraising**

At Rays of Sunshine, we are driven by a profound commitment to enriching the lives of seriously ill children across the United Kingdom. Our mission is to bring joy and hope to these children and their families, creating lasting memories that illuminate their lives during challenging times.

The fulfilment of our mission is made possible by the unwavering support of our generous donors and fundraisers. Without their contributions, the smiles we bring to the faces of these children would simply not be possible. As a non-profit organisation, we do not receive government funding, making every donation a testament to the compassion and kindness of our supporters.

During the 2022/23 financial year, we were deeply touched by the outpouring of generosity from individuals and organisations who shared our vision of bringing sunshine into the lives of seriously ill children. Our fundraising efforts encompassed a diverse range of initiatives, key activities included:

- **Special Events:** We hosted a series of engaging and impactful events, such as gala dinners, charity auctions, and sporting challenges, which brought together our community of supporters and raised £0.53m for our cause.
- **Major Donors and Patrons:** We are incredibly grateful to our major donors and patrons, whose substantial contributions have enabled us to expand the reach of our programs and provide life-changing experiences for countless children.
- **Corporate Partnerships:** We forged valuable partnerships with corporate entities that share our commitment to making a difference in the lives of seriously ill children. These partnerships with Symth's Toys, Lockton's, the Sidemen, BACTA, ICAP Brokers and the Royal Bank of Canada have helped us raise £0.52m and amplified our fundraising efforts.
- **Challenge and Community Fundraising:** We were amazed by the unwavering determination displayed by individuals and groups who took on personal challenges and community-focused endeavours to generate funds for Rays of Sunshine. Their deep enthusiasm and steadfast dedication have served as a profound source of inspiration.

Throughout the financial period, in the wake of the post-pandemic era, we observed the successful organisation of two London Marathons. Both the October 2022 and April 2023 races achieved exceptional fundraising outcomes for Rays of Sunshine, with £145k and £156k being respectively raised from these events.

- **Individual Donations:** Every single donation, regardless of size, has played a crucial role in enabling us to fulfil our mission. We are immensely grateful for the ongoing support of our individual donors, whose generosity has made a profound difference in the lives of so many children.

We extend our gratitude to all our Patrons, partners, individual supporters, Trustees, and Executive Committee members for their unwavering dedication to improving the lives of seriously ill children. Their steadfast commitment serves as a catalyst for our charitable endeavours and motivates our team.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Michael McIntyre for his exceptional performance at our Fundraising Gala Dinner in November 2022. His captivating stage presence and comedic brilliance played a pivotal role in the event's remarkable success, which resulted in a net sum of over £0.3 million.

We are immensely grateful for your unwavering support.

## **Financial Review**

In the 12 months from 01 July 2022, our total income was £2.29m (18 months to 30 June 2022: £4.32m), including fundraising and donations-in-kind. We invested £0.95m in raising this income (18 months to 30 June 2022: £0.73m) and spent £2.42m on charitable activities (18 months to 30 June 2022 £2m), resulting in a deficit of £1.12m (18 months to 30 June 2022: £1.59m surplus) for the year.

Our total expenditure, including unrealised losses on investment, in the year ended 30 June 2023 was £3.41m, which is an increase of 25% compared to the 18 months period ended 30 June 2022 (£2.73m). This reflects a return to full income-generating activities, the resumption of a fully stewarded wish and beneficiary events program, the delivery of international travel wishes and the concomitant rise in staffing and recruitment costs.

## **Reserves policy**

At the balance sheet date of 30 June 2023, the total reserves were £4.02m (30 June 2022: £5.14m) of which £3.94m (30 June 2022: £5.06m) were unrestricted funds and £77k (30 June 2022: £76k) were restricted funds (see note 14).

Our policy pre-Covid has been to maintain 6 to 12 months of budgeted expenditure in order to ensure that we are always able to fulfil wishes, both committed and planned, in the event of a significant decline in our income as a result of a macro-economic event such as that experienced in 2008 and again in 2020.

The trustees are comfortable with a reserves level at the upper end of expectations; this position of relative financial strength enables a final full return to pre-pandemic activity levels and although this is above our normal level of cover we believe this is appropriate for the current uncertain economic climate and would expect the cover to normalise in the medium term.

## Reserves Cover

	Year ended 30 June 2023	Period ended 30 June 2022
Free reserves	3,921,754	5,035,168
Next year's budgeted expenditure	3,426,346	3,184,842
Months' cover	14	19

By 30 June 2023, our total net assets were £4,018,133. Of this, our free reserves were £3,921,754, comprising of unrestricted funds (excluding fixed assets). This figure has taken into account our commitment towards wishes approved but not yet granted where we make a full provision of all anticipated costs still to be incurred.

## Investment Policy

The Trustees have the power to invest in funds as they deem appropriate. The trustees' investment decision during the period was to invest in Government Gilts (January 2025 maturity date) and hold sufficient cash in easily accessible bank accounts with Barclays Bank.

The investment policy is reviewed every 6 months by a sub-committee of the Trustee/Executive Board which reports to the trustees. The policy reflects the trustee's decision to hold reserves in such a manner as to achieve minimum risk/capital preservation and liquidity to meet the Charity's obligations as and when they fall due.

## Fundraising Communication

The charity is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and is committed to our fundraising being legal, open, honest, respectful, and meeting the standards set in the Fundraising Code of Practice.

We communicate with our supporters through a variation of emails, direct mailings and telephone calls. We also ensure that nobody who appears to be vulnerable is asked to commit to giving.

Our values and heritage are strongly based on relationship-driven fundraising rather than high-volume mass funding and we continue to be committed to our relationship-focused approach to income generation and growth.

Most of our fundraising is managed by our staff with the support of our Executive Board members and volunteers. We do not employ any professional fundraising organisations.



### **Communication and Complaints:**

Rays of Sunshine logs all feedback, whether positive or negative, actively adopting a learning approach to strengthen systems and improve performance. Incidents —including safeguarding incidents —and complaints are regularly reviewed in accordance with relevant policy documents.

Rays of Sunshine received one complaint during the period and no fundraising complaints. All were comprehensively investigated and closed with detailed responses to the complainants.

### **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

Rays of Sunshine is committed to equality of access to our services for all eligible children. Plans to overcome barriers to access, including those arising from language barriers, social deprivation and differing sensory needs, are in the process of being rolled out.

Rays of Sunshine actively uses recruitment and workplace policies and procedures to uphold our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion.

### **Going Concern Assessment**

The charity's level of free reserves remains healthy, and the Board of Trustees are of the opinion that the charity remains a going concern for at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements. The trustees anticipate that there will be a challenging fundraising landscape in the next few years. Future expenditure commitments are carefully considered in light of free reserve levels and the ongoing financial position of the charity.

## **Declarations**

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees, who are also the directors of Rays of Sunshine for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards 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 operation.

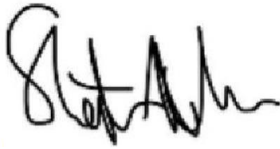
The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

### **Disclosure of Information to Auditors**

Each of the Trustees has confirmed there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditors are aware of such information.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Steph A. ...', written over a horizontal line.

Chair of the Trustees

Approved on: 31 January 2024

## **Independent auditor's report to the members of Rays of Sunshine**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Rays of Sunshine (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 June 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 June 2023 and of its income and expenditure for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law, has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

## **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

## **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement in the trustees' annual report, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

## **How the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud**

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charitable company through discussions with management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006;

- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting correspondence; and
- we identified laws and regulations which were communicated within the audit team and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered capable of detecting there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in the accounting policies were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities including fraud (continued) and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Shachi Blakemore (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of Buzzacott LLP, Statutory Auditor  
130 Wood Street  
London  
EC2V 6DL



## Statement of Financial Activities

(including income and expenditure account)  
Year ended 30 June 2023

		Year ended 30 June 2023			Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	18 months to 30 June 2022
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	(restated) £	£	Total funds £
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	1	1,621,848	35,565	1,657,413	4,062,062	10,000	4,072,062
Gifts in kind	2	567,790	—	567,790	152,519	—	152,519
Other trading activities	3	53,775	—	53,775	87,949	—	87,949
Investments		11,325	—	11,325	2,963	—	2,963
Other income		27	—	27	2,416	—	2,416
<b>Total income</b>		<b>2,254,765</b>	<b>35,565</b>	<b>2,290,330</b>	4,307,909	10,000	4,317,909
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	4	947,501	—	947,501	730,328	—	730,328
Charitable activities	5	2,365,084	52,429	2,417,513	1,966,843	33,465	2,000,308
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>3,312,585</b>	<b>52,429</b>	<b>3,365,014</b>	2,697,171	33,465	2,730,636
<b>Net income (expenditure) before net gains / (losses) on investments</b>		<b>(1,057,820)</b>	<b>(16,864)</b>	<b>(1,074,684)</b>	1,610,738	(23,465)	1,587,273
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investment		(43,913)	—	(43,913)	—	—	—
<b>Net (expenditure) income before transfers</b>		<b>(1,101,733)</b>	<b>(16,864)</b>	<b>(1,118,597)</b>	1,610,738	(23,465)	1,587,273
Transfer between funds		(17,695)	17,695	—	2,422	(2,422)	—
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	7	<b>(1,119,428)</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>(1,118,597)</b>	1,613,160	(25,887)	1,587,273
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>							
Fund balances brought forward		5,060,526	76,204	5,136,730	3,447,366	102,091	3,549,457
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>		<b>3,941,098</b>	<b>77,035</b>	<b>4,018,133</b>	5,060,526	76,204	5,136,730

All income and expenditure derived from continuing activities during the above two financial periods.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the above statement of financial activities.

## Balance Sheet

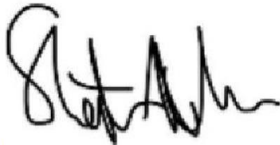
Year ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	9		19,344		25,358
Investments	10		3,951,978		1
			<u>3,971,322</u>		<u>25,359</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	11	263,105		173,346	
Cash at bank and in hand		448,628		5,493,687	
Short term deposits		-		7,700	
		<u>711,733</u>		<u>5,674,733</u>	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(664,922)</u>		<u>(563,362)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>46,811</u>		<u>5,111,371</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>			<u>4,018,133</u>		<u>5,136,730</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	14		77,035		76,204
Unrestricted funds			3,941,098		5,060,526
<b>Total funds</b>	15		<u>4,018,133</u>		<u>5,136,730</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee

Approved on: 31 January 2024



Rays of Sunshine

Registered Company Number: 04860607 (England and Wales)

## Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	A	<b>(1,059,680)</b>	1,528,571
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<b>(8,514)</b>	(28,671)
Interest and investment income receivable		<b>11,325</b>	2,963
Purchase of investments		<b>(3,995,890)</b>	-
<b>Net cash generated from (used by) investing activities</b>		<b>(3,993,079)</b>	(25,708)
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<b>(5,052,759)</b>	1,502,863
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2022</b>		<b>5,501,387</b>	3,998,524
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2023</b>	B	<b>448,628</b>	5,501,387

### A: Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash provided by operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Net income (expenditure) for the reporting period</b>	<b>(1,118,597)</b>	1,587,273
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	<b>13,547</b>	39,000
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	<b>(11,325)</b>	(2,963)
(Gains)/losses on investments	<b>43,913</b>	-
Loss/(profit) on the sale of fixed assets	<b>981</b>	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	<b>(89,759)</b>	23,058
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<b>101,560</b>	(117,797)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>(1,059,680)</b>	1,528,571

### B: Analysis of changes in net debt

	30 June 2022 £	Cash flows £	30 June 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	5,493,687	(5,045,059)	<b>448,628</b>
Short term deposits	7,700	(7,700)	-
	<b>5,501,387</b>	<b>(5,052,759)</b>	<b>448,628</b>

## **Principal Accounting Policies**

Year ended 30 June 2023

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are laid out below.

### **Basis of preparation**

These financial statements have been prepared for the year from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 with comparative information provided in respect to the period ended 30 June 2022. They are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

### **Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

Preparation of the financial statements requires the trustees and management to make significant judgements and estimates. The areas in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- determining the valuation of gifts in kind;
- the accrual for wish expenditure committed but not yet completed;
- the allocation of support costs to charitable activities; and
- estimating the useful economic life of tangible fixed assets for the purpose of determining the annual depreciation charge.

In addition to the above, the full impact following the recent emergence of the global coronavirus pandemic is still unknown. It is therefore not currently possible to evaluate all the potential implications for the charity's activities, beneficiaries, funders, suppliers and the wider economy.

### **Assessment of going concern**

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements. The trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of one year from the date of approval of these financial statements.

The trustees have taken into consideration the impact of the pandemic on the charity and have concluded that although there may be some negative consequences and greater risk in relation to the fundraising for the charity's activities, the trustees believe that the charity is a going concern on the basis detailed within the 'Future plans and post balance sheet event' and 'Going concern assessment' sections within the trustees' report. The trustees are of the opinion that the charity will have sufficient resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due. The most significant areas of judgement that affect items in the financial statements are detailed above.

## **Income**

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income comprises donations and legacies, gifts in kind, fundraising and bank interest.

Donations, including gift aid, are recognised when the charity has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Legacies are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the legacy, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate to pay the legacy, and any conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the charity. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset. Entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, but the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title of the asset having been transferred to the charity.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

## **Donations in kind**

Services and facilities donated (for free or discounted) to the charity for its own use are included as income at their value to the charity as at the time of the gift with an equivalent amount included in expenditure.

Where goods or services are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements as both income and expenditure at its estimated fair value based on the value of the contribution to the charity.

Many items donated to the charity include a 'money-can't-buy element' such as the time provided by celebrities to meet the children and attend charity events, and therefore no commercial value has been placed on these gifts in kind in the financial statements.

## **Services provided by volunteers**

For the purposes of these financial statements, no value has been placed on administrative and other services provided by volunteers in accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102.

## **Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure comprises direct costs and support costs. All expenses, including support costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings as described below. The classification between activities is as follows:

- Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure associated with raising funds for the charity. This includes staff, other direct costs associated with fundraising and allocated support costs associated with fundraising.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs associated with furthering the charitable purposes of the charity through the provision of its charitable activities. Such costs include wish costs as well as an allocation of support costs.

All expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.



### **Short term deposits**

Deposits for more than three months but less than one year have been disclosed as short term deposits.

### **Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

Liabilities for wishes are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a specific commitment creating an obligation and an expectation that a wish will be fulfilled. The liabilities at the balance sheet date are included within creditors due within one year.

### **Employee benefits**

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

### **Taxation status**

The charitable company is a registered charity and is not subject to corporation tax on its current activities.

### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted general funds represent those monies which are freely available for application towards achieving any charitable purpose that falls within the charity's charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees, unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds comprise monies raised for, or their use restricted to, a specific purpose, or contributions subject to donor imposed conditions. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.



## **Financial instruments**

The charity holds only basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the charity and their measurement basis are as follows:

Financial assets – trade debtors and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank and short term deposits – clarified as basic financial instruments and measured at face value.

Financial liabilities – accruals and other creditors are financial instruments and are measured at amortised cost.

## Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 30 June 2023

### 1 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Period ended
			30 June 2023			30 June 2022
			Total funds £			Total funds £
Donations	1,608,695	35,565	1,644,260	4,059,562	10,000	4,069,562
Legacies	13,153	—	13,153	2,500	—	2,500
	<b>1,621,848</b>	<b>35,565</b>	<b>1,657,413</b>	<b>4,062,062</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>4,072,062</b>

### 2 Donations in kind

	Unrestricted funds	
	Year ended 30 June 2023	Period ended 30 June 2022
	£	£
Wishes	248,228	24,302
Other Services	28,638	16,512
Fundraising costs	177,300	5,654
Communications	85,152	43,413
IT Services	9,318	29,409
Office costs	7,742	19,223
Other Support costs	11,412	14,006
	<b>567,790</b>	<b>152,519</b>

The charity received donations in kind valued at £567,790 (2022: £152,519) during the period. In addition, a significant number of gifts were received for which it is difficult to attribute a value. For example, the time provided by celebrities to meet children and attend charity events. It has not been possible to attribute a value to such gifts in these financial statements.

### 3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Period ended
			30 June 2023			30 June 2022
			Total funds £			Total funds £
Tickets and registration fees	53,775	—	53,775	69,850	—	69,850
Community fundraising	—	—	—	18,099	—	18,099
	<b>53,775</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>53,775</b>	<b>87,949</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>87,949</b>

## 4 Costs of raising funds

Basis of allocation		Year ended			Period ended		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	30 June 2023 Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	30 June 2022 Total funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff Costs	Direct costs	249,380	—	249,380	259,122	—	259,122
Philanthropy and Special Events	Direct costs	311,600	—	311,600	60,869	—	60,869
Other fundraising costs	Direct costs	104,622	—	104,622	126,418	—	126,418
Office expenses	Staff time	92,596	—	92,596	116,159	—	116,159
Depreciation	Staff time	3,158	—	3,158	8,308	—	8,308
Communications	Staff time	25,232	—	25,232	22,048	—	22,048
Support costs (see note 6)	Staff time	160,913	—	160,913	137,404	—	137,404
		<b>947,501</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>947,501</b>	<b>730,328</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>730,328</b>

## 5 Charitable activities

Basis of allocation		Year ended			Period ended		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	30 June 2023 Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	30 June 2022 Total funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	Direct costs	536,591	—	536,591	570,295	—	570,295
Wishes	Direct costs	944,129	—	944,129	563,724	—	563,724
Other Services	Direct costs	196,266	52,429	248,695	127,859	33,465	161,324
Office Expenses	Staff time	229,125	—	229,125	296,972	—	296,972
Depreciation	Staff time	7,813	—	7,813	21,240	—	21,240
Communications	Staff time	75,696	—	75,696	66,143	—	66,143
Support costs (see note 6)	Staff time	375,464	—	375,464	320,610	—	320,610
		<b>2,365,084</b>	<b>52,429</b>	<b>2,417,513</b>	<b>1,966,843</b>	<b>33,465</b>	<b>2,000,308</b>

## 6 Support costs

	Year ended	Period ended
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	£	£
Staff costs	346,333	240,488
Other office costs	75,550	132,146
Communications	25,232	22,048
Depreciation	2,576	9,452
Governance costs:		
Audit fees	22,770	22,680
Accountancy	22,206	31,200
Legal and professional feed	2,400	—
Other Governance costs	39,310	—
	<b>536,377</b>	<b>458,014</b>

## 7 Net income and net movement in funds for the year

This is stated after charging:

	Unrestricted funds	
	Year ended 30 June 2023	Period ended 30 June 2022
	£	£
Staff costs (note 8)	1,132,305	1,069,905
Auditor's remuneration (note 6)	22,770	22,680
Depreciation (note 9)	13,547	39,000

## 8 Staff costs, remuneration of key management and Trustees' remuneration

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	Year ended 30 June 2023	Period ended 30 June 2022
All employees	24	17

### Employment costs

	Year ended 30 June 2023	Period ended 30 June 2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	999,154	934,904
Social security costs	94,151	102,225
Other pension costs	39,000	32,776
	1,132,305	1,069,905

The key management personnel of the charity comprised the Trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, the Director of Strategic Planning and Development, the Director of Fundraising and Communications, the Head of Services, the Head of Operations and the Head of Finance.

The total employee benefits, including social security costs and employer pension contributions of the key management personnel of the charity were £440,535 (period ended 30 June 2022: £338,103).

No remuneration is paid to Trustees for their services as board members. No expenses were reclaimed by Trustees in the year ended 30 June 2023 (2022: £nil).

The number of employees who earned £60,000 or more (excluding employer contributions and excluding pension costs) during the accounting periods were:

	Year ended 30 June 2023	Period ended 30 June 2022
	No.	No.
£60,001 - £70,000	—	1
£70,001 - £80,000	1	1
£80,001 - £90,000	1	—

During the period, pension costs totalling £12,099 (period ended 30 June 2022: £5,614) were paid in respect of the above employees. Details of other related party transactions are included in note 16.

## 9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 July 2022	202,808
Additions	8,514
Disposals	(72,886)
At 30 June 2023	<b>138,436</b>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 July 2022	177,450
Depreciation charged in the year	13,547
Released on disposal	(71,905)
At 30 June 2023	<b>119,092</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 30 June 2023	<b>19,344</b>
At 30 June 2022	25,358

## 10 Fixed asset investments

	Year ended 30 June 2023#	Period ended 30 June 2022
	£	£
Investments in subsidiaries	1	1
Other investments		
Market value at the start of the year	—	—
Additions at cost	3,995,890	—
Disposals at carrying value	—	—
Unrealised net gain/(loss) on revaluation	(43,913)	—
Market value at the end of the year	3,951,977	—
	<b>3,951,978</b>	<b>1</b>

The fixed asset investment in subsidiaries relates to 100% holding in Rays of Sunshine Promotions Limited, which was dormant in the above two periods. Rays of Sunshine Promotions Limited's registered address is 4th Floor, Berkeley House, 304 Regents Park Road, London, England, N3 2JY.

	Year ended 30 June 2023	Period ended 30 June 2022
	£	£
Other Investments at fair value comprised:		
TN25 0 ¼% TREASURY GILT 31/01/25	3,951,977	—
	<b>3,951,977</b>	<b>—</b>

## 11 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:

	Year ended 30 June 2023	Period ended 30 June 2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	110,134	3,224
Other debtors	22,328	22,328
Prepayments and accrued income	130,643	147,794
	<b>263,105</b>	<b>173,346</b>

## 12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Year ended 30 June 2023	Period ended 30 June 2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	19,266	43,909
Other creditors	108,263	56,189
Accruals and deferred income	537,393	463,264
	<b>664,922</b>	<b>563,362</b>

At 30 June 2023, included within accruals and deferred income are committed wishes totalling £478,265 (period to 30 June 2022: £401,150).

## 13 Operating leases

As at 30 June 2023, the charity was committed to total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Office premises	
	Year ended 30 June 2023	Period ended 30 June 2022
	£	£
Within one year	107,172	107,172
Within two to five years	428,688	17,862
Over five years	8,931	—
	<b>544,791</b>	<b>125,034</b>

## 14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 July 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Specific wishes	23,581	—	—	(569)	23,012
Other services	52,623	35,565	(52,429)	18,264	54,023
	<b>76,204</b>	<b>35,565</b>	<b>(52,429)</b>	<b>17,695</b>	<b>77,035</b>

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 30 June 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Specific wishes	26,003	—	—	(2,422)	23,581
Other services	76,088	10,000	(33,465)	—	52,623
	<b>102,091</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>(33,465)</b>	<b>(2,422)</b>	<b>76,204</b>

Restricted funds comprised sums received for specific wishes and equipment.

## 15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
<b>Fund balances at 30 June 2023 are represented by:</b>			
Tangible assets	19,344	—	19,344
Investments	3,951,978	—	3,951,978
Current assets	634,698	77,035	711,733
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(664,922)	—	(664,922)
	<b>3,941,098</b>	<b>77,035</b>	<b>4,018,133</b>
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
<b>Fund balances at 30 June 2022 are represented by:</b>			
Tangible assets	25,358	—	25,358
Investments	1	—	1
Current assets	5,598,529	76,204	5,674,733
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(563,362)	—	(563,362)
	<b>5,060,526</b>	<b>76,204</b>	<b>5,136,730</b>

## 16 Related party transactions

The charity received cash donations and gifts in kind from various related parties during the year. These are summarised below:

Related Party	Donations and Goods/ Services in Kind	
	Year ended 30 June 2023 £	Period ended 30 June 2022 £
Trustees	28,046	48,593
Others excluding Trustees:		
· Executive board members	47,600	58,710
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,646</b>	<b>107,303</b>

The donations above were without specific terms and conditions and unrestricted in nature.



## 16 Related party transactions (continued)

Related Party	Goods/Services in Kind		Further details
	2023	2022	
	£	£	
Gravita	3,500	7,200	Justin Randall, a Trustee of the charity, was a partner at Gravita (previously Jeffreys Henry LLP) until 02/02/2023. The firm provided the charity with pro-bono payroll services.
i-media	50,000	-	Advertising Space for Gala Sponsorship Package. Stephen Allan, the Chair of Board of Trustees is a Director of MSA Advertising which owns a majority stake in i-media.
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,500</b>	<b>7,200</b>	

Related Party	Donations		Further details
	2023	2022	
	£	£	
Capital Group	21,000	47,100	Annual donation made by the Foundation where Rays of Sunshine has been nominated by Caroline Randall — wife of Trustee Justin Randall.
Purple Surgical	19,865	18,000	£11,000 Annual patronage paid by Purple Surgical who's director Robert Sharpe is a husband of Trustee Jane Sharpe. £8,865 raised by Jolie Sharpe, daughter of Trustee Jane Sharpe to sponsor London Marathon challenge.
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,865</b>	<b>65,100</b>	