

Changing the lives of street-living and high-risk children and youth in Latin America.



SUMMARY

How your support throughout the year has impacted the lives or vulnerable children

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REGISTERED CHARITY

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STREET KIDS DIRECT was founded in 2001 with the simple vision to ensure that 100% of all donations go directly to the projects that impact the lives of the most vulnerable children in Latin America.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This past year has been one of many challenges but one of great hope as I celebrated 25 years of working in Guatemala City with street-living and high-risk children.

My 25th celebration took place over a cold September weekend when I slept out on the streets of Amerham, Buckinghamshire, together with around 30 children, young people and adults. The Big Sleep is our bi-annual fundraising event and it seemed a fitting place to not only remember 25 years of work in Central America, but also to celebrate one amazing achieivement - the decline in the numbers of children living on the streets of Guatemala City.

Our work impacts the lives of some extremely vulnerable children in Central America and when I say impact I mean change forever. This work would not possible without those who commit their time and resources to this work and strive to remain in contact, keep updated about our

work, visit the projects and sacrificially give so that children can eat, play, go to school and be safe.

The work of Street Kids Direct is one of partnership with projects working on the ground, many of whom are run by local volunteers who have committed their lives to the rescue and rehabilitation of children from the streets. In Guatemala City, where I live, I volunteer for one of those projects and so have first-hand experience of how your donations change lives.

Thank you for standing with us and for your support throughout the year. We are very excited about the plans we have for the coming year and hope you will stick around and see what great things can be done when we all work toegther with one vision and mission.

DUNCAN DYASON DIRECTOR, STREET KIDS DIRECT

OUR VISION

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

OUR MISSION

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

This is achieved by:

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

ABOUT OUR TEAM

STREET KIDS DIRECT is a volunteer-run charity. Our roots are in the commuter town of Amersham, Buckinghamshire in the United Kingdom where Duncan received a call to give up his comfortable life and move out to Guatemala in 1992 after watchig a TV programme called 'They Shoot Children Don't They'.



MATT LEVETTFounding Trustee

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



JOANNA SODEN

Founding Trustee

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



DUNCAN DYASON

Founding Trustee & Director

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



OUR PERSONAL GUARANTEE

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

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

FULL-TIME VOLUNTEERS



BEN SODEN

Street Worker

Ben moved out to Guatemala as a volunteer street worker in 2017 and is sponsored by Street Invest, London. Ben has experience in youth work in Amersham and is passionate about helping children and young people leave the streets and enter into rehabilitation programmes where he visits them regularly.



MARK & ROSALIE BALFOUR

Pastoral Workers

Mission Partners with the Church Mission Society, seconded to Street Kids Direct. They help to provide pastoral care for staff and overseas volunteers in SKD supported-projects in Central America and work with local SKD partners in community outreach in La Terminal, Guatemala City.



AZARIA SPENCER

Creative Director

Azaria is a mission partner with CMS and works with the SKD street team in Guatemala City and in the mentoring centre, leading devotionals and art activities with the children. Azaria also writes about the work of SKD in Guatemala, boosting publicity and promotion and to raise funds and volunteers.



STEVE POULSON

Programme Development Manager

Steve supports our partnered projects in a range of ways, from donor relations, to implementing the child protection policy, in an effort to strengthen and develop them. Steve also helps coordinate the Honduras mentoring programme and child sponsorhsip programme in Ciudad España, Honduras



JOSEPH SODEN

Executive Assistant

Joseph volunteers with the charity in Guatemala with a particular commitment to supporting Duncan Dyason in his work. Joseph is also a mentor to a boy at high-risk of living on the streets and helps develop business and entrepreneur oportunities in Guatemala City.

NO CHILD GROWS
UP DREAMING OF
BEING HOMELESS

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

WHAT WE DO & HOW WE DO IT

STREET KIDS DIRECT partners with local projects in Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua to help provide services and support to children and young people who live on streets or who live at high-risk or living on the streets.



PARTNER PROJECT: SKD GUATEMALA

The SKD Guatemala project works in Guatemala City with street-living and high-risk children.

The Mi Arca project in Guatemala changed its name to SKD Guatemala in January 2018 and Duncan Dyason, who lives in Guatemala, offered to volunteer on the new trustee board as well as help direct the work on the ground.

The SKD project focusses on street-living children and youth and seeks to prevent high-risk children taking

to the streets. The project does this by identifying children who have a high connection to the streets together with an evaluation of the number of risk factors present in their lives. Intervention at this stage is exciting and results are often surprising and rewarding.

The day-to-day street work is often the most challenging area of the work, as volunteers work on the streets to rescue children or engage with children and young people who are starting to begin their journey of street life. Sometimes the work means the



SKD GUATEMALA CONTINUED

team have to confront local police and others who discriminate against those on the streets and help

provide alternatives that will keep them safe.

The saddest part of the work is dealing with the violence on the streets, seeing children suffering through drug use and abuse and having to cope with young people who die or who are killed on the streets. Last year one of the young people we have worked with so much over the years became very ill again on the streets and needed urgent medical attention. Ben Soden, one of our UK volunteers, arrived in time to rescue Gerson from the streets and rush him to hospital (photo right). However, despite the medical help Gerson passed away the following day and the team then buried him in the central Guatemalan cemetery. This type of work is very



distressing for all those involved and we will miss Gerson's cheeky smile and his extravagent kindness.

Now and again the street team find whole families living on the streets. One evening Duncan found Doña Cecilia and her four children living on the streets of La Terminal, Guatemala City. Doña Cecilia had run away from an abusive husband and taken refuge on the streets of the capital, but within a few days her health and the health of her children had deteriorated greatly. The street team joined Duncan in a frantic effort to find a place for them to stay the night and then the next day the team was able to get Doña Cecilia and her youngest child into a women's refuge and the other children into a secure home. Doña Cecilia has now left the refuge and has been reunited with her children and is now living an independent life.



Another dramatic rescue from the street team came after a phone call to Duncan just before midnight one evening. The caller informed him of a young boy who had been abandoned by his mother and was now being abused by a lady living in La Terminal. La Terminal is a dangerous market area of Guatemala City and home to hundreds of children at risk.

Duncan and Ben arrived at the shack where the baby was being held and were joined by police (photo left) who helped them rescue the young boy and place him into a home for abandoned children. The lady was prosecuted for abusing the child and the boy is now being cared for in the home until a family can be found for him.

One of the intervention schemes that SKD use to help prevent children taking to the streets is the Street Kids Direct specialist mentoring programme. The programme trains and equips volunteer mentors to be friend a child at risk and offer them the constant support, encouragement and care they need. Each child is selected for the programme based on their connection to the streets and the number of risk factors in their lives. Once in the programme the child can benefit from having a mentor in their life, educational support, financial support for school supplies, shoes and uniform and can come to the SKD mentoring centre each day.

The SKD mentoring centre is an oasis of calm and is often identified by the children as the only place they feel safe. One of the boys rescued from the streets this year was asked by a social worker to draw his house. He just drew a box and coloured it black. Next to the box was another box with light coming out of it. The social worker asked him about the boxes and he said the black box was where he grew up and lived and the other box was the SKD Centre.

The centre was refurbished in January and, thanks to your support, opened its doors to the children with the help of a visiting team from Global Care in the UK. The Global Care team had come to see the plans for the new Protection Home, ran a week of special activities for the children as well as organising an eye clinic for every child. The eye clinic was the inspiration of Jane Swithenbank, one of the Global Care team who is an optometrist. All the children were tested and over 60% of them needed reading glasses and some had more serious eye conditions. Children were emotional when they placed the glasses on for the first time and one child shouted out "now I can see everything".

The SKD Guatemala project understands that for a child to be successful he or she needs to have a strong network of people and organisations that offer a therapeutic framework that will help the child develop and thrive. As funds become available SKD is able to encourage the children to expand their horizons and develop their gifts and talents. Four of the boys were offered free places in the mini-bomberos (fire and rescue brigade) course in Guatemala City during November and December. The boys interacted well with other children and learnt the basics of fire prevention and management together with the basics of rescue and first aid scenarios.



GUATEMALA ORPHANAGE FIRE

HOGAR SEGURO, SAN JOSE PINULA

Guatemala has suffered its fair share of tragedy but on the 8th March 2017 a fire swept through a government-run children´s home on the outskirts of Guatemala City killing 40 girls.

The Virgen de la Asunción home, known as "The Secure Home", was designed to house 400 children but numbers had grown to 800 and the overcrowded conditions and numerous allegations of abuse and sexual trafficking are said to have led to a group of teenage girls escaping from the home a day before. When the girls were arrested and brought back to the home they protested by setting fire to a mattress in one of the dorms. The fire quickly spread and despite the calls for help the dorm door remained locked and the girls burned to death.



Distraught relatives waited outside the home for news and then outside morgues and hospitals only to discover the full horror of the event. "It was a ticking time bomb. This was to be expected" a former employee, Angel Cardenas, said later and was joined by other former staff to complain about the conditions the boys and girls had to endure in the home.

Street Kids Direct have visited the home and remains committed to ensuring safe refuge to all children who are abandoned or who have run away from abuse

and violence. We call on the Guatemalan government to act and allow independent monitoring of their homes and to prosecute those whose actions have led to this incident.

PHOTO ABOVE: a constant vigil was held outside the National Palace in Guatemala City for all those who lost their lives in the children's home.

PARTNER PROJECT: GO GUATEMALA

Go Guatemala works with highrisk children and youth in z18, Guatemala City. It is an area defined by gangs and violence.



Every Saturday a small team of volunteers prepare to welcome up to 120 children to a special activity club. All the children live at high-risk due to the increasing threats to their lives by gang violence and many are enticed into the dangerous Barrio 18 and MS gangs on a regular basis.

Pastor Alex (photo above) runs the club together with his wife Evelyn and some of the mums of the children. Street Kids Direct pays for the rent of the building each year and also help support the development of the Go Guatemala programme, which includes child protection training and support.

The club is a fun and safe place for children to play and develop their own unique personality without the threat of being shot or falling prey to those who recruit for gangs. The day begins with breakfast, a time of worship and games followed by sports, homework club and various activities and crafts. The club also offers each child time on a computer to research their homework, print it off and gain a greater understanding of the various programmes the computers have to offer. This is followed by lunch and a teaching sessions that addresses the many needs the children have and the issues they deal with on a daily basis.



The Go Guatemala team offer counselling and support to children who have witnessed killings and abuse throughout the week is always an element of the programme that is particularly hard for volunteers to deal with.

Thanks to your support this club can operate each Saturday and it is hoped that during 2018 the club will open during the week to offer homework support in the afternoons.

PARTNER PROJECT: AFE HONDURAS

AFE (Amor Fe y Esperanza) is a school that was setup to offer a quality education to children working on the city rubbish dump in Tequcigalpa, Honduras.



Since AFE was founded by Jeony Ordoñez in 2001, after he and his daughter visited the city rubbish dump to drop off some waste from a medical mission team who were visiting. It was during this visit that Jeony felt a tug on his heart and shortly afterwards Jeony and his family were visiting the dump regularly and meeting the hundreds of children working there.

From those early days the AFE Project was founded and now has constructed a special school on the oposite side of the main road as the rubbish dump and provides schooling to 140 children from kinder to grade 12. The school also has a nursery that offers all-day care for about 25 babies and pre-school children.

Street Kids Direct has helped fund this project since 2004 and our funds were to fund the nursery. Many parents who work on the rubbish dump have no other option than taking their babies to the dump with them. The babies are either carried around on the backs of their mothers or are left in carboard boxes on top of

piles of rubbish and easily fall prey to the numerous diseases or can be crushed under rubbish trucks unaware of the young children inside.

The AFE School provides a caring and supportive learning environment to each child and thanks to donations from their other partners, AFE have been able to develop a high quality facility that includes playground, library, medical centre, nursery, dining room and a computer lab.

Your support has helped 140 children benefit from this school and kept so many more young ones alive.





PARTNER PROJECT: MANUELITO HOME

The Manuelito Children´s Home is located in the town of Talanga, one hour´s drive from the capital Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Street Kids Direct has supported the Manuelito Children´s Home from 2014 when we receieved an invitation from the charity´s founder and Director, Rev Jorge Pinto, to visit a plot of land one-hour´s drive from the capital, Teguciglapa. His dream was to establish a permanent home for the children he and his family had started to rescue from the streets of the capital.

Since then the plot of land has been built on and is now home to 40 children. The boys and girls who live there can look forward to joining the Manuelito family, which now includes staff members who were once children that have been rescued from the streets by the charity.

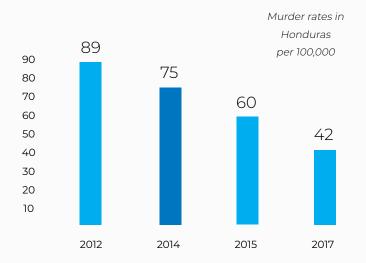
The home has also established its own school as no local school was able to accept children who came with various educational and behavioural needs. The Manuelito School started to accept other children from the local area who were at high-risk and very soon the number of children in the school grew to over 100.



One of the children in the home and school is little Duncan, the boy who Duncan (Director of Street Kids Direct) found on the city streets one evening. He and his brother are now 11 and 12 years of age and are just like any other children.

Your support has meant we could support this home and school and impact the lives of nearly 200 children.

FOCUS ON HONDURAS



8.3m

POPULATION OF HONDURAS

32%

OF THE POPULATION UNDER 14 YEARS

IN 2012 HONDURAS HAD THE HIGHEST MURDER RATE IN THE WORLD

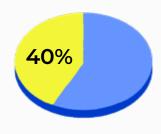
"Honduras faces the highest level of economic inequality in Latin America"



World Bank 2018



World Bank 2016



UNEMPLOYMENT

World Bank 2015 (includes underemployment)



EXTREME POVERTY

World Bank 2016

FOCUS ON GUATEMALA

Guatemala in Central America is know as the land of eternal spring. The warm and pleasant climate is ideal for holiday-makers and it is famous for its coffee plantations that benefit from the rich nutrients available on its volcanic slopes. Despite the outstanding beauty of Guatemala, the country continues to suffer from gang violence, political corruption and extreme poverty in the countryside.

90%

CHILDREN NOW
IN EDUCATION

80%

LIVE IN EXTREME POVERTY

400

CHILDREN GO MISSING EACH MONTH

4,195
GIRLS AGED
10-14 YEARS
FALL PREGNANT
EACH YEAR

"ONE OF THE WORST
PLACES ON EARTH TO
BE A CHILD"

Actor, Michael Sheen, travelled to Guatemala with UNICEF in 2015 and discovered that Guatemala was one of the worst places in the world to be a child.

Michael was horrified to find out that Guatemala has the second highest rate of child murders in the world.

ONE VERY EXCITING PROJECT

Street Kids Direct will be starting the refurbishment of a large house later in 2018 in order to open a second mentoring centre and a temporary protection home for vulnerable children. The house was donated to

Street Kids Direct and generous donors are offering their support for the exciting project, which plans to open late 2018 for the home, and mid 2019 for the mentoring centre.



PHASE 1 PROTECTION HOME

Work will begin to transform the upstairs part of the home and transform it into a children's home





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PHASE 2 SECOND MENTORING CENTRE

When phase 1 is complete the next phase will be to refurbish the ground floor

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PHASE 3 TWO INDEPENDENT APARTMENTS

We hope to then build two independent apartments, one for a staff member and one to rent out to give the home a regular income



FUNDRAISING IN THE U.K.

STREET KIDS DIRECT relies %100 on our amazing team of volunteers, some of whom are children and young people. All are committed to the cause of the charity and the ethos of ensuring every penny raised makes an impact to a child.

THE ANNUAL COIN RACE

Our annual Coin Race is a fantastic fundraising event held every June in Sycamore Road in Amersham.

The usualy friendly competition between the boys, on one side of the street, and the girls on the other creates a tremendous buzz as both teams battle to raise more than the other.

We are so grateful to the many volunteers who come out and help us collect every year.





THE BIG SLEEP

The Big Sleep is another fun family event held in Amersham that helps people get an experience of what sleeping rough on the streets is like.

In September 2017 Duncan was celebrating 25 years of working with street children in Guatemala and gave the surprise announcement at The Big Sleep that when he moved to Guatemala in 1991 there were an estimated 5,000 children living on the streets of the capital. Now, after years of hard work on the streets, he announced that there was now **NO MORE CHILDREN LIVING ALONE ON THE STREETS** there.

It was exciting to celebrate this acheivement and the charity is thankful to all those who came to support and to those who slept out on the streets all night.

THE FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

One very enjoyable evening was had by all those who came to support this annual fundraiser. The Street Kids Direct Family Quiz Night is not the normal quiz night as it is very family oriented and always packs out the hall with suporters .

Our theme this year was HISTORY and teams gained extra points for dressing as characters from history.

Many thanks to all those who attended, helped cook, decorated the hall, played live music and helped in any way to make this one tremendous success.



RADIO CHRISTMAS





Radio Christmas will be celebrating 10 years next year and the fundraiser, which began in 2008, was based on a very successful project Duncan was involved in many years ago called Christmas Cracker.

The Radio Christmas station has now grown and is extremely popular around the world, with the largest audience being in the UK, followed by the United States, Canada and Germany.

In December 2017 Duncan Dyason coordinated the 12 Days of Christmas, our bi-annual event, from Guatemala City and Steve Poulson and his team broadcasted live shows from Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Emily Williams, Ben and Joseph Soden and Azaria Spencer were able to help in Guatemala and there were many children involved in the station who have directly benefitted from funds raised during the event in previous years.

It was a very special time and we are grateful for all those who helped us raise funds and bring plenty of Christmas cheer around the world.

FINANCIAL REPORT

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Trevor Nicholas FCCA 28 West Street Ryde Isle of Wight PO2 3300

To: The Trustees of Street Kids Direct

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Street Kids Direct Charity for the year ended 31st March 2018.

I report on the accounts of the Street Kids Direct Charity for the year ended 31st March 2018, which is set out on one page.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 2)144) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 5)145)(b) of the 2011 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Trevor Nicholas FCCA (Fellow Chartered Certified Accountant)

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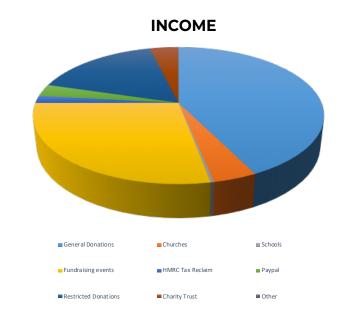
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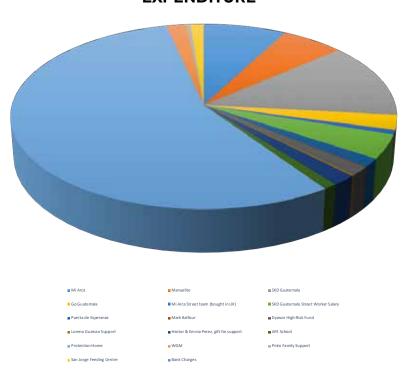
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Date 14th October 2018

FINANCIAL REPORT 2018-2017



EXPENDITURE



Income

Total	£	150,557.09
Other	£	24.07
Charity Trust	£	5,710.98
Restricted Donations	£	25,000.00
Paypal	£	4,322.12
HMRC Tax Reclaim	£	2,624.75
Fundraising events	£	42,029.72
Schools	£	507.73
Churches	£	6,140.57
General Donations	£	64,197.15

Expenditure

Mi Arca	£	15,000.00
Manuelito	£	11,360.28
SKD Guatemala	£	25,000.00
Go Guatemala	£	5,000.00
Mi Arca Street team (bought in UK)	£	1,474.71
SKD Guatemala Street Worker Salary	£	8,100.00
Puerta de Esperanza	£	3,000.00
Mark Balfour	£	182.50
Dyason High-Risk Fund	£	2,800.00
Lorena Guzman Support	£	365.00
Hector & Emma Perez, gift for support	£	3,500.00
AFE School	£	2,000.00
Protection Home	£	108,000.00
WGM	£	3,600.00
Pinto Family Support	£	735.00
San Jorge Feeding Centre	£	2,365.00
Bank Charges	£	24.00

Total £ 192,506.49

Opening Bank Balance as at 1st April 2017		£83,937.09
Income	£	150,557.09
Less, Expenditure	-£	192,506.49
Closing Bank Balance as at 31st March 2018		£41 987 69

ANNUAL 2017/18 REPORT

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