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Christian CARE Association



Annual Report 2006 - 7

TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	2007	2006
	£	£
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		
Income		
External Grants	2,000	2,090
Donations	4,049	10,617
Fund-Raising Appeals	871	262
Sundry	-	30
Interest Received	60	70
Gift Aid/Tax Rebates on Covenant	1,097	-
Total Income	<u>8,077</u> =====	<u>13,069</u> =====
Expenditure		
Fund Raising	(249)	-
Direct Charitable Expenditure	(7,348)	(7,172)
Management and Administration	(1,706)	(4,519)
Total Expenditure	<u>(9,303)</u> =====	<u>(11,691)</u> =====
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Income		
External Grants	5,730	10,027
Donations	750	-
Expenditure	(7,989)	(6,411)
Net Incoming Resources	<u>(1,509)</u> =====	<u>3,616</u> =====
UNRESTRICTED AND RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Net (Outgoing)/ Incoming Resources	(2,735)	4,994
Total Funds brought forward	12,863	7,869
Total Funds carried forward	<u>10,128</u> =====	<u>12,863</u> =====

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH

	2007		2006	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets		1,914		2,468
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Bank and in hand	8,214		10,395	
	<u>8,214</u>		<u>10,395</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Sundry Creditors	-		-	
		8,214		10,395
		<u>10,128</u> =====		<u>12,863</u> =====
FUNDS				
General Fund		10,128		12,863
		<u>10,128</u> =====		<u>12,863</u> =====

This is an extract from the full accounts available at the Annual General Meeting on 11 October 2007 or by application to the Honorary Chairman or Honorary Secretary.

In the year to 31 March 2007, the total income of the charity amounted to £14,557 compared with the previous year's income of £23,096. The major differences were a grant of £4,000 from the London Borough of Merton in 2006 towards the set up costs of the office, which was not repeated in 2007, and a generally lower level of donations from both churches and individuals. Part of the income for 2007 was an exceptional "catch up" claim for income tax recoverable on gift aided donations received in a total of three years of £1,097. As a result of these variances, the charity's expenditure exceeded its income by £2,735.

At 31 March 2007, the cash position of the charity was £8,214, some £2,000 less than the balance at the end of the previous financial year. The Executive Committee continues to monitor the cash position of the charity at its monthly meetings and seek new sources of funding.

Ann Thimont
Honorary Treasurer

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LITTLEHAMPTON 2006

Saturday 1 July! It was a critical day for England in the World Cup. Amongst the 30 children from 9 countries on the seaside outing there was much good-humoured banter about which country was the best – was it Ecuador or Iran – and whether they would support England. When the news came through in the late afternoon that England had crashed out, it did not seem to cast a shadow over what had been a wonderful day with brilliant weather. More than in recent years the children were drawn to the delights of the beach and the sea – swimming, paddling in the pools left behind as the tide went out, collecting shells, building sand castles. When it was time to go home, they simply did not want to leave.

This was the first time that we were being sponsored by **Help a London Child**. The grant of £1,000 enabled us to purchase tickets for 6 funfair rides for each child and these, as always, were much enjoyed. We also bought more games equipment which was well-used on the wide grassy area adjacent to the sea front where we set up camp.

The children were looked after ably, sensitively and responsibly by 10 students from **Wimbledon High School**. The outing to Littlehampton for children aged 6-12 started in 1969 through the initiative of Peggie Hunt and sixth formers from Wimbledon High School, and all these years later we can still count on the High School students to help us. Their contribution made a significant contribution to the success of the outing. We thank Anne Peacock, Head of Sixth Form, for encouraging the girls in this aspect of their community service, and Pamela Wilkes, Headmistress, for her interest and support.

Gillian Thick, Vice-Chair

SOME OF OUR ACTIVITIES

MEETING A NEED IN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON

In 2006-7 Christian CARE supported 117 families

59 families were befriended long or short term by volunteers

32 households were helped by the Furniture Project

87 parents and children attended the New Year Party

30 children went on the outing to Littlehampton

65 13-19 year olds were involved in teenage activities

13 teenagers attended the monthly All Saints Club

10 young people went to CPAS Falcon Camps

1 family went for a holiday at Butlins in Bognor Regis

WORK WITH TEENAGERS

During 2006-7 we organised Saturday outings for two age groups – 12-15 and 16-19. Many of those taking part were from the former asylum-seeking community. In September 2006 the older group went to the Odeon in Wimbledon to see *Little Man* followed by a meal, and in March 2007 to the David Lloyd leisure centre in Raynes Park for an evening of bowling. In June 2006 the younger ones went bowling at Tolworth (on the day England's World Cup campaign began) and to Wimbledon Theatre in February 2007 to see *Boogie Nights*, and then enjoyed a meal.

We also run a club for the 12-15 age group at All Saints Church Hall, South Wimbledon, meeting one Wednesday evening a month for the usual mixture of table tennis, pool, darts and chatter. We are most grateful to Father Michael Blackman for allowing us to use this facility (a few of the young people from All Saints join us), and to Frank Taylor and Ray Hayter, members of All Saints, and Delene Edwards from Holy Trinity, who give up their time to help.

The biggest problem with all of these activities, especially the outings, is finding adults willing to help. We have on occasion come close to cancelling proposed outings when it looked as if we were not going to have enough helpers. Many church members are drawn into the activities of their respective churches and are thus unable to find the time for extra commitments. It is much hoped, however, that we will be able to find the necessary volunteers (and finance) to continue this work in the future. We are grateful to the continuing financial support of the **Charles Skey Trust** for our work with teenagers.

Tony Somerton

OUR CHAIRMAN WRITES

Dear Friends,

This is a very important year for us: on 2 February 2007 the Mitcham and Morden MP, Siobhain McDonagh, officially opened our new office at St Barnabas Community Centre and is depicted on our front cover cutting the ribbon. Apart from Siobhain McDonagh, speakers at the event included the Mayor of Merton, Geraldine Stanford, the Revd Alison Price, then Vicar of St Barnabas, and Councillors Linda Kirby and Edith Macauley. Not only that but during 2007 we have achieved 40 years of service to the community, having started as a result of Lent groups discussing Christian love and my neighbour in 1967. We thank God for all His blessings to us over the years and for prompting His people to provide financial support for us.

I am very pleased to report that we now have a new Treasurer in post, Ann Thimont, and we are grateful to her for giving of her time to this task including producing the financial statement for the year. Last year I reported that Michael Lawlor had volunteered through Volunteer Centre Merton to work in the office and he has been the mainstay there ever since. He appears on the front cover with another office volunteer, Lynn Kyte. Ella Howe and Joy Simpson have also volunteered to help there.

From time to time befrienders have been able to meet clients in the office and we hope this will become a facility appreciated by many into the future. It is of interest that we now have a data base that helps to keep track of the families we seek to serve and the children of those families.

We are very grateful to Helen Pamiter from VCM who led a most helpful training morning for us at Vestry Hall in November 2006, and to Rosemary

Tilley also of VCM for laying on training and giving advice on a wide variety of topics.

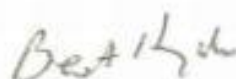
The furniture project in the hands of John Golden continues to meet the needs of people going into empty properties, and we thank members of the public who pass on items of furniture for us to distribute. Without them this part of our work could not function. We are most grateful too to the continuing financial support of the London Borough of Merton and a new 2-year grant from Trust for London to pay for our storage space and the running costs of the van.

Apart from the outings mentioned on the previous page and our New Year Party funded this year by the Sir Cliff Richard Foundation, we continue to pay for at least one holiday for a family that would have little chance otherwise of taking one and to send young people to CPAS Falcon Camps at Halls Green near Sevenoaks.

As I implied last year the caring work we undertake is vital to many of the families, providing them with support they would otherwise not have. Therefore it is good that five new volunteers have put their names forward as befrienders. I urge anyone with a Christian background and a listening ear, to offer their services by contacting our office (address on the page with the Treasurer's Report). We provide training and support and I assure you there is nothing like seeing a smile on the face of someone you have helped.

As before, I commend our work to your prayers.

Yours sincerely,



Bert Hyde

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT 31 MARCH 2007

EXECUTIVE

Bert Hyde	Chairman
Gillian Thick	Vice-Chair/Party/ Children's Outing/Office
Pat Spencer	Hon Secretary
Ann Thimont	Hon Treasurer
Geoff Coyne	
Julia Evans	Child Protection/ Falcon Camps
Lucy Garrett	Furniture Project/ Health & Safety
Cathie Honour	Child Protection/ Befrienders Co-ordinator
Peggie Hunt	
Patricia Hutchinson	Holidays
Gwen Wildman	Befriender/Office

SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE HOMELESS

Bert Hyde	Chairman
John Hutchinson	Hon Secretary
John Golden	Furniture Project
Tony Somerton	Teenage work/ Furniture Project
Gillian Thick	

Helping Families in Need
in the London Borough of Merton