



Treasurer Report AGM 2019

Main Objective

Provide opportunities for families to meet others in similar situations
Offer emotional and professional support
Enable children to make friends and learn through play
Families to benefit from quality time together and experience family outings.
Ensure outings are kept to minimum cost allowing families to attend, regardless of personal background, faith or circumstances.

Financial Trustees Report

The Charity was set up on 06/07/09 and became a company limited by guarantee on 17 July 2015. It was entered onto the Register of Charities on 14 November 2016 with the Registered charity number 1170147.

The Directors of the company are the Trustees.

The nature of the charity is to offer support to any child with a disability/additional need and their family, irrespective of nationality or religion. We provide this in a variety of ways: Stay and Play – held on Thursday afternoons at Leeds Mencap. Accessing softplay and a sensory room in a relaxed environment where families can meet others in similar situations, access information, creative play and support from therapists and other professionals. Family Fun Days are organised every month and offer a wide range of activities including the hire of cinemas, private theatre companies, indoor skydiving, wall climbing, skiing, parties and local visitor attractions. Every event caters for the range of abilities/disabilities and is heavily subsidised by Little Hiccups ensuring they are all accessible to every family. We encourage the whole family to attend including siblings and our aim is to enable families to experience a wide range of activities and to make memories together.

Hydrotherapy is a great benefit to many of our children but can be expensive and difficult to access. We offer hydrotherapy sessions on a seven week basis at a local Sports Centre, in partnership with SportWorks. Physiotherapists assist in the pool so the children can safely participate in the activities and the parents have all the support they require. We have been able to secure grants to cover the costs of this so we can offer the sessions at a token cost to the families, which secures their booking.

Little Hiccups has some all terrain wheelchairs, for which we are finalising the processes to enable families to hire for either day trips to the coast or take on holiday with them, enabling children to be able to access the parks, and the beaches (as every child should be able to experience the seaside).



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We offer professional Counselling to Hiccups families should they require it, due to work pressures, bereavement, relationship issues etc, due to having a child with additional needs. Many families struggle to take the first step to meet others, therefore we offer an Outreach service and will meet families on a one to one basis until they are confident enough to attend stay and play or a family fun day. This service is greatly supported by Health Visitors and other professionals and our relationship with them is growing, helping us to reach more families who need our support.

We currently support over 300 families across the region.

We take pride in listening to our families and wherever possible remain flexible enough to meet their growing needs.

Our board of Directors/Trustees consists of parents of children with disabilities/additional needs or people who work closely with them. Therefore we all have a great amount of experience and passion for the work we do.

We believe that every child, no matter what disability/additional need should have the opportunity to explore and experience as many adventures as possible and to make happy memories with their families and it is our aim to help them achieve this.

Audited Accounts for July 2017 to 2018 have been filed with HMRC, Companies House and Charities Commission.



Opening Balance 1/ 8/17	£96,566.14	previous year	£28,142.63
Income			
Donations	£5,979.52		£97,138.10
Fundraising	£18,659.39		£523.90
Grants/Funding	£0.00		£0.00
Interest	£0.00		£21.17
	£24,638.91		£97,683.17
Services			
Events	-£14,017.41		-£12,501.33
All Terrain	-£3,328.00		-£3,711.00
Information	£167.28		-£390.00
Sports	-£12,865.27		-£700.00
	-£30,043.40		-£17,302.73
Overheads			
Marketing	£0.00		-£3,653.39
Meeting Expenses	-£9.00		-£84.10
Legal	-£13.00		-£110.00
Insurance	-£336.25		-£311.01
PPS	-£256.04		-£921.82
Storage & Equipment	-£2,976.56		-£1,254.79
Training	-£20.90		-£126.00
IT	-£470.80		-£488.72
General Admin	-£6,836.30		-£5,007.10
	-£10,918.85		-£11,956.93
Closing Balance 31/7/18	£83,261.95		£96,566.14
Bank Funds (as of 8/7/19)	£76,001.31		
PayPal	£2,938.58		



2019/20 Forecast

We have always worked hard to spread the word of Little Hiccups so we could reach more families, in doing so we have also managed to gain a great deal of support from both individuals and companies. Their financial support has enabled us to push forward and provide the growing services we offer. Although we haven't yet had another 'Strata' (so far) we have managed to attract a growing number of donations. This being our 10th Anniversary year should see that grow a great deal more, especially as Miriam's social media drive and marketing plan is spreading our net even wider than before.

This will be crucial for the years to come as the number of families we are supporting is growing fast and therefore our running costs are increasing. Our events are so well supported that our ticket sales need to increase accordingly, to enable everyone to get the support and enjoyment/experiences they expect from us, as we have set the bar rather high!

We will continue to contract Miriam of Appen Creations to fulfill the secretarial duties and the day to day running and organising of events, including social media, without which Hiccups could not provide the services we are committed to. On a personal note, I would like to say that without Miriam this last year I believe Little Hiccups would have failed to provide the amazing service and continuity to its families. Miriam has not only kept the ship afloat but also steered it straight ahead in the direction it should be heading! Thank you x

After a rigorous process and proving that we meet a very tight criteria we have secured funding from Children in Need to enable us to run 3 sets of 7 weeks of Hydro sessions for the next 3 years, a total of £27k.

The funds in PayPal are being moved across to the bank account after each event and we will look into the benefits of having a second bank account to secure the funding is protected.

The pace at Hiccups never seems to slow down, however with this being our 10th anniversary year it is proving to be the busiest yet! Miriam has put a great deal of time and effort in to the marketing packs which should not only help attract individual fundraisers but hopefully some much needed corporate ones too. These have been part funded by ACS and although we have incurred marketing costs, we have ensured they have been kept to a minimum and been competitive.

Little Hiccups is going from strength to strength with even more families needing the wide range of services and support we offer. Ensuring we have the funding to provide that ever growing demand will be crucial for the coming years, therefore it will be necessary to focus on the fundraising side and look to bring on the services of an experienced fundraiser to fill this gap.

No monies shall be classed as 'profit' but will be held in preparation for the next events and opportunity to benefit the families we support.

