



Annual Report 2020

Celebrating 15 Years of Giving



OUR PHILOSOPHY

OUR VISION

Their Future Today's vision is to give every child their right to grow up in a loving family, have access to education to eliminate poverty, and ultimately end institutionalisation in Sri Lanka.

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Sri Lanka is a lower-middle-income country, where 14,000 girls and boys under the age of 18 are deprived of their liberty in 414 state childcare institutions across Sri Lanka. These children are currently institutionalised in inadequate care facilities, where children are stigmatised and discriminated against, access to education is limited with few opportunities to escape a life of poverty. A 2013 study by the National Institute of Social Development found that 82% of children in institutions in Sri Lanka had at least one living parent.

Robust scientific evidence demonstrates that institutionalisation in early childhood can incur development damage including physical growth, cognitive function, neurodevelopment, and social-psychological health. As Luis Pedernera, President of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child states: "All too often, people in power fail to understand that institutionalization does not equate to protection."

OUR APPROACH

Their Future Today works towards ending institutionalisation of children, improving conditions in Institutions and reuniting children with families. Community services are provided to support and strengthen families enabling them to reach self-sufficiency and prevent child abandonment.

Through our programmes, we employ local carers, health professionals, and teachers, and recently provided a childcare training model to raise standards in state institutions. TFT offers vocational skills training to institutionalised young people to provide livelihoods and futures.

OUR HOLISTIC METHODOLOGY

On a regional and national-level, our community projects directly feed into and help design our alternative family and foster care training programme, and influencing work with the Government of Sri Lanka. As a UK charity which is registered in Sri Lanka, we are able to play an important catalytic role bringing together diverse partners including global specialists, community based organisations, government ministries, lawyers and most importantly the judiciary to provide solution based knowledge and evidence to influence policy change. This helps promote dialogue on progressive approaches and innovation to aide the deinstitutionalisation of Sri Lankan children, and includes promoting alternative care provision, such as family based care systems and foster care. We also provide an evidence-base to shortcomings in current care provision and the national legal system which currently fail to protect vulnerable young people in care, contrary to international standards.

Their Future Today is a civil partner of UNICEF, and is proudly achieving 10 out of 17 Sustainable Development Goals.



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Ayubowan!

I hope you enjoy reading our 15 years anniversary Annual Report. It feels like only yesterday when I held a tiny underweight screaming and starving baby to my chest in a state orphanage, and she looked at me and stopped crying. As our hearts beat together, I made her a silent promise to do something, but had absolutely no idea what that something was, or would be. All I knew was the future looked bleak for Piyumi and all the infants we believed to be orphans after the Asian tsunami, and were trapped in the most appalling and overcrowded conditions, without love or even basic care. They needed a future, today.

From very small beginnings, many mountains to climb, and so much to learn, this has been a challenging and transformational journey, which has incredibly made a significant difference to the lives of over 20,000 impoverished children and their families.

2019 has undoubtedly been our most productive year to date, which couldn't have been achieved without our loyal supporters, and our first major grant funding from The Peter Cundill Foundation. This has enabled our voices to be heard at the highest level, to advocate for policy change and justice for the rights of children and young people who are suffering unimaginable hardship in orphanages, when it doesn't have to be that way.

Alongside our specialist global partners, we've proudly provided solution based alternative family and foster care training to the Sri Lankan Judiciary and National Childcare Services countrywide, University of Ruhuna, faith leaders, local communities and other NGO's, reaching out to 49 villages to end institutionalisation.

There is still a long way to go, but through our education, training, family reunification and strengthening programmes, we are creating a successful holistic model to keep more children at home where they belong, and influencing a cultural change of thinking for stigmatised children in orphanages, and young girls who are victims, of rape and abuse, and in need of love and protection not punishment.

We also fulfilled a long held dream to introduce the first accredited childcare training programme in a state institution, and opened an early learning development preschool there, which has given stimulation and better care to the lives of 65 babies. This has now influenced the government to employ trained caregivers in future, as they've seen what good care looks like, and I am sleeping more peacefully knowing these once neglected children now have assigned housemothers who have been given permission to love them.

The highlight of this year was telling Piyumi now 15, her story, and how she ignited this extraordinary flame which has brought together an extensive and generous global family of supporters, who have helped in so many different ways to make her story, and the story of thousands of other children possible over the past 15 years.

Please be assured, we never take your generosity for granted, and we hope you will continue to stay with us, or join us, and help us to achieve the TransFormaTional changes that we want to see in the world. What once seemed the impossible, is possible, for every child to be loved in a family, and not an orphanage.

Loving kindness

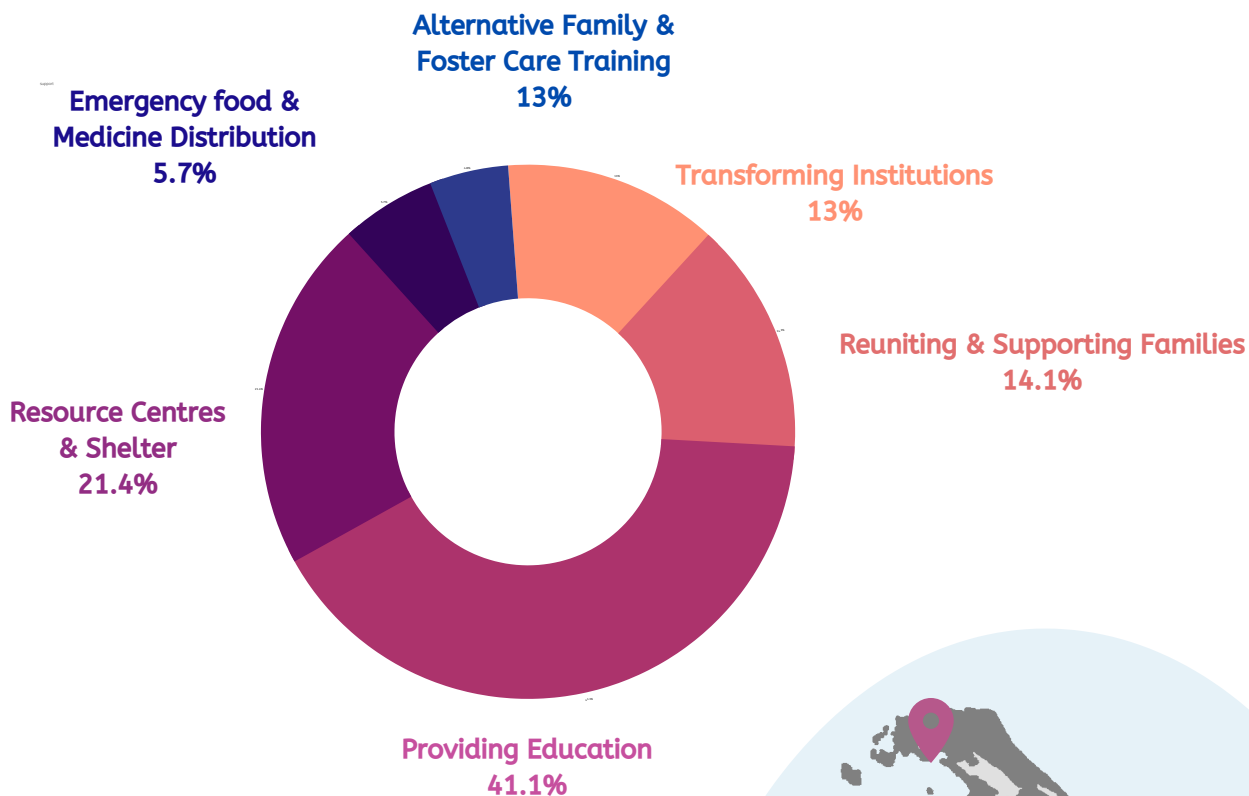
Lynn

Lynn Stanier MBE FRSA
CEO, Their Future Today



Our impact is only possible due to the generous and committed support of our donors, fundraisers, volunteers, charitable trusts, partners and corporate partners.

This year, we spent £148,935 supporting children and families across Sri Lanka. Being clear and transparent about where our supporters' money goes is important to us. Here's a breakdown of what we spent to support our beneficiaries.



Where Their Future Today provides Family Support & Community Awareness

Mannar, Negombo, Bentota, Galle, Anuradhapura, and Kandy

Where Their Future Today works to keep children safe

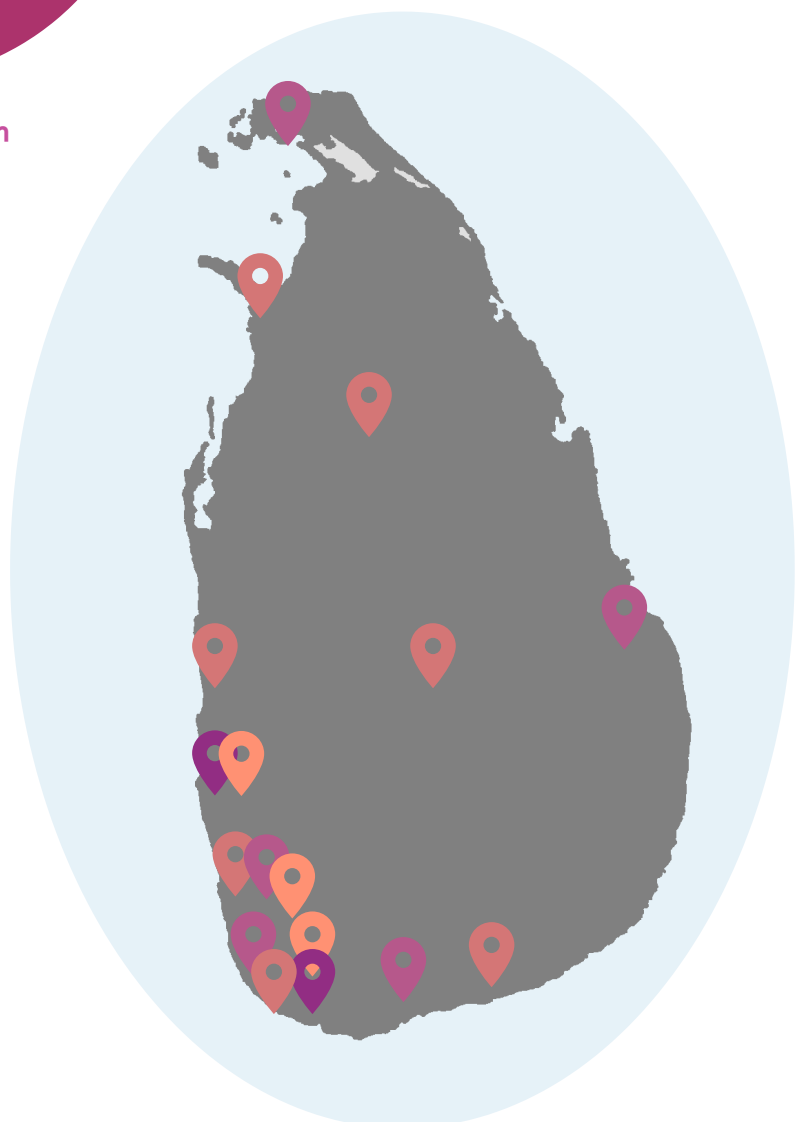
Colombo, Pinkanda, Hambantota, Baddegama, Yakkalamulla, and Galle

Where Their Future Today has directly or actively enables education

Galle, Jaffna, Pinkanda, Batticaloa and Colombo

Where Their Future Today provides local support through Resource Centres

Pinkanda and Colombo



CELEBRATING THE FIRST 15 YEARS OF THEIR FUTURE TODAY

We've raised over £1m and helped over 20,000 institutionalised and disadvantaged children in Sri Lanka!

2005

Early February Lynn visited Sri Lanka as a volunteer after the Asian tsunami. She held a tiny screaming and starving baby called Piyumi in a state orphanage for under 5's, and as their hearts beat together Piyumi stopped crying, a silent promise to help her was made. In a single moment, **Their Future Today** was born. Lynn returned in December, and agreed with the national childcare services to directly make improvements in the orphanage, arranged water supplies and electricity, and provided food, medication and milk supplies.

2006

TFT **'Transforming Institutions'** initiative was launched at our first fundraising ball - which enabled the employment of two TFT housemothers to help raise standards of care, and improve the lives of 56 babies. A partnership was formed with Hope For Children, and we provided financial support to keep bereaved children together, and out of orphanages.

2007

Our first volunteer ensured needs for the children were met, managed repairs and the distribution of supplies, and provided play activities at the orphanage. A nurse and additional housemother was employed.

2008

Permission was granted to directly manage a total restoration of Ruhunu State Children's Receiving Home. The building was refurbished, a playground created, and the outside walls were painted in bright murals.

We discovered Piyumi had a widowed mother made homeless after the tsunami. Most significantly we learnt that more than 80% of children are abandoned in orphanages most often due to poverty through lack of education, and have a living parent or an extended family. In response our **'Providing Education'** programme was launched to help prevent abandonment for future generations, which is at the heart of our work. School book packs were donated to 750 children in orphanages and poor rural children in the Southern Province, and we became known as a 'Social Services Organisation'

2009

Our **'Reuniting Families'** programme began when miraculously Piyumi's brother and mother were found. We launched a **'Housing'** initiative and bought land to build our first house to reunite Piyumi with her family. The 26-year civil war ended on the evening of our annual fundraising ball.

2010

Piyumi 5yrs, and her brother Isuru 13yrs were joyfully reunited in the first TFT house with their mother, and registered in a local school. An **'Income generation'** initiative was introduced, and Badrani was provided with the resources and training needed to help her become self-sufficient. A new **'Children with special needs'** programme began to provide 25 children at Ruhunu with physiotherapy and speech therapy.

2011

TFT received charity registration in Sri Lanka.

We visited Senehasa Girls home and learnt 120 girls, some with babies, were victims of violence and sexual abuse and imprisoned for their 'protection.' In an immediate response, we launched our **'Girls Education and Empowerment'** project and provided remedial classes, art therapy and vocational training. Two care leaver girls were trained and employed in the orphanage.

A library, classroom, and two dormitories with washing facilities were built at Halpatotha institution to benefit 100 children, thanks to John Humphreys Kitchen Table Foundation, computers were donated, and an IT teacher employed to teach accredited MS Software Technical Knowledge which has enabled employment.

2012

Children with families in Ruhunu orphanage were identified and assessed, and the long process of reunification through the courts began. This identified a need for system change.

2013

TFT began to focus on a new initiative '**Prevention of abandonment and family strengthening**' to support disadvantaged and disabled families to prevent abandonment. We renovated houses, repaired roofs, built clean water and washing facilities, and provided electricity, food and medication supplies. A second TFT house was built, and three children were happily reunited with their widowed and homeless mother, who became self-sufficient within two years.

2014

England Under 17's cricket development squad provided an activity day for 100 institutionalised boys who had previously only held a stick, and never a cricket bat. Several bags of cricket equipment were donated, and a **Connecting UK schools and sports clubs with institutions** project was launched.

Volleyball nets were provided at Senehasa, and art therapy, and jewellery making classes were introduced. Famous Sri Lankan actress Geetha Kumarasinghe attended our 6th Annual school book giving ceremony for 1500 children. Tesco's funded school uniforms.

2015

Lynn Stanier was invited to sign the Tsunami 10 year book of remembrance at the British High Commission. **Their Future Today International Preschool** opened to provide early learning in a poor rural area, and provide a safe space for families to leave their children while they worked, to help prevent abandonment. Attended by the Deputy British High Commissioner and sponsored by Mercury Holidays. This enabled two children to immediately reunite with their families. Lynn discussed our work with the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. **Our third house was completed**, and three more institutionalised children were reunited with their father. LUMOS provided TFT with deinstitutionalisation training, and TFT became a UNICEF civil partner, and joined a global network of practitioners.

2016

An '**Alternative Family and Foster Care training**' initiative was launched in collaboration with Strengthening Families and Children (SFAC), and delivered to 100 probation officers and social workers from the National Childcare Probation services in the Southern province, who learnt about family and foster care for the first time. Vocational training began at Senehasa, thanks to a one off grant from The Peter Cundill Foundation. Their Future Today was selected as 'Charity of the Year' by the British Sri Lankan Association.

2017

A second 'Alternative Family and Foster care' training programme was delivered to National Childcare Probation Services and National Childcare Protection Authority. An agreement was reached to initiate a 'Pilot for an alternative family and foster care system'. TFT International Preschool was awarded an exceptional Grade B status from the Ministry of Education. Lynn Stanier, Founder and Chief Executive was awarded an MBE by Her Majesty The Queen in her birthday honours list, for Community Services to Sri Lanka.

2018

TFT was awarded our first major grant funding from The Peter Cundill Foundation, and our '**Hearts Beat Together**' campaign was launched at the Houses of Parliament. We invited the Chairperson of the National Childcare Protection Authority, and Minister of Women & Child Affairs to the **International Foster Care Organisation Conference** in Malta to learn about foster care, in the presence of the **President of Malta**. A concept note was sent to the President of Sri Lanka, with a recommendation to replace institutionalisation with alternative family care. Alternative Family Care Training was provided for 25 Law students. With the Head of paediatrics and teams from local hospitals we conducted **medical assessments** and created case files for 76 children, identifying three children with life threatening conditions. **The first specialist childcare training programme in a state institution** began for 20 TFT Housemothers. **We arranged a cultural and intellectual exchange programme** with Wimbledon High School volunteers, who raised funds to build a Bakery at Senehasa girls home. TFT were selected as **finalists in the Charity Film Awards**. The British High Commissioner in Colombo held a reception in honour of Lynn Stanier's MBE award. **The Heartbeat Centre** opened in Colombo in partnership with NGO Sisters at Law, to provide a helpline and pro-bono lawyering for women and street girls escaping domestic abuse, and mothers of children in orphanages.

2019

TFT gained support from the Sri Lankan Cricket Board and Barmy Army England cricket supporters at Test matches in Galle, to promote Children Belong in Families, Not Orphanages, which was subsequently cancelled due to Covid-19.

Providing education

Thousands of children end up in orphanages as a result of family poverty, most often due to lack of education.

Enabling education helps children to reach their full potential and in the longer term lifts future generations out of poverty, which subsequently reduces child abandonment.



Anishka* was guest of honour at our 11th Annual Book Giving Ceremony. She was released from an orphanage and reunited with her mother after two years of abuse, thanks to our pro-bono lawyer Marini De Livera. Mother and daughter have been housed by TFT and are living a happy life together. Anishka loves school and is learning English, she has dreams to become an English teacher. Our Street Drama group performed Anishka's story to change perceptions and stigmas of institutionalised children and send out the message that children belong in families, not orphanages.

3500 Children received school books at TFT Annual Bookgiving Ceremony to enable their education, including 100 children from the Deaf School in Galle.

5400 Children have completed their education with the provision of school books received from TFT since 2009 and can now work to support their families which is changing the cruel cycle of poverty.

65 Under-fives benefitted from early learning development, English lessons and musical equipment at TFT International Preschool which celebrated its fourth successful year.

10 Preschool children received bursary places to ensure parents on low income can work to support their children. We are extremely grateful to Mercury Holidays who are our corporate sponsor for the fourth year.

350

Children benefitted from 3 braille machines donated to Sadagala Disabled School, Biso, a teacher at three blind schools, and one to Elisha Debbie 6yrs, who lost both of her parents and eyesight after the Easter Sunday bombings in Colombo. Her braille machine meant she could stay at home with her family, and out of an orphanage for blind children.

Providing education in orphanages

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Children under 5 years benefitted from the opening of TFT Ruhunu Orphanage Preschool which provides structure, routine stimulation and vital early learning development.

3

Local vocational training teachers were employed to teach English, IT, sewing and baking to provide skills for 100 disadvantaged Senehasa Girls aged from 8 to 18 years old.

100

Disadvantaged and abandoned girls received commercial bakery equipment and resources, donated by Wimbledon High School volunteers who raised funds to provide life skills and vocational training for the girls, as well as cultural and intellectual exchange.

162

Girls and boys received accreditations in computer skills, art, baking, sewing and embroidery classes in two orphanages.



Transforming the lives of children in orphanages



While we do not support the orphanage system, it is imperative to improve the health, education and well being of abandoned babies and children who are languishing inside. Surviving without love, dignity or even the most basic care, we advocate that their voices must be heard.

Since understanding the harm caused to children in orphanages through our Alternative Family and Foster care training programme, the Southern Province Childcare Probation Commissioner, has focused on reducing numbers of children in institutions by encouraging adoption and he now refuses to accept children from mothers wanting to work abroad, who believe orphanages are good places for children. Once mothers are informed of the facts and the long term emotional harm caused, they want to take their children home and find other family based solutions.

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Infant caregivers and preschool teachers received training in an accredited childcare development programme to improve care, health and wellbeing for over 50 infants. The training focused on the importance of attachment, interaction, stimulation and play. Their income has supported the education of their own children.

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Sexual abuse victims who are rejected by their families and institutionalised for 'protection', received music, yoga, art therapy and drama classes.

14

Children have been adopted in the past year at Ruhunu, the highest number to date, thanks to the support of the Commissioner of the Southern Province which as a result of our training, is now committed to reducing the numbers of children in orphanages.



50 Children under five years now have comprehensive care plans, daily routines and benefit from early learning and cognitive development skills in our well-resourced classrooms to enable more successful reintegration into families.

2 Volunteers were trained by childcare specialist in play techniques designed to help stimulate the children's motor functions, and assisted with TFT - Ruhunu preschool classes.

80 Children in the orphanage benefitted from chewing bread, and cake made from the TFT bakery. Chewing helps to develop mouth muscles and improve speech, which is one of the biggest health issues we see amongst infants.

19 Bed bound disabled children received physiotherapy and speech therapy treatments and are now able to walk, move and make sounds.

Bringing & keeping families together

TFT is committed to reuniting children who have been abandoned through poverty with their families, and we are working with National Childcare services to identify children in the institution with potential family relationships, then seek out the parent or relative to assess their needs.



Where safe and possible we assist with re-adoption through the courts, establish the children in local schools, and provide housing and support until the reunited family can reach self-sufficiency and independence through income generation training.

TFT supported and strengthened 50 children in families to prevent abandonment, 13 were represented in court and reunited from orphanages.
100% of our resettled families are still safe at home since 2010.

158

Low-income families have been supported with food vouchers, medicine and or childcare to support their self-sufficiency and opportunity to work



PROVIDING HEALTH CARE FOR SICK MOTHER

Piyumi, our first reunited child learnt that she was the child who ignited the flame to the inception of Their Future Today. She said she felt very happy! She has become the most dedicated and devoted daughter that any mother could hope for. Badrani, her mum, is diabetic and was in hospital for several months. Now she's home but needs a daily nurse and continued care. TFT is providing all their needs and support to ensure we keep Piyumi out of an orphanage which was suggested by hospital doctors when Piyumi refused to leave her bedside.

Badrani is now on the road to recovery and she is so thankful for all the help she and Piyumi receive, especially her wheelchair which has meant she can get out of bed, and see the sunshine again.

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Reunited and abandonment prevention children attended a special Mistletoe Magic Christmas party in Colombo for underprivileged children. The event was organised by Marini De Livera former Chairperson of the National Childcare Protection Authority, and Founder of Sisters at Law. Funds were raised for a much-needed Women and Children's Shelter. None of our TFT children had ever ridden in a coach, been to Colombo, or experienced a party before. They were excited to see the tall buildings and urban environment and even more thrilled to meet Santa Claus who gave them all gift packs while they tasted sweets, and snacks.

Dushi, our TFT Project Manager said the children were so happy and she sent thanks to our supporters for providing this great chance on their behalf, saying this will be the children's most unforgettable day of their lives.



EASTER SUNDAY ATROCITY

Geetha lost her husband, sister and niece in St. Anthony's Church, Negombo and has three children to support. TFT has helped her to set up a garden nursery business, so that she can stay close to her children while she becomes self-sustainable, and she asked to send a personal message of thanks for the support she is receiving from our donors.

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Women with pending court cases who are escaping abusive relationships, were provided a safe temporary mother and baby shelter at The Heartbeat Centre, Colombo.

3

Mothers were supported with probono lawyering by our partner Sisters at Law, through the long court process to enable them to take their child home, and TFT provided funds for the tools and financial management skills training to help them to thrive.

24

Women suffering domestic abuse were given advice through the helpline at our 'Hearts Beat Together' Centre to provide legal advice, support, and temporary safe accommodation during court hearings.

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A new house was built for a family of six, and provides clean water and electricity, and has prevented the abandonment of three children. Funds were raised by the Barmy Army, England cricket supporters club.

3

Families were given income generation support, through the donation of a commercial sewing machine, cows, chickens and a garden nursery.

Alternative Family and Foster Care

Belonging is a basic need, and in order to change lives for the many and not just the few, we are committed to providing global alternative family and foster care knowledge and training from grassroots to national level to plant the seeds of cultural and social change, and give children back their human rights.



In June 2018 we launched our “Hearts Beat Together” Campaign at the House of Commons to raise awareness that every child according to the United Nations Conventions of the Rights of the Child, has the right to grow up in a family with love and protection, and not in institutions which are known to be harmful.

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High Court Judges attended our seminar in the first ground-breaking Alternative Family and Foster Care Training of its kind at the Mount Lavinia Hotel, to put forward this new concept to Sri Lanka. Judges were asked for their consideration to become gatekeepers and explore extended family options for every child, instead of the automatic institutionalisation of children. A High Court Appellate Judge gave a powerful speech in which she said that if Judges chose to ignore this knowledge, they would be responsible for abusing the children of their Country. It was unanimously agreed that family care is a better solution, and training for all Judges nationwide has since been requested.

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Enthusiastic Psycho community team managers at Foundation of Goodness were warmly welcomed to continue their Alternative Family and Foster Care Training. This dynamic team have taken on the challenge to become advocates and share information about the importance of children growing up in families and the concept of foster care within communities in the 45 villages where they work, as well as trying to change the misconception that orphanages are good for children, which culturally many believe.



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Probation officers were trained in Alternative Family and Foster Care, at their Annual Conference. They work alongside Judges and it is essential to have their support. We were delighted to receive a request for more training from the National Commissioner in 2020, and see this as the beginning of an organic process of systematic and cultural change.

30

Key management staff and Field Officers at the Women's Development Centre in Kandy were successfully trained in Alternative Family and Foster Care. They represent women in 14 districts, and although they were fairly sceptical, as they believed orphanages provide a good solution, they now have a good understanding of the harm caused to children and what foster care means.

88

Sociology students and lecturers at the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, at the University of Ruhuna in Matara, were delivered their first Alternative Family and Foster Care Training. It is challenging to engage participants in a subject they've never heard of let alone understand, but with this knowledge, these young people have the potential to be the advocates for change to give children in orphanages their rights to grow up in a family in their country.

The Dean, Dr Upali Pannilage offered the opportunity to collaborate and help develop further ongoing training to expand their syllabus, as well as intellectual exchange and institutionalization research with the University of Michigan USA. The reach is potentially 11,000 students and he suggested hosting a conference for all Universities in Sri Lanka. This training was instigated by Dushi, our TFT Project Manager who did her Masters here, and we felt so proud to have her on our team as they commended her so highly.



Our response to COVID19

MARCH 2020

The health and safety of our staff, children, and families in Sri Lanka is our priority, and every day we are reviewing how to deliver our services safely and rapidly while doing our best to respond to huge extra demand.

it doesn't bear thinking about if the virus was to spread into orphanages or the poorest villages where multigenerational families live in overcrowded and unsanitary conditions and the virus could spread very quickly.

These people are trapped between the risk of coronavirus and hunger, as the impacts of lockdown for poor daily wage earners without work or income to provide food for their families is catastrophic.

The situation is worsening every day, putting vulnerable children at risk of malnutrition, family breakdown, and abandonment into harmful orphanages.

We want to be there to ensure this doesn't happen.

All schools were closed without warning, and TFT International Preschool has been converted into a temporary Food Bank. So far we have provided **1000 essential food parcels to last families of six for a week, comprising of rice, dhal, vegetables, flour, milk powder, sugar, seeds and soap bars to improve hygiene.** We are prioritising pregnant mothers, and those with infants and disability in the areas of Pinkanda, Mannar District and Kandy.

This is making a significant difference to these peoples lives but demand is far outweighing the amount of supplies we can distribute at any one time and it is heartbreaking to turn so many desperate people away.

Sri Lanka, which has one of the largest disparities between rich and poor in the world, was only just beginning to recover from the Easter Sunday atrocity in 2019. Now economically the future is looking extremely uncertain, and the survival of many families, particularly children suffering malnutrition is seriously in the balance.



Programme Goals 2020-22

- Provide income generation resources and livelihood training support for 15 families in Colombo, Kandy, Bentota, Pinkanda, Negombo and Galle.
- Provide financial support and resources to 30 families to prevent child abandonment.
- Train all High Court Judges, Magistrates, Probation officers and Law students in Alternative Family and Foster Care. The training will provide the knowledge and tools to understand the options available and enable other avenues to institutionalisation to be taken, and to advocate for the rights of children and young people.
- Educate local communities about Alternative Family & Foster care.
- Work with National Childcare Probation Services to develop new systems of family support.
- Maintain the TFT Ruhunu pre-school and within that, run training for housemothers on how to care for the children and how to work with families who bring their children to the centre to encourage them to keep their children.
- Continue to run the TFT Centre of Excellence at Ruhunu to set a minimum standard which includes early learning development skills as an example for all state orphanages and encourage other orphanages to adhere to the same standards.
- Provide safety, shelter and education for teenage girls and mothers and babies, and work with childcare services to fast-track legal adoption processes.
- Run annual Book Giving ceremonies, giving the books children need to attend school for the following year (this includes talks about alternative family & foster care, street drama and cultural events).
- Provide schoolbooks and vocational training to girls held in Senehasa, Halpatota and care leavers. The training will focus on computer skills, sewing, embroidery and bakery classes.
- We will improve the care provided in a SEND institution and set a standard within those institutions, while advocating for change in cultural stigmas and promoting integration of children with disability.



**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2020
for
Their Future Today**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**Registered Charity number**

1136807

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Trustees

A C H Lawler (resigned 27.3.20)
R J R Stanier
Mrs S Vyoral (resigned 10.6.19)
Ms L J Clark (appointed 30.7.19)
S Jackman
Mrs D Gibson
L Lindley (appointed 15.11.20)
T Talukder (appointed 1.1.21)

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 January 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

S Jackman - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Their Future Today

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Their Future Today

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Their Future Today (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

M C Beaty-Pownall FCA

19 January 2021

Their Future Today

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2020

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | 2020 Total funds £ | 2019 Total funds £ |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| INCOME & ENDOWMENTS | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | | 124,741 | 89,994 | 214,735 | 217,622 |
| Investment Income | 2 | 101 | - | 101 | 78 |
| Total income | | 124,842 | 89,994 | 214,836 | 217,700 |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | | | |
| Raising funds | | 46,437 | 70 | 46,507 | 56,473 |
| Charitable Activities | | | | | |
| Assistance with Sri Lankan Activities | | 73,014 | 75,921 | 148,935 | 145,558 |
| Other | | 759 | - | 759 | 1,483 |
| Total Expenditure | | 120,210 | 75,991 | 196,201 | 203,514 |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | | 4,632 | 14,003 | 18,635 | 14,186 |
| Transfers between funds | 8 | (55,991) | 55,991 | - | - |
| Net movement in funds | | (51,359) | 69,994 | 18,635 | 14,186 |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 87,918 | 76,834 | 164,752 | 150,566 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | | 36,559 | 146,828 | 183,387 | 164,752 |

Their Future Today

Balance sheet 31 March 2020

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | 2020 Total funds £ | 2019 Total funds £ |
|--|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 6 | 1,370 | - | 1,370 | 1,181 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | |
| Cash at bank | | 38,660 | 146,828 | 185,488 | 165,523 |
| CREDITORS | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 7 | (3,471) | - | (3,471) | (1,952) |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | 35,189 | 146,828 | 182,017 | 163,571 |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 36,559 | 146,828 | 183,387 | 164,752 |
| NET ASSETS | | 36,559 | 146,828 | 183,387 | 164,752 |
| FUNDS | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | 36,559 | 87,918 |
| Restricted funds | | | | 146,828 | 76,834 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | 183,387 | 164,752 |

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 January 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

D Gibson - Trustee

S Jackman - Chair of Trustees

R J R Stanier - Trustee

L J Clark - Trustee (Secretary)

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2020

1.ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Office equipment - 25% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st March 2020

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2. INVESTMENT INCOME | | |
| Deposit account interest | 101 | 78 |

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2020 nor for the year ended 31 March 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2020 nor for the year ended 31 March 2019.

4. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|-----------------------|------|------|
| Operations | 1 | 1 |
| Charitable activities | 2 | 2 |
| | 3 | 3 |

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds £ |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 127,628 | 89,994 | 217,622 |
| Investment income | 78 | - | 78 |
| Total | 127,706 | 89,994 | 217,700 |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | |
| Raising funds | 56,473 | - | 56,473 |
| Charitable activities | | | |
| Assistance with Sri Lankan activities | 92,854 | 52,704 | 145,558 |
| Other | 1,483 | - | 1,483 |
| Total | 150,810 | 52,704 | 203,514 |

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st March 2020

| | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds £ |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | (23,104) | 37,290 | 14,186 |
| Transfers between in funds | 8,160 | (8,160) | - |
| Net movement in funds | (14,944) | 29,130 | 14,186 |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 102,862 | 47,704 | 150,566 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | 87,918 | 76,834 | 164,752 |

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETSOffice
equipment
£**COST**

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| At 1 April 2019 | 4,831 |
| Additions | 948 |
| At 31 March 2020 | 5,779 |

DEPRECIATION

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| At 1 April 2019 | 3,650 |
| Additions | 759 |
| At 31 March 2020 | 4,409 |

NET BOOK VALUE

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| At 1 April 2019 | 1,370 |
| At 31 March 2020 | 1,181 |

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Trade creditors | 251 | 141 |
| Taxation and social security | 3,220 | 1,811 |
| Sub total | 3,471 | 1,952 |

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st March 2020

| | At 1.4.19 £ | Net movement in funds £ | Transfers between funds £ | At 31.1.20 £ |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 8.MOVEMENT IN FUNDS | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| General fund | 87,918 | 4,632 | (55,991) | 36,559 |
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| Mercury Holidays | 15,000 | 4,468 | (4,468) | 15,000 |
| The Peter Cundill Foundation | 61,834 | 9,535 | 60,459 | 131,828 |
| Sub total | 76,834 | 14,003 | 55,991 | 146,828 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | 164,752 | 18,635 | - | 183,387 |

| 8.MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds £ |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows: | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | |
| General fund | 124,842 | (120,210) | 4,632 |
| Restricted funds | | | |
| Mercury Holidays | 20,000 | (15,532) | 4,468 |
| The Peter Cundill Foundation | 69,994 | (60,459) | 9,535 |
| Sub total | 89,994 | (75,991) | 14,003 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | 214,836 | (196,201) | 18,635 |

| Comparatives for movement in funds | At 1.4.19 £ | Net movement in funds £ | Transfers between funds £ | At 31.1.20 £ |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| General fund | 102,862 | (23,104) | 8,160 | 87,918 |
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| Mercury Holidays | - | 15,000 | - | 15,000 |
| The Peter Cundill Foundation | 47,704 | 22,290 | (8,160) | 61,834 |
| Sub total | 47,704 | 37,290 | (8,160) | 76,834 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | 150,566 | 14,186 | - | 164,752 |

| Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows: | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | |
| General fund | 127,706 | (150,810) | (23,104) |
| Restricted funds | | | |
| Mercury Holidays | 20,000 | (5,000) | 15,000 |
| The Peter Cundill Foundation | 69,994 | (47,704) | 22,290 |
| Sub total | 89,994 | (52,704) | 37,290 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | 217,700 | (203,514) | 14,186 |

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st March 2020

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS | | |
| Donations and legacies | 158,675 | 190,852 |
| Fundraising events | 56,060 | 26,770 |
| Sub total | 214,735 | 217,622 |
| Investment income | | |
| Deposit account interest | 101 | 78 |
| Total incoming resources | 214,836 | 217,700 |

| EXPENDITURE | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Raising donations and legacies | | |
| Wages | 12,142 | 14,469 |
| Social security | 216 | 307 |
| Pensions | 260 | 192 |
| Conferences | - | 542 |
| Postage and stationary | 987 | 658 |
| Fundraising events & costs | 2,961 | 8,622 |
| Charity ball expenses | 17,922 | 19,995 |
| Website development | 311 | 779 |
| Bank charges | 190 | 96 |
| Marketing & training costs | 2,923 | 2,236 |
| Insurance | 1,059 | 795 |
| Subscriptions | 571 | 354 |
| Telephone | 792 | 433 |
| Sundry office costs | 166 | 786 |
| Office rent & utilities | 5,474 | 5,578 |
| Software costs | 533 | 631 |
| Sub total | 46,507 | 56,473 |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Wages | 36,425 | 43,405 |
| Social security | 649 | 922 |
| Pensions | 781 | 576 |
| Travelling | 12,571 | 17,742 |
| Orphanage & other charitable donations | 98,509 | 82,913 |
| Sub total | 148,935 | 145,558 |
| Other | | |
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets | 759 | 1,483 |
| Total resources expended | 196,201 | 203,514 |
| Net income | 18,635 | 14,186 |

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A message from our Chair of Trustees

"I have great pleasure in commending this report to you. It has been a remarkable year and despite many challenges we have delivered so much, ensuring that your donations have been used effectively and efficiently. The work I am most proud of is the gathering of Sri Lanka High Court Judges in what was and is a ground-breaking programme in alternative family and foster care. This lays the foundation for Judges to be the catalyst for change and to explore extended family options for every child instead of placing them in institutional care. We fully intend to extend this training once conditions allow, but in the meantime we provide support for our beneficiaries during these very challenging times of the pandemic. Thank you so much for your ongoing support. It is so appreciated." – Simon Jackman

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