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IMPACT REPORT FOR 2021

Despite the impact of COVID-19 trading in the shop has maintained good levels in comparison to previous years. The Charity Event and Fashion Show in December helped to finish the year in style raising some €3000.

In December Robert and Rona, fellow trustees felt the need to be returning to the UK on a permanent basis. We are in the process of finding replacement Trustees. Their contribution to the Charity over the years has been great and we will miss them. This change also developed the need for further volunteers and in the past weeks we have welcomed 6 new individuals to help keep things running smoothly.

What IMPACT have we made in using our resources to meet the ever-growing need in today's world?

- Every month we have provided **BUEN SAMARITANO** with all our surplus donations for their Rastro (thrift store) to sell. Many times, it is the equivalent of 20+ large black sacks of clothing and other items. In addition, we have donated €600 to help with their costs, especially maintaining the van used for collection.
- One of our volunteers has a personal contact (her sister) with a project in **GUATEMALA** working with helping prostitutes find other income, youth workers supporting children living on the streets and other similar projects - €1100.
- More locally and different we have donated €200 to **La Manga Cats**, volunteers managing the cat population along the 'strip'.
- We have helped a number of individual families with **free clothing**, mainly South American field workers living in poor conditions.
- **THE FOOD BANK** which started late in 2020 has continued into this past year. Collection points and individuals have donated food and funds provided for purchase of fresh and/or items required to make up hampers.



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- Over the year **some 200+ hampers** have been supplied on a monthly basis and at Christmas 2021 an extra special Christmas Hamper was Supplied to each family.
- Some of the proceeds from the Fashion Show was used more locally and **St Josephs Orphanage** received €250 and The local **Women's Refuge** in Cartagena €100 plus other items.
- The main focus is our charitable work in **KENYA where we support families and children through a Social Worker and Youth Worker.** Both individuals are personally known to Bob and Mary who have spent many months working in Kenya amongst needy families. **Reagan** the social worker oversees the payment of school fees and supports the families. **Robert** the Youth Worker manages the work with the street kids and single mothers.
We have 2 individuals at university, one studying to be a Biochemist and the other Accountancy and Business Management. In addition, 14 children are getting high quality education at primary and residential senior level plus some families are getting their rent paid. Some €18,000 is needed to support this work most coming from individual donations and the balance from Yo-Encuentro.
The work carried out by Robert the Youth Worker has a number of facets. Along with regular donations from Salt Church Los Alcazares – www.la.saltchurch.es we pay his house rent with some small additions and then he oversees the care of 16 single mothers who live on the streets. We provide monthly funds for simple shelter, blankets, nappies, sanitary towels, soap and other care items. **This Christmas** with additional funds from the Charity Event, Robert and his team provided a **Christmas Meal and Fruit for over 350 street children, families, widows and poor.** Robert is 'known on the streets' for his care and support to this community and we look forward to seeing this work expand in 2022. Our donations to his work were over €2500
- There is a small cash emergency fund for cases of immediate need.

None of the above would be possible without the fantastic local support by way of donations and the work of our volunteers. THANK YOU, one and all!

Bob and Mary Barham. Trustees. January 2022