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IMPACT REPORT FOR 2022

After a difficult period when we were operating with the minimum number of Trustees, we are now in a very positive position having 5 Trustees currently.

Three new appointments were made with each Trustee having a specific area of responsibility within the Association:

- **Ruby Elliott – Children in crisis**
- **Natalie Brown – Keeping our schools equal**
- **Simon Elliott – Football for all**

These 3 Trustees also manage the day to day operations of The Child Project which became part of Yo Encuentro at the beginning of 2022.

Two Trustees continue to serve:

- **Bob Barham – Finance**
- **Mary Barham – Yo Encuentro Shop**

We also now have a strong team of volunteers who make the charity work.

This impact report focuses on the Yo Encuentro Shop.

The Child Project annual report is available separately.

How have funds been used to impact communities?

Our principal objective is to bring relief to those in need whether locally or abroad. The following gives an outline of who has benefitted from the funds raised through the charity shop.

- **We have continued to work with 12 children and 4 families in Kenya. By supporting families and providing school fees, we can give children the best opportunity to lift them from poverty. We continue to support two young people (both orphans) at university. We pay their fees and daily support including medical and social needs.**
- **We continue to support a Youth Worker in Nakuru who brings relief to different groups living in extreme conditions:**



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- o **single mothers and babies living on the streets.**
 - o **Young street children with no family**
 - o **Widows with no means of support**
- Funds provide basics of daily life and also special occasion meals and events. Emergency medical needs and funeral costs are also provided.**

At Christmas2022 we provided funds to purchase 150 blankets and a Christmas meal for some 300 living on the streets in Nakuru, Kenya.

MORE LOCAL

- **The foodbank continues its support for a number of families in poverty living locally. The need has grown steadily over this year.**
- **We continue to support El Buen Samaritano each month by donating our surplus donations of clothing, blankets and houseware. These are used to help the homeless and those living in great need. Funds are also provided to help with the running costs of the van.**
- **We were able to provide over 200 kilos of food to the annual "5 kilo" event which funds the food bank run by El Buen Samaritano in Cartagena.**
- **A donation of €1500 was given to LMC Owners Charity to provide food for the needy in Cartagena.**
- **Donations of clothing and food are given monthly to field workers in the local area distributed via local churches.**
- **Las Barracas dog rescue receive our surplus blankets and towels, as well as monetary donations. La Manga Cats also benefit from Yo Encuentro donations.**
- **Guatemala - gifts were made over the year for the various projects helping street children, re training single mothers.**
- **Items in the shop were made available free to individuals in need as well as requests from the Child Project.**
- **Other gifts were made to other charitable needs through the year.**

This last year the shop has seen growth in terms of donations from local people and in the amount of money we have donated to causes. It now is very well stocked and into surplus.

Our volunteers make it possible to work. It has been challenging to be comfortably staffed over the last year but currently we have a strong team, are well stocked and ready for the coming year.