



HopeGiver
Making a real difference in people's lives
and in the community you live

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

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HopeGiver is the “trading name” adopted by the charity Missions of Hope, in association with the social enterprise Daioni.org.uk C.I.C..

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Essentially, the work of Daioni is to raise funding for Missions of Hope. It is a completely new enterprise, established in 2017, and over the past year has raised funds as follows:

- Raising donations from individuals and local businesses;
- Web services – publishing website and on-going support;
- Publishing services – publishing newsletters, raising funds through advertising;
- Starting a retail sales product – ‘Chocolate for Charity.’

The total income generated from these activities was £1,656, with expenses of £1,843, making a loss of just under £200.

Despite these losses, Daioni made charitable gifts of £628.

Missions of Hope

Missions of Hope is a charity whose main aim is to tackle poverty, hunger and homelessness in the local community. We work primarily along the North Wales coast, although we support a very small number of projects elsewhere, and aspire to have an impact on a far wider (global) scale.

We work closely alongside other agencies – community groups and organisations, projects and charities who are making a difference in people’s lives and essentially working towards our mission of:

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Although our impact in terms of numbers and finance is relatively limited at this moment in time, we have great aspirations, and we have helped many organisations and projects in a practical way, with practical support, giving of our time and energy for their benefit. Although we cannot quantify this, we are taking steps to monitor the time given to others during 2018 onwards.

Our main areas of work are as follows:

HOPE Community Net

We aim to alleviate poverty by providing financial help and support for individuals with various issues, including the following:

- Benefit delays / sanctions
- Children

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- Housing
- Ill Health
- People with disability
- Struggling with bills / debt
- Unemployment
- White goods and furniture.
- Fresh start
- Food and heating
- Elderly
- Clothes

HOPE Community Net provides a resource for people who have a need that falls into any of the above categories, and possibly others – the criteria is that they have a need that a person should reasonably expect to have fulfilled if they were not struggling financially, and that were not luxury items or aspirations. Many are referred by local food banks, debt advisors and other agencies who are working with those with the lowest incomes.

Food Bank – aspirational project

Whilst we have helped the local food banks both in Conwy and in Rhyl in a practical way – liaising with a number of local shops, picking up surplus and short-dated food items and other food donations for the food banks – we have aspirations to develop this support further.

Both Conwy Food Bank and the food bank in Rhyl are struggling, and would benefit from a paid food bank co-ordinator. We are in early explorative talks with both organisations, looking to partner with them to provide support and seek grant funding to provide salaries and volunteer costs.

Fuel Bank – in early development

It has become clear to us over this last year or so that there is a growing number of people struggling to pay for their utility costs. Whilst access to water is a basic human right, access to heating and lighting, gas and electricity is not.

Around 23% of Welsh households are in fuel poverty, according to government figures. Many of those fall into fuel crisis – at risk of (or already) falling into debt or being cut off. In several parts of the UK, fuel banks have been established – running alongside food banks – to help people with fuel crisis and providing them with one or two weeks' worth of gas / electricity to tide them over.

We are in the early stages of development of a project to provide a 'FuelBank' in North Wales – not only helping people out of the crisis, but ensuring that they have adequate support and the necessary skills to manage and improve their financial situation, so that they are less likely to fall into this crisis again in the future.

This project is supported, in principle, by the local food banks, local authority agencies (such as housing benefit) and Citizens Advice Bureau. Our aim is to establish this project – possibly as a small pilot project initially – in North Wales and develop it into a sustainable resource for the community.

DARE to Recover

Many people struggling with poverty, hunger and homelessness, have suffered with various addictive and compulsive habits. DARE to Recover is a walking group run by, and for, those in

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recovery and their supporters. Our aim is to take a group of people out into the Welsh hills and mountains at least once a month – giving them a purpose, a reason to remain in recovery, and encouraging them to build up new supportive relationships for the future.

The group is the longest running self-help recovery group in North Wales, being established for over ten years. The group has enjoyed the support of a local charitable organisation who has provided a minibus over the years, but we now must raise funding for the fuel costs at least. This will be an additional challenge for 2018.

Bags of Care

Whilst working with the local food banks, we were able to partner together to provide Bags of Care to another charitable organisation who supports and cares for victims of trafficking and modern-day slavery. Those who are rescued are given a 'Bag of Care' that consists of various items of toiletries and some chocolates to help them over the first 24 – 48 hours. We hope to continue to partner together to provide these as needed during 2018.

Those who are rescued are given help and support to re-establish their normal lives, with suitable housing provided by other partner organisations.

HOPE for Homes – aspirational project

We support various organisations and projects who are directly involved with homelessness, and we aspire to establish a housing project in Conwy and Denbighshire in the future. This is purely aspirational at the current time, with no fixed plans or goals in mind, although we are always on the look out for suitable housing. We have two properties in mind, which are suitable if funding were to be made available – one in Colwyn Bay, and another in Rhyl.

Missions of Hope Income and Expenditure

As you will see, much of the income for Missions of Hope has come through our partnership with the charity ACTS435. Through their website, we can post requests for financial help, and donors give online in order to fulfil the requests.

The total income during 2017 was £1,986 – all but £191 was raised through ACTS435. Expenditure was £1,335, leaving a profit of £652. A total of approximately £430 is allocated to support a number of individuals.

We are pleased to report that our administration costs are minimal – comprising of bank costs of £69 which represents 3.5% of our total income. Therefore, 96.5% of our income is used for charitable purposes. We hope to increase this to 100% in 2018 onwards as we seek to attract donors who are eligible for gift aid.



Signed on behalf of the Directors and Trustees.

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Missions of Hope - Accounts 2017

Sum of AMOUNT	Column Labels											
Row Labels	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
Expenses	-£69.00		-£120.01	-£100.00	-£120.00		-£345.96		-£140.00	-£25.00	-£414.61	-£1,334.58
Bank Charges	-£69.00		-£0.01									-£69.01
Gift			-£120.00	-£100.00	-£120.00		-£345.96		-£140.00		-£270.00	-£1,095.96
Gift - FuelBank										-£25.00	-£96.00	-£121.00
Gift - Bags of Care											-£35.69	-£35.69
Gift - Baby Pack											-£12.92	-£12.92
Revenue		£191.17	£100.00		£240.00	£45.00	£190.00	£230.00		£290.00	£700.00	£1,986.17
Donation		£191.17	£100.00		£240.00	£45.00	£190.00	£230.00		£290.00	£700.00	£1,986.17
Grand Total	-£69.00	£191.17	-£20.01	-£100.00	£120.00	£45.00	-£155.96	£230.00	-£140.00	£265.00	£285.39	£651.59

Booklets	
££ donated	£1,986.17
No. of booklets	828