

## **Trustees Report for 2018/19**

Last year we reported that it was with great sadness that our wonderful matron Mirriam Kamanga had to retire in October 2017, following an accident earlier in the year when she broke her ankle. Although she had expert medical care she was still unable to walk properly and could not return to work. We provided all treatment for her at the Beit Cure hospital in Blantyre. Unfortunately, she did not enjoy a long retirement as we had a massive shock in May 2018 when she unexpectedly passed away from a severe Asthma attack. Mirriam was a loving mother to our children and her legacy lives on in the success that they are now achieving. We took the older children and 13 representatives from the local community to the funeral in Mirriam's home village of Kasungu, a 7 hour drive from the children's home. They joined hundreds of her family and friends to love and remember her. She is sadly missed by us all.

In the summer of 2018, we put an appeal on Facebook for second hand school dresses for our girls. Totally unexpectedly the post went 'viral' and was seen by 4.5million people! We received 2400 comments on Facebook and parcels started arriving with hundreds of dresses. The parcels have never stopped since and the dresses are being stored in England and taken gradually to Malawi. We were able to give out dresses to all the local village children which were well received.

A new member of staff was employed early in 2018 to take over as an Administration Assistant with particular responsibilities for the medical welfare of the children and the supervision of the younger children. She will report to our manager Malsen Chatengwa who has now been permanently appointed to this role.

Many of our children are now at secondary school and four more passed their primary school exams in June 2018. We now have 11 children at secondary schools and all are doing well so far. Our eldest 3 boys are at college and also doing well. Secondary and Tertiary education is not free in Malawi so this is a major challenge for us and we are actively seeking sponsorship for the individual children.

We took one new little boy called Steve in September 2018. He was being looked after by his 23 year old brother, after their mother died 5 years ago. He couldn't cope trying to find work locally and the little one was suffering so we've taken him in on a temporary basis to help. He was already at Machemba school so knows all our children and settled straight away.



## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
SMILE MALAWI

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 March 2019

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1106225

**Set out on pages**

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**Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent  
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

- In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention
1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
    - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
  2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:** M Thomas

**Date:** 17/01/2019

**Name:** Martin Thomas of Martin Thomas & Co

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

ACCA Finalist



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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

None