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This year has been so exciting for us here in the UK and in our International projects.

We have started many new programmes which families can attend and learn new skills in agriculture and social programmes where they can learn to be mentors to their children within a good family environment, learn new skills to help them progress to find work and the social programmes continue to grow.

Our main achievement for 2013/14 was to purchase the land in Negresti, Romania which will give work for the local community in growing plants and trees to supply fruit and vegetables for the village community who have nothing. We are excited as to how this has progressed

already throughout the year with vegetables already in great supply, but as we further expand the project we will see a new concrete construction built for a "caretaker" of the land and pens for animals, pigs, chickens, goats etc.

Again we have achieved in supporting young children with their education and you can read about Lakshmi from Haven Home in India as to how her life has changed because someone had the heart and passion to sponsor her, to give her back the very basics in life which she never had.

So as we move into 2014/15 already we have grown to

another level and we hope with the continued support of our sponsors, donors and business members we will take the charity to a much higher level, helping so many people who are ekeing out an existence both here in the UK and internationally.

Thank you for the part you play in our family.

Val Huxley
CEO



Final Message

from our Chairman



Consumer confidence remained low in 2013 as most people had been affected by the unwelcome combination of high inflation and low wage growth.

The charity sector felt the pressure of the reduction and removal of government grants and reduced consumer donations. We as a charity have raised funds traditionally through supporters and not grants. With the continuous stream of new initiatives, good cost controls and the generosity of our supporters we remained reasonable unaffected by the UK economic conditions producing a yearend financial position of improved income levels and higher project investment in our charitable activities .

At the 2013 AGM I announced our intention to secure funds to develop a UK project strategy. We have made

excellent progress in this respect and by the time we publish this report we will have launched "Bridging the Gap" meeting needs of local families in crisis. Internationally we entered a new phase of development in Romania where we are investing in land, agriculture and back to work programmes.

Business against Poverty met its growth expectations by developing a higher SME content and the offering of value added services to the membership. Our strategy to develop BaP as the main funding driver of People against Poverty remains on target.

The board are quietly pleased with the 2013-14 performance and acknowledge the fantastic work of our project leaders our CEO, staff, volunteers' and of course all our supporters.

Bill Huxley
Chair of Trustees



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Finance

from our Finance Trustee

I am proud to report 2013-14 was a year where we further strengthened our position although the economic downturn continues to put a strain on donor's budgets.

We continued to be diligent to our funding sources, spend wisely on our projects, minimising our cost base and seek out more sustainable income streams.

Our budget and our reserve are well balanced. Overall we increased our gross income from the previous year

and therefore increased our giving to projects. The Increased activity in school trips saw this area of income rise as well.

I am excited about the anticipated continued financial growth from Business against Poverty which continues to provide the charity

with increased stability and more opportunities to help those who are in such desperate need.

Colin Scull
Finance Trustee



	2013-2014		2012-2013	
Total Income	276,760.00	100%	£233,016.00	100%
Child Sponsorship	57,993.00	21.0	£56,164.00	24.1
Awareness & Education Trips	73,473.00	27.0	£46,462.00	19.9
Fundraising	35,456.00	13.0	£24,322.00	10.5
Donations	62,569.00	22.6	£64,992.00	27.9
Business against Poverty Fees	25,498.00	9.2	£20,831.00	8.9
Gift Aid	21,771.00	7.9	£20,245.00	8.7
Total Expenditure	248,760.00	%	£218,594.00	%
Charitable Causes (Projects)	108,962.00	43.8	£97,552.00	44.6
Charitable Causes (Child Sponsorship)	58,979.00	23.7	£51,722.00	23.5
Project Delivery (Staff Costs)	48,287.00	19.4	£42,221.00	19.3
Office Costs	14,923.00	6.0	£13,692.00	15.8
Fundraising, Marketing (Excluding Staff)	14,734.00	5.9	£11,262.00	5.2
Banking & Governance	2875.00	1.2	£2,145.00	1.0

we supported over **10** families in gaining back their identities in the Legal Project

we cooked **16,896** MEALS to children and their families

we were delighted to hear of the marriage of a previous **sponsored child in India**

we transported **29** PEOPLE to hospital for treatment

we provided **8** MALNOURISHED children with milk powder

we assisted **28** CHILDREN to gain education in Nepal because of child sponsorship

we helped **32** FAMILIES onto our social programmes in Romania

we purchased **1** ACRE LAND to begin our agricultural project in Romania

we supported **3** SURGICAL interventions

we invested in a **senior** Management programme in Poland for our Operations Manager in Romania

we vaccinated all the children who attended camp this year

we purchased a **7** seater vehicle for the transport project in Romania

we celebrated as **6** CHILDREN left child sponsorship programme after graduating from universities in Tanzania, India & Nepal

we built **3** SANCTUARY HOMES on inherited land this year introducing new PVC windows and doors

we medicated **255** CHILDREN

Haiti

Gertrude Bien-Aime

Project leader

Since 2010, People against Poverty have supported **Notre Maison** an **orphanage in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti**. The orphanage supports 45 children, many of whom are handicapped. Some of the children were found abandoned in hospital corridors. Others were found wandering the streets starving and severely malnourished. They range in age from 6 months to 18. The orphanage provides the children with all the necessities of life in a caring and nurturing and through PaP's child sponsorship programme, we are able to provide consistent support to provide the children with food, clothing, medical care and, most recently, Special Education teachers. We are delighted that in return we can provide the sponsor with cards, pictures and letters from the sponsored child twice a year. Thank you to everyone

Malawi

Webster

Project leader

Since our partnership with People against Poverty, **Ekwendeni Hospital** have seen great changes in the lives of the sponsored children and families and this partnership means a lot to them. The children are able to meet their pressing needs such as food, clothing and shoes. The children are also able to buy school supplies such as notebooks, pens, pencils and uniform. Other children are using the money for paying school fees. For example six of the sponsored are in secondary school and they have reached this level because of our partnership.

The project Manager and the children are very thankful for the continued support which is bringing meaningful and hope life to them. It is our prayer that the almighty God should continue blessing you all who think of better life for the disadvantaged.

Many blessings

Tanzania

Ben & Katy Ray

Project Leaders

The deaf and disabled artisans at **Neema Crafts** would like to thank all of the donors whose generosity helps to buy uniforms and pay for school fees for some of our most needy trainees. The extra support for these things really makes a difference to these families, and with their individual bank accounts, some parents have even started to save a little for their children's future. Thank you People against Poverty!

India

Prasant Yelchuri

Project leader

People against Poverty partnership with **Haven Home** India is absolutely a life changing partnership to the children under the care of Haven Home.

We want to thank everyone from PaP and the supporters for their continued prayer and financial support has been a blessing to the children with good education, values and a good environment to grow. Our partnership does not make the children rich but brings them out of the poverty cycle forever.

We all at Haven Home are so grateful to all People against Poverty for their kindness and generosity toward the deprived and desperate children of our region. If it was not your helping hand than we would not have been able to achieve what we have achieved today. All glory to God.

Child Sponsorship

Lakshmi's Story

The beginning of Lakshmi's life was tough and her situation was one that no child should have to deal with. When she came on to the scheme aged 15 years old she and her family were living in awful conditions, in a house made of mud and palm leaves with only £10 per month as their total family income.

Lakshmi's life however was changed because someone decided that they wanted to sponsor her. It enabled her to have the education that she had only ever dreamed of and this has given her the best possible tools to break the cycle of poverty in her adult life. Lakshmi is now 21 and has grown into a fine young lady who has completed her college

degree and is currently awaiting the results of her final exams. She is a bright young woman who studied Biology, Physics and Chemistry and she is now so close to fulfilling her dreams to become a nurse. She has found a job on a construction site in the Chennai region of India, but continues to look for work in relation to healthcare. For a young woman

like Lakshmi to find a job is a HUGE success.

Lakshmi and People against Poverty would like to say a huge thank you to all our sponsors for giving her and others the opportunity to change their lives through education.

Romania

Valentine Chirica

Project leader

Our **Way Of Joy** organisation in partnership with People Against Poverty, is a strong bridge which we build together over the deep gulf, which separates the normal society and poverty community area. Working together through our various projects helps us to build strong relationships with the rejected, marginalized poor people and children to prepare them for the difficult long journey of crossing the bridge towards a society that offers protection, rights and respect.

The impact which the projects have made is strong and positive and over the years has helped to save more than 100 families and 350 children to cross the bridge from dangerous places like The Ghetto and Phantom blocks, where they were seriously affected by drugs, alcohol, prostitution and various crimes.

Thank you so very much for your hard work that you do in our partnership of saving life's together.

