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Rescue Mission for Children Inc

Financial Review Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

In reviewing the financial report for the year ended 31 December 2023 I noted:

1. Total income to the organisation increased by 4%. This result was driven by increased sponsorships (16%) as well as significant operational and general donations. To be expected, the project fundraising efforts of 2022 – for the bus purchase – were not matched in 2023; and yet the organisation continued to grow.
2. Standard costs of audit, bank fees, postage, licences and fundraising costs continued in 2023.
3. Additionally, 2023 saw some out of ordinary spending to the point where the board called an extraordinary meeting to ensure funds were spent on the purpose for which they were given. Some of these costs included school fees not covered by project funds, (old) vehicle repairs, washing machine repairs, new fridge, water and pumping costs and contributions to funerals to the extent Rescue Mission's children were affected. The board is to be commended for their strong stewardship of sponsorship funds received.
4. This extra spending is reflected in the monthly transfers to Thailand. Amounts approved by the board to be spent on and for the children (excluding project costs) – totalled \$102,536.27 for the 2023 calendar year. While this represents a 10% increase on 2022's costs (\$93,144.77) and includes the additional costs mentioned previously, it also reflects the growing number of children on site, the increasing age demographic and relative increase in education costs. It is worth noting the organisation continues to attract contributions specifically for the education of the children.
5. Project expenditure throughout the 2023 year, separate to the final bus payment, totalled \$15,200 – \$14,000 for school fees and \$1,200 for medical costs.
6. The 2023 calendar year saw an overall profit – as shown by the income and expenditure statement - of \$37,889.34. A positive result building on a strong 2022 year.
7. The organisation continues to thrive in its overall financial position as seen in the Statement of Financial Position. The operations account finished the year 60% higher than it started – even with the extraordinary spending required throughout the year – with a balance of \$89,871.70 on 31 December 2023.
8. It is noted the Paypal account balance was cleared and transferred to the operations account in early January 2024.
9. The balance of the projects account at 31 December 2023 was \$23,926.56 and I note the funds were held for:
 - a. Education - \$10K which will be required as the number of children now receiving a high school education continues to increase.
 - b. Medical - \$4K has been retained for out of ordinary medical requirements.
 - c. Projects as needed - \$10K had been donated for project purposes as required, to be determined by the board.
10. The final bus payment of \$36,594.41 was paid in February 2023. I have included the bus at full cost for the 2023 year. This will be depreciated in future years.
11. The organisation continues to go from strength to strength. In the 9 years I've been involved with Rescue Mission, I haven't seen it any stronger. It could not be in better hands, well done.

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