

WELCOME

2022 was a year of change for many, and definitely for Scottish Love in Action.
As you read our Annual Review, I am thankful to share some highlights.

Programmes in India

The uncertainty of the pandemic meant that last year India programme partners ran single-year programmes. In 2022 we had the confidence to resume multi-year programmes. We also increased our support, committing to send more funding. In November we welcomed to Scotland 2 members of staff from Indian partner, VOICE 4 Girls. This gave supporters the opportunity to hear first-hand about the difference you are making.

Fundraising

With COVID-19 restrictions eased, we could resume face-to-face events. This year we ran 3 big events - Ladies cinema night, The Indian Summer Fling, and The Fireworks Extravaganza. For the 3rd year, we took part in The Big Give Christmas Challenge. Plus, we launched Pip's Indian Adventures to grow regular giving.

People

We received funding for 2 6 month interns – welcoming Ally and Gowri to the team. We appreciated the knowledge, experience, and capacity this brought. We recruited our first member of staff with lived experience of our cause (they have lived and/or worked in India). This is a step towards better representing the communities we serve.

Please read on to see how your support and kindness has transformed lives in India.

Thank you for your faithful and unwavering support.

Jamie McIntosh Chief Executive

YOU EMPOWERED GIRLS

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Abhaya

It wasn't easy for Abhaya to stop her parents from marrying her off. She had to fight against the limiting social expectation that girls should marry young.

This was no easy feat, when her family had little confidence in her academic potential, and believed that getting her married off quickly was in their best economic interests.

"Before camp, I lacked self confidence and didn't believe I could achieve anything", Abhaya explains while talking about her former self perception.

She was really grateful for Parichay, a programme module run by our grassroots partner, VOICE 4 Girls, for disadvantaged teenagers in Hyderabad. She was encouraged to question beauty, gender and strength ideals, as dictated by culture and society, and think about simple ways to overcome challenges and resolve conflicts.

The experience gave her the awareness, broadened her horizons, and most importantly, gave her the courage she needed to stand up for herself.

When asked about her future plans, she said, "I want to become a teacher, and I will work hard and prove myself to everyone!"

With her newfound self belief, Abhaya has gone on to pursue teacher training, so she can inspire other girls to become the best versions of themselves.

Without kind donors like you, Abhaya's story could have been so different.



YOU GAVE HOPE

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Sahara

Orphaned at a young age, Sahara was forced to drop out of school to find a menial, low paying job. Before attending ASRITHA Rainbow Home, our partner project in Hyderabad, Sahara had little hope for the future.

Sahara explained how her mental health suffered, "There were many times when I was feeling low".

However she was grateful for the project workers that supported her throughout these tough times, "Thank you for the support and thank you ASRITHA Home team, who guided, counselled, encouraged and motivated me."

Sahara overcame the huge social challenges in her life, with the help of ASRITHA Rainbow Home. As well as emotional support, at the home, Sahara was given invaluable, daily support with her studies, as well as access to a library, and workshops to discuss goal setting, career planning, and more.

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She came along in leaps and bounds in her studies, graduating high school with excellent marks, before studying health work in Intermediate College, where she also excelled.

"The goal setting training I was given at the home's Udaan workshop has helped me to become who I am today."

With your donations, ASRITHA can equip vulnerable girls like Sahara with the education they need to succeed.



YOU PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY

"I am so thankful for the opportunity that the Rainbow Home gave me to further my studies. Without the support of the home, I would not have the life skills or choice to pursue the future I want."

Prasanthi

Prasanthi was abandoned by her mother at a railway station.

By the time she was taken in by the ASRITHA Rainbow Home, she was far behind in her studies and could only read and write a few letters of the Telugu alphabet.

Prasanthi was put onto a bridge course right away to get her back on track. Not only did the home get her up to scratch, but she was able to pursue activities beyond the classroom that grew her confidence, and brought out her creativity.

Under the home's wing, finally, Prasanthi was surrounded by people that would see her thrive, personally, academically and professionally.

Seizing the opportunity before her, she worked hard to improve her literary skills.

She is now able to read and write Telugu letters, enjoys dancing in her free time, and looks forward to the opportunities ahead of her.

Thanks to people like you, Prasanthi has been able to get the education, health, and life skills necessary for a bright future.

For this, she will be forever thankful.



YOU LEFT A LASTING LEGACY

Mike left a gift in his will to Scottish Love in Action. His legacy is a world where children and young people can escape poverty and achieve their full potential. Growing up as 'a son of the manse', Mike was inspired to help others. After studying divinity at the University of Edinburgh, he worked for the Scottish Braille Press, which is now part of the charity Sight Scotland.

During his lifetime, Mike helped other people, so it was natural that he wanted to continue his life's work beyond his lifetime. He asked his sister whether she could recommend a suitable charity. Mike's sister recommended Scottish Love in Action, since she had supported them for many years.

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What do I need to do to include Scottish Love in Action in my Will?

To include a gift to Scottish Love in Action in your Will, you need our full name, address and registered charity number:

Scottish Love in Action Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 The Pleasance, Edinburgh EH8 9RR Registered charity number SC030516

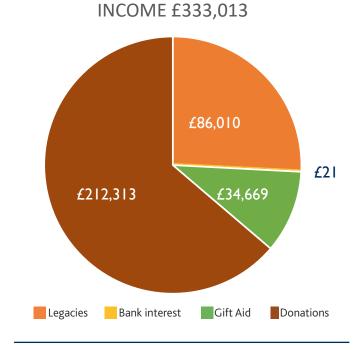
If you decide to include Scottish Love in Action in your Will, please take a moment to let us know - we'd love to thank you personally for your kindness.

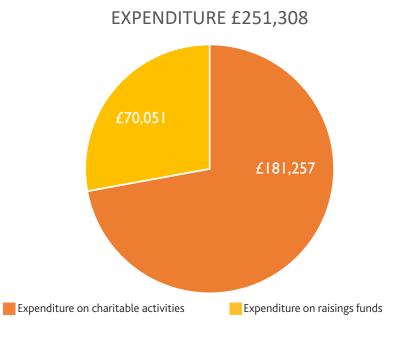
Can we help?

If you'd like to ask a question or tell us your thoughts about leaving a gift to Scottish Love in Action in your Will, please get in touch with our Chief Executive, Jamie McIntosh, who would love to hear from you, by calling 0131 629 9112 or email jamie@sla-india.org

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income	2021/22	2020/21
Donations	246,982	223,279
Other income	0	89,571
Legacies	86,010	7,142
Bank interest	21	20
Total income	333,013	320,012
Expenditure		
Expenditure on raising funds	70,051	51,835
Expenditure on charitable activities	181,257	179,032
Total expenditure	251,308	230,867
Net income	81,705	89,145
Total funds brought forward at 1 July	239,552	150,407
Total funds caried forward at 30 June	321,257	239,552









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You can track your travels with Pip on a giant poster map as you learn fascinating facts about vibrant India, its people, culture, food and exotic animals.

At the same time your donation will empower vulnerable children and young people in India to change their lives.

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