

Registered Charity No 1077879

The Swinfen Charitable Trust

**Report and Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2007**

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 December 2007

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2007.

The Swinfen Charitable Trust is a registered charity governed by its Deed of Trust dated 23 December 1997 as amended by deeds of variations dated 22 January 1999 and 7 September 1999.

The registered address is;

Dene House, Wingham, Canterbury, Kent, CT3 1NU

The Trustees of the charity who served throughout the year are as follows;

The Hon. CRPS Eady (Chairman)

Mr CMH Colchester

The Hon. Mrs A V E S Mayo

Major General D L Macphie

The Hon. Mrs GMRS Liley (Resigned 12 October 2007)

Professor J M Ryan FRCS

J V Dent MBE

Professor R Wootton BSc, MSc, PhD

Mrs C Bowley RGN

The Hon. Mrs KADS Davies (Appointed 12 October 2007)

Objects

The Trustees shall hold the capital and income of the Trust Fund upon trust to apply the income, and all or such parts of the capital, at such time or times and in such manner to or for the benefit of such exclusively charitable objects and purposes in any part of the world as the Trustees may in their discretion think fit and in particular for the provision of relief and/or treatment for anyone suffering from any such injury, ailment, complaint or disability either by direct grant to any such sufferer or by payment to any existing or future fund, foundation, hospital, institution, corporate body or trust engaged in such relief and/or treatment.

The Trustees may in their discretion, for the period of 21 years from the date of the Trust Deed, instead of applying the income of the Charity in any year, accumulate all or any part of such income at compound interest by investing the same and the resulting income, in any of the authorised investments and hold the same as an accretion and as part of the capital of the Charity, without prejudice to their right to apply the whole or any part of such accumulated income in any subsequent year as if the same were income of the Charity arising in the then current year.

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Review of Activities

2007 was another year in which demand for the charitable services provided by the Trust continued to grow. By the end of the year the number of Telemedical Links had increased from 73 to 103 (41% growth) and the number of countries in which Links exist had expanded to 32. The number of Medical Specialists offering their advice on diagnosis and recommending treatment free of charge had grown to 260.

With the largest number of Links in Iraq (37), as would be expected, the majority of referrals arrived from that country. However, there was steady demand from all parts of the world that the Trust serves, including 1 from Sierra Leone where the hospital had not been in touch for some 3 years.

Amongst the referrals was one on a 6 month old baby boy, who had been brought 300Km from a remote village in Nepal to Patan Hospital in Kathmandu, with a deformity of the hand and forearm. Advice was requested on whether, and if so what, treatment was needed. The advice from the orthopaedic surgeon was that surgical treatment should not be undertaken until the child is two or three, and in the meantime passive correction should be given by stretching and manipulation.

Another referral was from a hospital in Baghdad with a young child of 4.5 that since birth had a generalized skin erythema, diffused bulluosa eruptions, skin ulceration, repeated multiple skin infection and crust formation. A Canadian paediatric dermatologist advised that the diagnosis was correct, but unfortunately as yet there is no specific treatment. She also recommended feeding the child by way of gastrostomy tubes as he look undernourished and oral feeding with his condition is challenging.

The Kalash People live in a very remote valley in the Hindu Kush and a referral was received seeking psychiatric advice on a teenage girl with schizophrenia, which we passed to an Australian Psychiatrist who advise on the best drugs to administer to help her and improve the condition.

An ophthalmology case was sent from the jungle of Papua New Guinea and answered by an Ophthalmologist in Australia. The patient was a four month old girl, with a four year old sister also born blind, who had bilateral cloudy edematous corneas. The consultant advised that this was Buthalmos (ox eye) and that the only real treatment was surgery in a specialist hospital, which he offered to perform. Unfortunately the parents were unable to afford even to travel to Port Moresby.

Towards the end of the year a referral was received from the hospital in Al Najaf in Iraq where a young women had has sub total thyroidectomy surgery for a multinodular goitre. Despite being quite well after the operation she had dyshponia or nearly aphonia after a couple of months. After her doctor treated her with antihistamine and a small dose of steroid she became normal for six weeks and then started to lose her voice again and developed dysphonia. Her ENT examination was normal and she did not respond to any treatment. The advice obtained from an ENT Consultant was that the patient needed speech therapy and a degree of psychological help.

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In the latter months of the year the Trust has been in discussion with the International Medical Corps, the Medical Alliance for Iraq and Wired International, American NGOs working in Iraq, with the intention of expanding our work in the area of health improvement and continuing medical education in Iraq.

At the beginning of July a Fundraiser was appointed to work for Universitas 21/ Swinfen Charitable Trust Consortium. It is hoped that this appointment will lead to a significant increase in funds.

The Directors attended and gave presentations on the work of the Charity at the following conferences:- The American Society of Pediatric Dermatologists in Washington in January, A conference for Iraqi doctors in Kuwait, The Middle East African Conference of Ophthalmologists in Dubai - both in March, The British Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, in London, in July, The 7th Conference on Successes and Failures in Telemedicine in Brisbane in August and the American Telemedicine Association Half Year Conference, in Las Vegas, in September. At all conferences we recruited more Volunteer Medical Consultants and at many were put in touch with hospitals in the Developing World that we can assist.

The Trustees meet regularly to ensure that the Trust is properly organised to cope with its increasing size and growing demand on its services, and to support and direct those responsible for the daily work.

The Trust is still short of funds, finding it difficult to raise its profile in the UK, but at the same time enjoying a high reputation in international medical circles. In July a part time fundraiser was appointed in an effort to alleviate the position.

Despite difficulties in raising funds the Charity is in good heart and very confident that it provides a worthwhile and much need service to doctors in the Developing World and Areas of Conflict, to enable them to give the best possible treatment to their patients, whilst at the same time assisting in their medical education.

Our thanks to the Centre for Online health at the University of Queensland who continue to give support with the development and maintenance of our Automatic Routing system, to the Volunteer Medical Specialists for the advice that they give through us to referring doctors, and without whom we would cease to operate. Finally out thanks to all the individuals and charities who continue to give us much needed financial support.

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Financial Report

Income from donations has increased over the previous year by £5,673.

As at 31 December 2007 the Charity's reserves stood at £40,120, representing an decrease of £19,890 when compared to the position at 31 December 2006.

All reserves relate to unrestricted funds.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees are mindful of their responsibilities as regards formalising a policy on reserves for the Charity. We aim to hold minimum reserves of £20,000, representing approximately 6 months running costs.

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate their exposure to the major risks.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations,

Law applicable to Charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on ** ***** ** and signed on its behalf.

The Hon. CRPS Eady
Chairman of the Trustees

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**Statement of Financial Activities (including Receipts and Payments Account)
For the year ended 31 December 2007**

Incoming resources	2007	2006
	£	£
Donations	54,289	48,616
Gift Aid receipts	1,615	590
Bank interest received	903	1,122
Total incoming resources	<u>56,807</u>	<u>50,328</u>
Resources expended		
Charitable expenditure		
Administration expenses	599	4,000
Cameras and equipment	593	1,551
Postage	481	665
Communications	1,996	1,888
P.R & Fundraising	3,872	4,323
Travel and accommodation	41,237	12,567
Stationery costs	2,458	1,619
Staff costs	17,308	5,360
Bank charges	-	175
Legal fees	-	123
Subscriptions	642	272
Depreciation	949	949
Repairs and maintenance	374	-
Special projects	5,600	-
Governance costs		
Accountancy	588	88
Total resources expended	<u>76,697</u>	<u>33,580</u>
Net (resources expended)/ incoming resources for the year	(19,890)	16,748
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2007	60,010	43,262
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2007	<u><u>40,120</u></u>	<u><u>60,010</u></u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these accounts.

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**Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2007**

Fixed Assets	Note	2007 £	2006 £
Furniture and equipment	2	1,749	2,698
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		38,371	57,312
Net assets		<u><u>40,120</u></u>	<u><u>60,010</u></u>
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds		40,120	60,010
Total funds		<u><u>40,120</u></u>	<u><u>60,010</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on behalf

and signed on its

The Hon. CRPS Eady
Chairman of the Trustees

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these accounts.

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Notes to the accounts For the year ended 31 December 2007

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention on a receipts and payments basis and include the results of the Charity's operations which are described in the Trustee's report, and all of which are continuing.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007). The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in 2005 and applicable accounting standards.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No.1 from the requirement to prepare a cashflow statement.

Furniture and equipment

Furniture and equipment costing in excess of £500 is capitalised and written off at a rate of 25% of cost per annum.

VAT

Value added tax is not recoverable by the Charity, and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Incoming resources

Donations and other income are accounted for as received by the Charity.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on a payments basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Trust and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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2. Tangible fixed assets (all for charitable use)

Cost	Furniture & Equipment £
At 1 January 2007	3,797
Additions in the year	-
At 31 December 2007	<u>3,797</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2007	1,099
Charge for the year	949
At 31 December 2007	<u>2,048</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2007	<u>1,749</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2006	<u>2,698</u>

3. Purpose of funds/Donations received

All funds are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the Charity.