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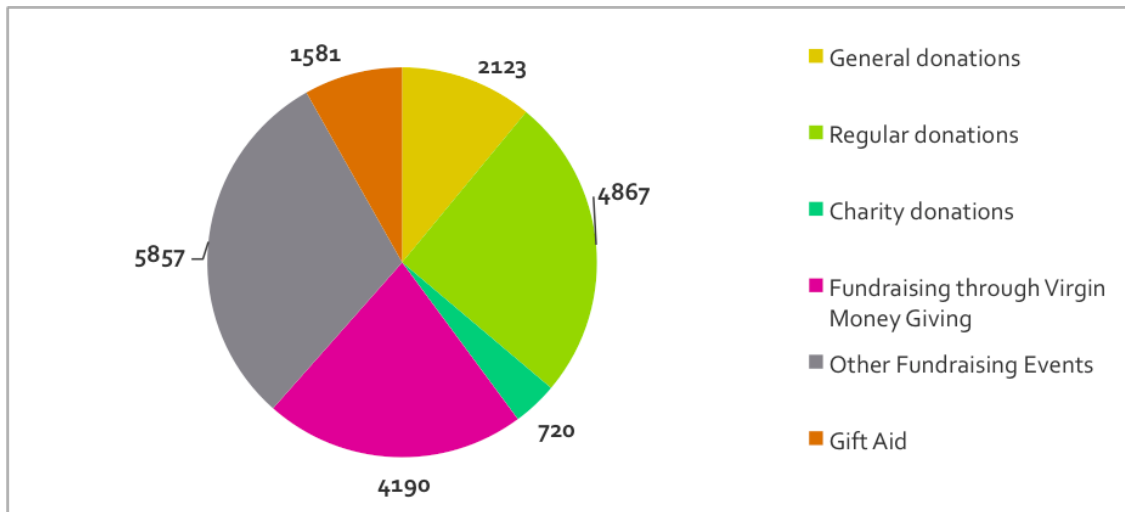
# Raising Hope Foundation



It's been a long while since the last update so here's a review of our last financial year which ran from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

## Accounts for 2015-16

Receipts total = £19,337



## Fundraising

We've had some tremendous fundraising activity in the last financial year:

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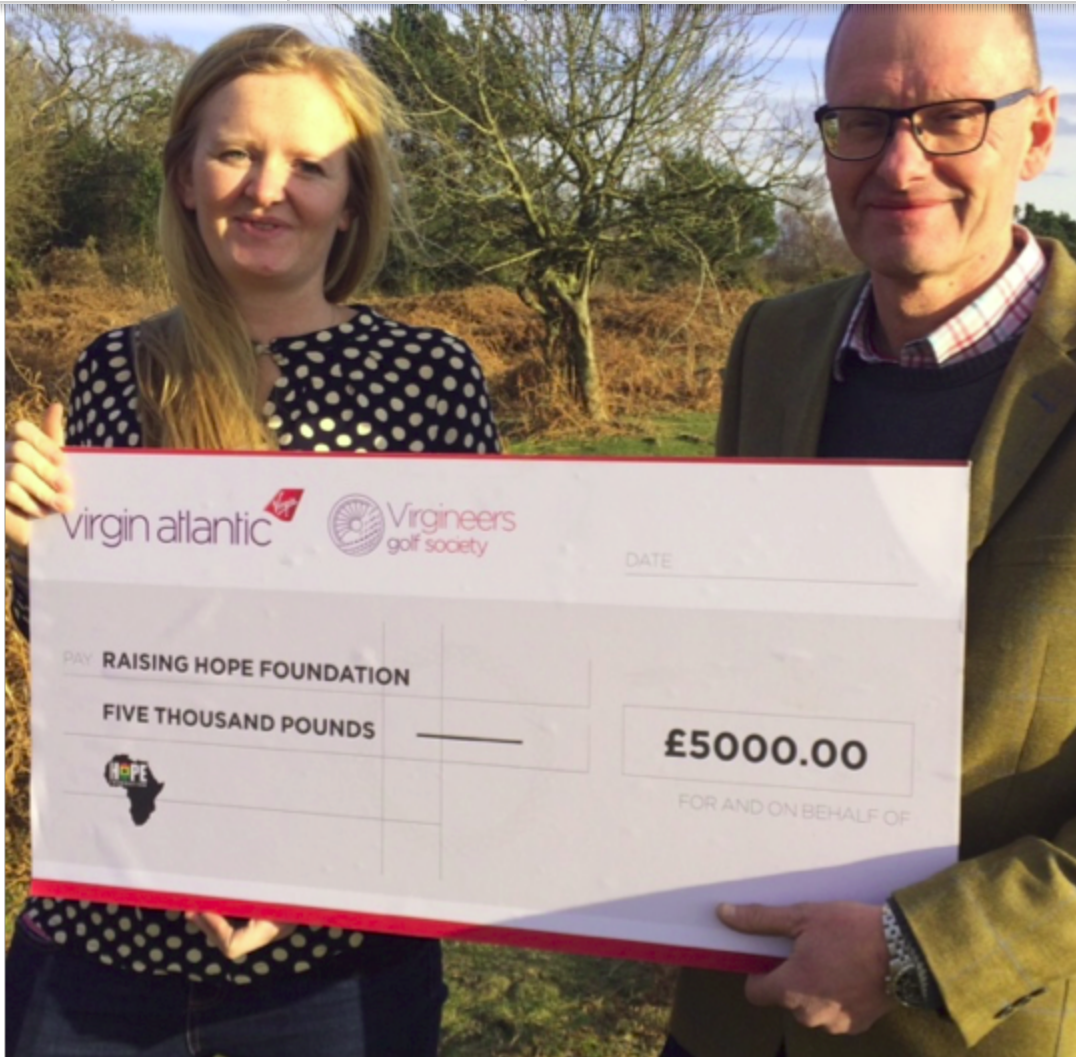
### **Chilli & Quiz Night - November 2015**

We had another successful Chilli & Quiz evening at Faygate village hall. A team from Rehoboth Baptist church won and the evening raised just under £300.

### **Bike Ride - Windsor Great Park**

Last year's RHF ride was organised by Steve Hall and took place in and around the Windsor Great Park area. We stopped for refreshments at the Queen's tea shop on the way and Steve also made us a lunch when we got back. Riders were Sally Eve, Andrew Cooke & Steve Hall, Kinza, Bethan & Simon Mason. We had an enjoyable and sociable ride with donations and sponsorship going to the RHF.

**Do join us if you can later this year for our next annual ride.**

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### Virgineers Charity Golf Day

In June 2015 the Virgineers golf society held their 13<sup>th</sup> annual charity golf day which raised £73,000. I was privileged to play in the event at the Wildwood golf course which even had its own fly past by the Red Arrows. The RHF was one of the chosen charities and in March 2016 we received a cheque for an amazing £5000!

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### **Warrior Run - Albourne, West Sussex.**

In October 2015 Kinza Mason, Emily Harris, Annie-May & Sara Peryer & Kat Hutchings bravely took on the challenge of the Warrior run which consisted of a 7km run over 50 obstacles. This entailed crawling through nets, climbing walls, smashing through swamps, throwing yourself over dirt mounds, hauling logs and tyres, making your way through webs and tunnels and splashing through the ditches and streams that make up the course. An epic challenge!

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Well done to all for completing this grueling challenge and raising funds of over £1000 for the RHF.

Ash Middlewick [one of the **Artic 2 Africa** endurance riders in 2013] also took part. Ash also completed his own solo challenge of the **Three peaks in three days cycling in between** raising £510.

#### **Dress down day at BUPA Global**

Ben Mason chose the RHF for this charity event at the BUPA global offices in Brighton and was ably assisted by Helen Hall for the London office. Together an impressive £570 was raised.

**There have been many other fundraising events throughout the year, many of which have used our link on Virgin Money Giving. We are very grateful to all our fundraisers.**

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## **Donations**

Thanks also to our committed **regular monthly donors**, the average for the year was £400 per month and with new supporters and increases from existing ones the figure is now just under has £500 per month as we start the next financial year. Your support is vital and as we move towards the operational phase of the Child Care Centre it would be great to have an increase in regular donors so we can provide a more stable funding stream and become less reliant on fundraising.

Corporate donors included **Big Rock Performance People Solutions** who very kindly gave us a £1000 donation. Also, in March 16 we received an unexpected donation from offshore, we were beneficiaries of the BP Foundation in Houston Texas to the tune of £720(\$1000) via Charities Aid Foundation [CAF].

The RHF is also very grateful to all those who kindly donated gifts in memory of Mrs. **Keri Evans**, we received a total of £400+. Keri was a tremendous ambassador of the

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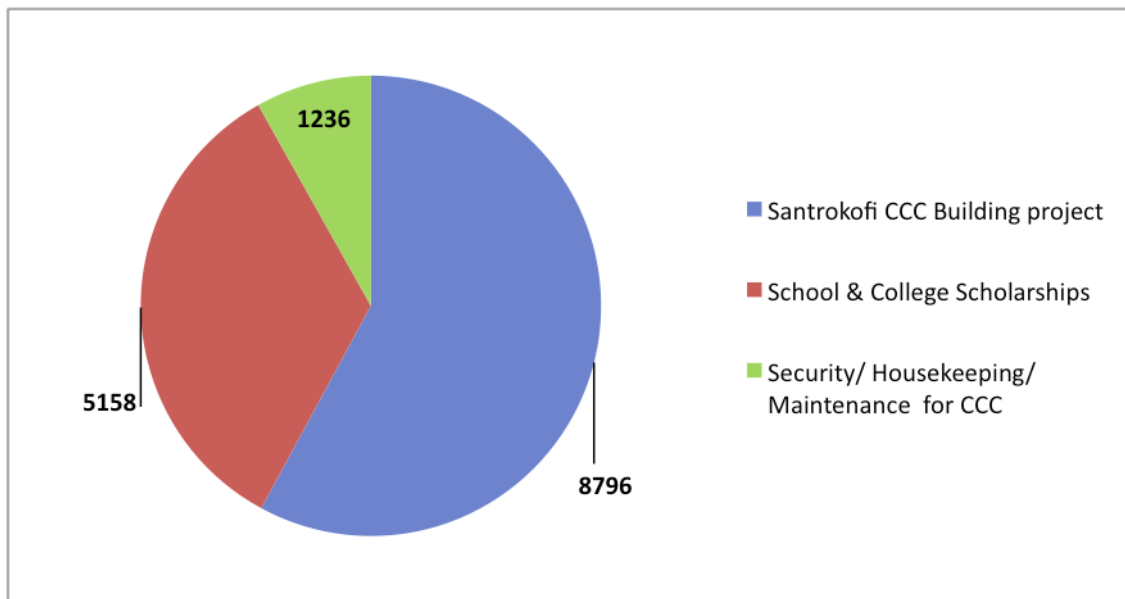
...attending many of our events, and encouraging Nniza with her work in the charity.

We received a welcome £1581 from HMRC in this financial year which was for the **GIFT AID** claimed back on all eligible donations made directly to the RHF in the period Dec 13 – Jun 15. We receive the Gift Aid automatically on all eligible donations through Virgin MoneyGiving.

We are very grateful for the all the small and large donations that come in throughout the year. Some of these occur regularly over the years, showing your commitment to the under privileged children we are helping in Ghana.

**How have we spent your money in 2015 - 2016?**

Grants to LFF total = £15,191



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## SANTROKOFI CHILD CARE CENTRE BUILDING PROJECT

This financial year we spent **£8796** on building works and furniture. We have paid 75% of the cost for the perimeter wall around the centre plus the security hut and gates. This work is finished but there a few problems with the contractor to finally resolve and then the balance will be paid. In time for the summer camp in 2015 we paid for 10 bunk beds to be made and installed in the centre.

This year we also supported the change in security, housekeeping and maintenance of the centre. The new arrangements have cost **£1236** so far. The LFF have employed a local security watchman from Santrokofi who also looks after the grounds around the centre and has begun farming the land. The LFF has also employed Beatrice Appiah, who lives in the centre keeping it clean. Beatrice is also helping on site with preparations to get the centre ready for its first children. The RHF has set up a small maintenance fund with the LFF so that it can respond quickly to items that need repair / utility bills e.g. roof damage caused by storms; leaking pipes.

### School & College Scholarships

This financial year we have supported the following LFF students with grants totaling **£5158**

Student	School / College	Subject
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Mary Deroe	Ho Nursing College	Nursing	
Adu Isaac	Kumasi University	Materials Engineering	
Godson Nyarko	Ho Senior school	General studies	
Vida Monyo	Ho Polytechnic	Catering & hospitality	
Peace Atayao	Hohoe	Teaching	
Kwame	Volta School for Deaf in Hohoe	Kindergarten 2	

#### Other

Admin charges in FY2015-16 were **£334**, bank charges including foreign exchange were £264, chilli & quiz evening venue hire was £60 & postage of accounts was £10.

Our balance at end of the year was **£12,975**. We have set aside £2600 to pay the final payment [25%] to the contractor for completion of the work on the walls. With this the centre is complete and furnishing almost finished. Our next priority is working with the Living Faith Foundation in Ghana and the local welfare services to identify the children most in need. So we shall be specifically designating the majority of this money to making the centre operational and ready to receive its first children.

Regular givers now donate **£500 per month** which really helps us with budgeting. We've set ourselves the target to double this to £1000 as we'll need at least £2000 per month to run the centre for 10 children.

Although there is no summer Camp in 2016, Simon & Bethan Mason are planning a short visit to Ghana on behalf of the RHF Trustees. They'll meet with Agnes and the new LFF Board to encourage them, meet the new committee in Santrokofi and village chiefs and visit the centre to see progress first hand.

Accounts for FY2014/15 have been submitted to the Charity Commission. See their website for further details.

**We really appreciate your support and hope you will continue in 2016.**

Simon Mason,  
RHF Finance Officer



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