

**FAMILY SERVICE UNIT SCOTLAND
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KNOWN AS CIRCLE**

ABSTRACT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Achievements and performance

Between April 2011 and March 2012 Circle provided whole family support to 486 families consisting of 828 children, 608 parents and 117 kinship carers. Circle also provided group work programmes to 157 children, 67 mothers and 24 fathers who were not accessing our family support services. In total Circle worked with 1,901 individuals. 298 families with 414 children affected by parental substance use have been assisted to provide safer and more secure homes for their children.

A particular highlight over the last year has been our Families Affected by Imprisonment (FABI) project which has supported 149 families with 275 children affected by parental imprisonment and enabling 117 kinship carers to receive desperately needed support to enable them to look after children as a result of imprisonment or addiction. This work was externally evaluated and achievements highlighted in the report include reducing re-offence rates by 79% for the mothers and 66% for the fathers with whom FABI has worked.

Circle's Families Affected by Imprisonment project won two awards in June 2011, an SSSC Care Accolade within the 'Working Better, Working Together' category, in association with partners HMP Addiewell, Cornton Vale and Greenock and the Scottish 2011 Charity Award within the partnership category, in association with HMP Addiewell. These awards are recognition of the fact that effective partnership working has enabled us to make a tremendous difference to the lives of many families with children affected by parental imprisonment. We also received two very good external evaluations that validate this work.

In association with Edinburgh World Heritage Trust (EWHT) and Daisy Chain Associates, Circle was involved in an educational project every Friday afternoon for 10 weeks where 17 children came together in Edinburgh's city centre to explore ideas of heritage. Thirteen were children we work with and four were from a city centre school. We were treated to a fantastic range of site visits and educational exercises, from the grand offices of EWHT, next door to Bute House. The project was made possible by the commitment of our social work students who were stars. The children really engaged, evidenced in the amazing turn-out every week. Following the project, we put on a presentation at Doors Open day in September 2011, at Circle's 5th birthday event at the Scottish parliament in November 2011 and then at City Arts Centre. The ultimate event was an invitation to London in April 2012 to showcase the project to MP's and funders, a fantastic outing for 3 of the boys.

Eleven children and three Lanarkshire staff went on a week's residential Hopscotch holiday in May 2011. The 5 girls and 6 boys spent the week in Ardvullin near Fort William. The house was set in a beautiful backdrop and the accommodation was excellent. The children enjoyed the dressing up box, arts and crafts activities and helping the staff to make the evening meal. Outdoors there was an amazing assault course which the children enjoyed. The children were involved in a lot of great activities such as swimming, sea life centre, an outing to the chocolate factory where the children made their own chocolates, a trip into Fort William where they went up on the gondoliers, and hill walking. The steaming hot mug of chocolate at the end was warmly welcomed by all! We even managed to spend a morning at the beach. The week was very successful; all the children made new friends, learnt new skills and managed being away from home. For many this was their first time away for a long period. Angus who lives on site was very helpful and the children enjoyed having him around. Staff and children returned exhausted but all agree it was very worthwhile. More trips are planned for this coming year.

Several families benefitted from our partnership with Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) who provided caravan holidays for families in Fife. The families had a great time and building on this, we are arranging for 12 families to go on holidays this coming year.

Our involvement in Forest school has grown from strength to strength. We have had several weeks of children developing new skills and learning and being introduced to nature with plenty of free play and opportunities to climb on rocks, gather leaves, sticks and stones. The experience provides an excellent opportunity for good interaction between all the children, especially when they are engaged in team work with building the campfire which is then used for cooking lunch. The children respond positively when given responsibility for certain tasks such as fire guards, washing dishes in the river and gathering correct sizes of wood for tent pegs. The forest school provides a good way for learning through play which increases confidence, self esteem and overall wellbeing.

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In April 2011 we gained three year funding from Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland to fund a new Early Years post in West Lothian for families with children affected by parental substance use. In the same month we also received two year funding from Porticus UK (a new funder for Circle) towards the cost of our work with families with children affected by parental imprisonment.

In April 2011 we employed a consultant, Brian Cavanagh, to work with the organisation to develop an Influencing Strategy and Action Plan. This involved three training events, the first with the management team in April, then with the Board in May and the whole staff group in June. The Plan was reviewed and revised at management meetings in September and December. This work has stood us in good stead this year at both a local and national level.

Angela Constance MSP and Minister for Children and Young People visited Circle on the 21 June 2011, she spent time with some of the families we work with and showed a particular interest in our work with dads.

Chris McCracken joined Circle in July 2011 as Finance Administrator and has proved himself to be a huge asset to the organisation.

Nick Smithers, our dads' worker, started an exchange fellowship at Edinburgh University in June 2011. This scheme is an opportunity for the voluntary sector and the university to collaborate on projects of mutual interest. In this case Nick is collaborating with Mark Smith to conduct research into fathers' experience of child protection. We hope to have this research published in the near future.

Grant Sugden, Circle's then Operational Manager, undertook a two week study tour in June 2011 at Crossroads Centre in Antigua funded by the Crossroads Foundation which was founded by Eric Clapton in 1997. This was to inform our work with families with children affected by parental drug and alcohol use.

Marina Shaw, Project Manager of our FABI team, was invited to attend a 'Day of General Discussion on Children of Incarcerated Parents' at the United Nations Office in Geneva on 30 September 2011. Marina has ensured that Circle has a voice at an international level as well as a national level.

In September 2011 Circle was awarded just over £400,000 a year from Inspiring Scotland's Early Years Early Action Fund, this enabled us to employ eight new family support workers across Edinburgh, West Lothian and North and South Lanarkshire to support families with very young children affected by parental drug and alcohol use.

In October 2011 Circle was awarded £436,068 over five years to develop our work with fathers in HMP Addiewell and their families, this enabled us to employ two new family support workers to work in HMP Addiewell and North and South Lanarkshire and West Lothian.

In November 2011 Circle was awarded £43,994 a year for three years from Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland, this has enabled us to employ a family support worker to work with families with very young children affected by parental drug and alcohol use in Edinburgh.

In December 2011 Circle was awarded £73,000 from The Robertson Trust 50th Anniversary Award to upgrade our IT Systems. This has enabled us to purchase a new server, laptops and PCs, improve our database, website and publicity leaflets.

The funding listed above necessitated the biggest recruitment drive Circle has experienced and fortunately we have been able to attract some excellent staff. We also experienced major change within our management team over the last year, Morven Stuart and Gilly Hainsworth retired and Grant Sugden left to take up the Chief Executive post at Waverley Care. Maura Daly replaced Grant as Operational Manager and Rhona Hunter replaced Maura as Project Manager. These changes are working out extremely well.

In November we held Circle's 5th Birthday celebration at the Scottish Parliament hosted by Malcolm Chisholm MSP, this was so successful we plan to have an annual lecture.

In January 2012 we held our annual Board and Management Away Day. The day focussed on Circle's USP, a review of our Strategic goals for 2012 to 2015 and drawing up our Action Plan for 2012/13.

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SUMMARISED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT of FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 March 2012

	Un- Restricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2012	Total 2011
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>				
Voluntary income – donations and grants	24,798	32,766	57,564	45,948
Investment income – bank interest	9,455	-	9,455	7,954
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>	-	1,299,532	1,299,532	1,610,314
Total incoming resources	34,253	1,332,298	1,366,551	1,664,216
Resources expended				
<i>Cost of generating voluntary income</i>	543	-	543	1,307
<i>Charitable activities</i>	1,047	1,558,833	1,559,880	1,472,399
<i>Governance costs</i>	4,930	-	4,930	5,574
Total resources expended	6,520	1,558,833	1,565,353	1,479,280
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources, before transfers	27,733	(226,535)	(198,802)	184,936
Transfers between funds	(4,005)	4,005	-	-
Net movement of funds in year	23,728	(222,530)	(198,802)	184,936
Reserves brought forward	324,083	615,054	939,137	754,201
Reserves carried forward	347,811	392,524	740,335	939,137

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2012

	£	2012 £	£	2011 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets		35,733		-
Current assets				
Debtors	89,910		68,257	
Cash at bank and in hand	781,496		946,564	
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	871,406		1,014,821	
Creditors: amounts due within one year	166,804		75,684	
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Net current assets		704,602		939,137
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Net assets		740,335		939,137
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Reserves				
Unrestricted funds		347,811		324,083
Restricted funds		392,524		615,054
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		740,335		939,137
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The summarised financial statements have been extracted from the full financial statements which were approved on 23 July 2012 and do not constitute the charity's statutory financial statements. The statutory financial statements have been audited and the auditors' opinion was unqualified. The statutory financial statements have also been submitted to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

The summarised financial statements include additional information extracted from the Director's Report, but not the full text of that report. For further information, the full annual financial statements, the auditors' report on these financial statements, and the Directors' Report should be consulted. Copies of the audited financial statements can be obtained by writing to Circle.

Approved by the Directors and signed on their behalf by:-

.....Caroline Lamb, Director

.....Barry Rose, Director

20 Oct 12 2012

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' STATEMENT TO THE
DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS OF FAMILY SERVICE UNIT SCOTLAND
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We have examined the summarised financial statements of Family Service Unit Scotland (known as Circle) for the year ended 31 March 2012.

Respective responsibilities of the Directors and auditors

The Directors are responsible for preparing the summarised financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law. Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summarised financial statements with the full annual financial statements and the Directors' Report, and its compliance with the relevant requirements of section 427 of the Companies Act 2006 and the regulations made thereunder.

We also read the other information contained in the Abstract of the Financial Statements and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summarised financial statements. The other information comprised the Achievements and Performance report.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2008/3 "The auditors' statement on the summary financial statement" issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom. Our report on the charitable company's full annual financial statements describes the basis of our opinion on those financial statements and on the Directors' Report.

Opinion

In our opinion the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full annual financial statements and the Directors' report of Family Service Unit Scotland (known as Circle) for the year ended 31 March 2012, and it complies with the applicable requirements of section 427 of the Companies Act 2006, and the regulations made thereunder.

We have not considered the effects of any events between the date on which we sign our report on the full financial statements, 2 August 2012, and the date of this statement.

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23 October 2012

DIRECTORS' STATEMENT

The auditor has issued unqualified reports on the full annual financial statements and on the consistency of the Directors' Report with those financial statements. Their report on the full annual financial statements contained no statement under sections 498(2)(a), 498(2)(b) or 498(3) of the Companies Act 2006.