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ZOCHONIS
CHARITABLE
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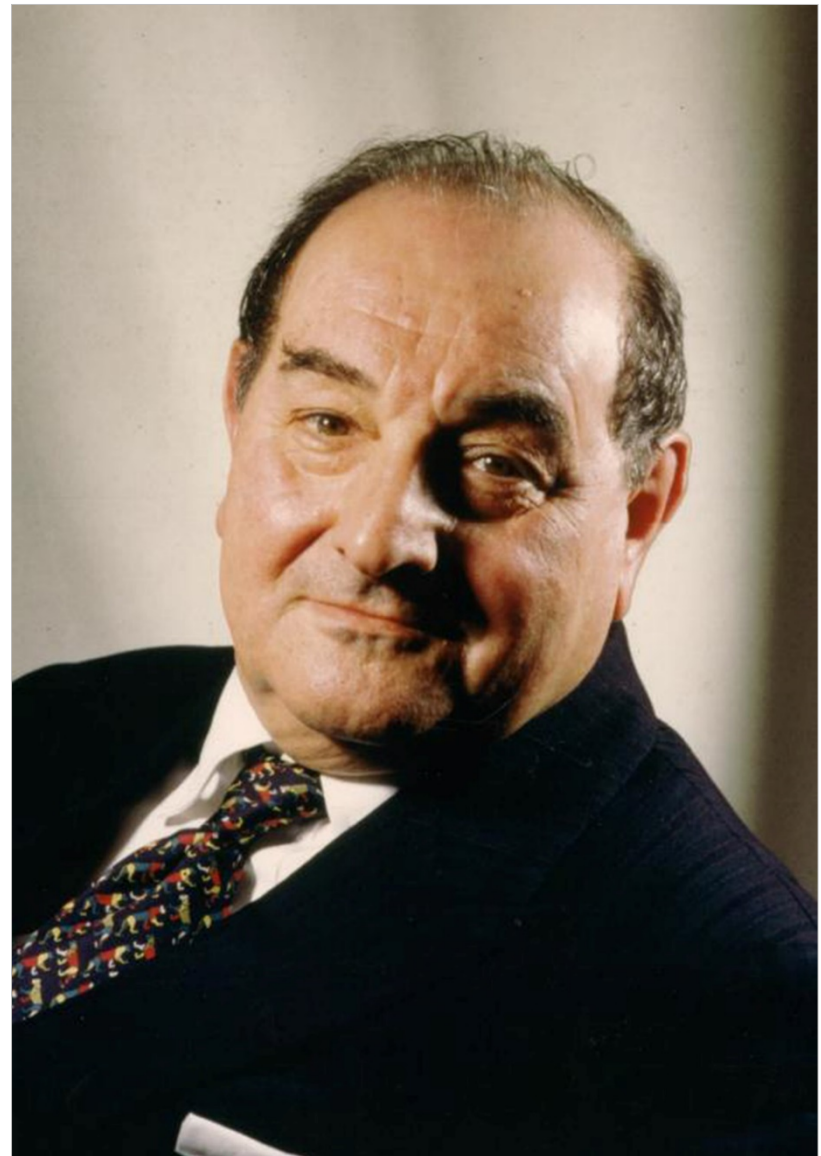
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YEARS

A N N I V E R S A R Y

Sir John Zochonis
1929 – 2013

"He's left an incredible legacy...."





In 1977 Sir John Zochonis founded The Zochonis Charitable Trust.

Its aim was, and still is today, to tackle the inequalities in education, health and social provision primarily in Manchester and the North West. The Trust also supports the Arts and Overseas Charities.

The Trust and Sir John are synonymous. As a philanthropist he was inspirational. He saw philanthropy almost as a responsibility; there were a number of occasions where he could have said about a request that surely it was a statutory responsibility, something the government should be paying for, nothing to do with him. But more often his response was, "If no one else will do it I will have to".

He had an unusually "hands off" approach. If he trusted someone and the organisation that was enough. He had enormous respect and admiration for volunteers.

It is impossible to know how many charities, which are thriving today in Greater Manchester, would have disappeared long ago but for the help of The Zochonis Charitable Trust.

It is difficult to quantify, but not difficult to imagine, how many thousands of lives will be changed for the better in the future because of Sir John's perception, awareness and understanding; his forward thinking, his respect and hope for young people and his commitment to make things happen.

A few years before he retired Sir John was made a chieftain in Nigeria and it is not surprising that the name he was given when translated into English means, "He whose hand spreads good to all".

Thanks to the hard work and commitment of his nephews and other Trustees, and Sir John's generosity, the Trust continues to make an enormous contribution to the lives of so many people in Greater Manchester and the North West, it is a living legacy of a generous and modest man who inspired so many of us to do something for the benefit of others, and not wait for something to happen.

These are 40 years worth celebrating.

**Warren J Smith,
Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester.**

The Zochonis Charitable Trust (ZCT) was founded by Sir John Zochonis in 1977 to assist charities operating in the North West of England. It was funded by Sir John donating a considerable number of his own PZ Cussons shares to the Trust.

In its first year, the Trust made just a single donation of £6,750 which was to The University of Manchester. Since then, as more shares were bequeathed by members of the Zochonis family and as PZ Cussons dividends have increased, that figure has risen substantially. Currently around thirteen percent of the company's dividends go to the Trust.

The focus remains to support charities working in the North West of England, although a portion goes to help charities operating in West Africa. In the main, the Trust assists young people, particularly in the spheres of education, health and social provision.

ZCT donates to a wide variety of charitable causes which range from national charities with operations in the North West of England to much smaller, regional organisations which work to meet local needs and problems. The sizes of donations range from substantial sums to lesser amounts which are nonetheless very welcome.

Over the past forty years a number of people have given their time selflessly to assist with the Trust and a debt of gratitude is owed to them. Currently, ZCT is run by three Trustees and a Management Assistant, Marie Gallagher. Between them, the four ZCT team members have nearly half a century's experience working with the Trust. Annual operating costs are low, at less than two percent of the amount given to charity.

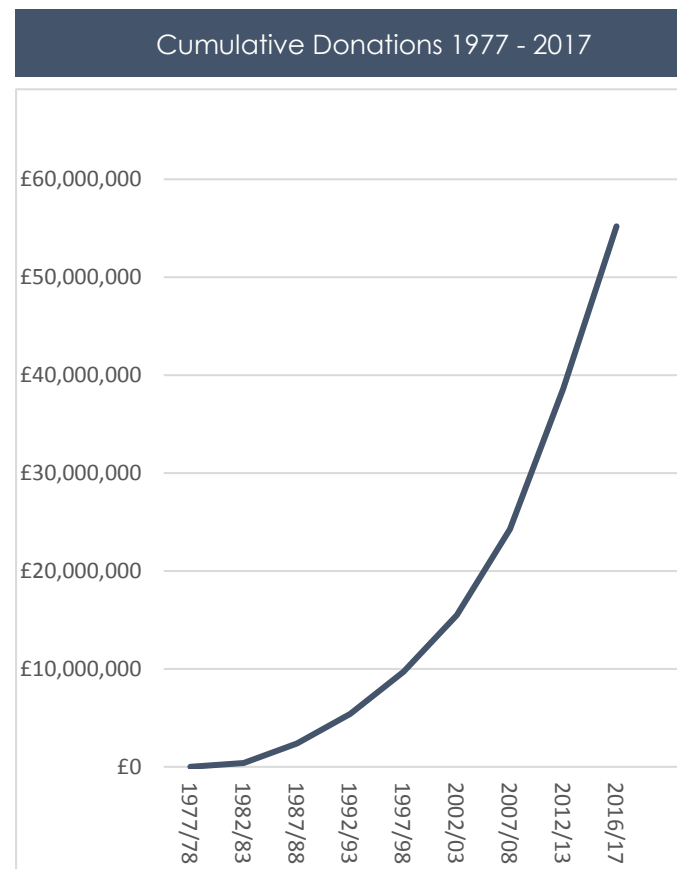
2017 sees the fortieth anniversary of Sir John's legacy. It is also the year when, cumulatively, ZCT will have donated over £55 million to charities.

In the pages that follow, examples of just a few of the 170 charities which the Trust supports are shown, illustrating the scope of ZCT's activities.

The purpose of this booklet is to celebrate Sir John's legacy.

Paul Milner
Nigel Green
Graham Calder

Trustees of The Zochonis Charitable Trust.



The Zochonis Charitable Trust - Education

One of the main reasons why Sir John set up The Zochonis Charitable Trust was to provide opportunities in education for those whose circumstances could prevent them from reaching their full potential. Thus each year the Trust donates nearly one third of its income to schools, universities and learning institutions which provide a wide range of wonderful educational opportunities for children of all ages.

The Trust also supports a number of charities which help children and young people who struggle with reading and writing, and others which offer personalised mentoring support to vulnerable children or those at risk of exclusion.

ZCT funds secondary school bursaries making some of the best education in the Greater Manchester area accessible to bright children from low income families. The Trust additionally supports capital projects at these schools, helping to enhance a range of facilities for current and future pupils as well as benefiting local communities who also use them.

The Trust has consistently supported The University of Manchester, and now contributes towards its Access Programme which identifies, mentors and supports young people who will be the first in their family to attend university. Without such support, this first-class education might be unattainable.

Aside from sponsoring academic institutions, ZCT also helps support a wide range of artistic, historical and scientific endeavours through Outreach programmes enabling institutions such as the Royal Northern College of Music, The Hallé, The Lowry Theatre, Manchester Museum, the Imperial War Museum, the Manchester Art Gallery and the Museum of Science and Industry to provide forward thinking and innovative learning experiences for young people. These Outreach programmes can often mean that projects are brought to schools and can inspire those who might not otherwise have access to them. These culturally enriching programmes foster creativity, insight and self-confidence among young people.

WITHINGTON GIRLS' SCHOOL

The Bursary Fund provides means-tested financial assistance to enable bright girls from financially disadvantaged families to attend Withington Girls' School and benefit from the advantages of a fantastic all-round education, giving them confidence and the ability to achieve their potential.

The Trust's very generous support has made a vital difference in enabling the scheme to grow and thrive to the extent where one in six girls are now in receipt of a bursary.

**Mrs Sarah Haslem,
Headmistress.**



Withington
GIRLS' SCHOOL



ABOVE: Lady Zochonis during the opening of The Zochonis Chemistry Laboratory at Withington Girls' School.

"For relatively working class families like mine, a Withington education is something of a dream come true. The bursary scheme helped me to take advantage of a world-class education and enjoy experiences that have shaped me as a person and as an employee. My family and I will always be tremendously grateful to The Zochonis Charitable Trust".

A former Withington pupil who left in 2008



BOLTON SCHOOL

Bolton School's Nat Roohan paid tribute to the immeasurable impact and generosity that The Zochonis Charitable Trust has had upon his education:

'I will be forever grateful for the chance to come to Bolton School; the opportunities I have been granted over the past seven years have been incredible.'

The support of The Zochonis Charitable Trust has improved my life and those of many other young people over the past 40 years, and their generosity deserves a great deal of merit.'

Those pupils who have received bursarial support to attend the School as a result of the Trust's gifts have enriched the School community and are now ideally placed to go on to even greater achievements to the benefit of society at large.

**Laura Firth,
Head of Development,
Bolton School.**

"Bolton School has had a truly profound impact upon me. It has allowed me to excel not only academically, but socially too. Thank you for making this amazing education a possibility for many of us here."

Chris Battarbee, former Bolton School pupil.

ABOVE: The Riley Sixth Form Centre at Bolton School (centre) built with support from the Trust. The centre links the two divisions [boys and girls] for the first time, and has led to a myriad of opportunities for collaboration between the two schools, ensuring that they continue to offer the best of both worlds: a single sex education in a mixed environment.



BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

The Zochonis Charitable Trust has faithfully supported The Bury Grammar Schools for over 12 years and we are truly grateful for all the funding we have received.

Owing to its generosity, we have been able to support academically gifted pupils through seven years of education, which would previously have been inaccessible to them on financial grounds.

The Zochonis Charitable Trust has donated very generously to our Buildings Campaigns, including donations both to our Kindergarten and to our Arts Centre.

Most recently, their generosity has enabled us to complete our brand new sports facilities [pictured] to replace the derelict predecessors, giving not only a new generation of BGS pupils but also the local community a completely new sporting arena.

Alison Holland,
Head of Development.



"The philanthropy and ultimate legacy left by Sir John Zochonis, which continues so faithfully under his Trustees, have brought untold joy and a wonderful education to children in The Bury Grammar Schools' community. It is a true testament to the memory of a wonderful man."

"The culture of Manchester High is one where girls and women build each other up. A Manchester High girl has the confidence to be herself and always has the courage of her convictions. Without the financial assistance I received I would probably never have become the Manchester High girl I am today."

Ebubechi Okpalugo



"Independent education is just not something that happens in my very normal, very working class family. If I had not been granted a bursary award there is no way my parents could even have considered sending me to Manchester High. It just wouldn't have been an option. Being voted Head Girl by my peers proves that given equal opportunities, anyone can succeed."

Sophie Haughton

ABOVE: Ebubechi Okpalugo (left) Deputy Head Girl of the Class of 2016, now studying medicine at the University of Oxford and Sophie Haughton (right) Head Girl of the Class of 2016, now studying medicine at the University of Birmingham.

MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Manchester High School for Girls is a leading independent school. From the Pankhurst sisters who fought to give women the vote, Manchester High has a long and proud history of educating women that have changed the world.

Manchester High School for Girls is not elitist and we must not become so. The backing that The Zochonis Charitable Trust continues to provide to our bursary fund is vital in supporting our quest that we will never miss, never fail to notice, never overlook a girl with potential.

**Mrs A C Hewitt,
Head Mistress,
Manchester High School for Girls.**

CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL

Our commitment to offering financial assistance to those families who would not otherwise be able to experience a CHS education remains absolute. We are extremely grateful to the Trustees of The Zochonis Charitable Trust for their belief in our vision and the education we offer.

Support from The Zochonis Charitable Trust at the very early stages in our capital campaign for the Pavilion was instrumental in getting the campaign off the ground. The new Pavilion, [above right] which was officially opened in December 2016, is the new flagship building for sport and will benefit students across the School and the wider School community for many years to come.

**Lucy Pearson,
Head of Cheadle Hulme School.**



Cheadle Hulme School



“CHS gave me opportunities that I would never have had otherwise. It gave me courage in my convictions – if I want to do something, I do it. I’ve learnt not to be afraid to break the mould and I am now running for President at the Student Union at Birmingham.

I believe the Bursary Fund is important for the whole School as it provides social diversity – the CHS community mirrors the society in which we live and that’s important for all students.

Contributing to the Bursary Fund is an investment that could change a person’s life”.

**Gabby Kingsley,
Former Bursary recipient, Class of 2014.**



"The impact of the Trust's support can be life-changing for a child and, in developing their talents to the full, contributes to a better future for us all."

STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

We are immensely grateful to The Zochonis Charitable Trust for the generous donations they have made to the School's Bursary Scheme. The scheme provides means-tested assistance with fees to talented children from all sections of the local community.

By the time they leave Stockport Grammar School, the girls and boys have benefited from a wealth of opportunities to develop the personal qualities necessary to flourish in their adult lives; they attain the highest academic standards and go on to study challenging courses at the country's most competitive institutions.

Each year we have far more applications for bursary places than we can finance from the School's funds.

**Andrew Chicken,
Headmaster.**

RUGBY SCHOOL

The Zochonis Charitable Trust has played a major part in ensuring the success of the Arnold Foundation for Rugby School, our flagship programme of boarding bursaries for outstanding young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Your continuing involvement energises us all. We are grateful indeed.

**Kerry Wilson,
Director of Development.**

The impact is best summed up in the words of one of the students:

"Being at Rugby School has made an enormous difference to my life as it has taught me many vital lessons for the future; not just academically but also in my development as a grown human being. I push myself more now because of the positive attitude here and you tend to find yourself disappointed if you squander any opportunities."



TOP: Rugby School where Sir John was a pupil.
ABOVE: *Much Ado About Nothing*
Both leads were played by Arnold Foundation students.



Corpus Christi College is the *alma mater* of Sir John Zochonis.

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Corpus Christi
0 College Oxford 2017

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE, OXFORD

During his lifetime Sir John was a passionate advocate of the initiatives the college had introduced over the years, designed to ensure that students from all backgrounds were able to study here.

The continuing support of the Trust means that we have been able to commit to offering life-changing opportunities to young people regardless of their financial means.

**Professor Steve Cowley,
President.**

ABOVE LEFT: The Quadrangle
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Sir John Zochonis was a very good friend to the University of Manchester, providing guidance and support both through his role as Chair of Council and his philanthropy.

The Zochonis Charitable Trust has made a lasting difference to the life opportunities of hundreds of talented young people from disadvantaged families in Greater Manchester, with funding for the University of Manchester's undergraduate Manchester Access Programme scholarships, student travel awards and initiatives to enhance employability after graduation.

The University's Manchester Museum has received generous support for its educational Outreach activities, with funding for an inflatable classroom-size replica of the Museum for visits to schools in more deprived areas which struggle with transport costs for a school trip to the Museum [see opposite page]. Over 1400 primary school children have already enjoyed in-school workshops featuring real artefacts from the Museum, with high levels of engagement.

Most recently, the Trustees have funded a PhD studentship in the University's Global Development Institute, whose world-leading research seeks practical solutions to poverty and global inequality. The PhD studentship has been awarded to an outstanding Ghanaian researcher whose project will help shape future policy in Ghana to tackle poverty in remote rural areas.

**Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell (pictured),
President and Vice Chancellor of The University of Manchester.**



The University of Manchester

An Outreach session for local primary school children using The Zochonis Charitable Trust funded inflatable Manchester Museum, the first of its kind in the UK.



THE LOWRY

The Zochonis Charitable Trust has been an invaluable supporter of The Lowry's work with young people in our communities.

From supporting our work with some of the hardest to reach young people from Salford, including looked after children, young carers and teenage parents, to investing in our Youth Employability Scheme.

The Trust's long-standing support has helped The Lowry to develop and extend the reach of our Learning and Engagement programme and has truly changed the lives and prospects of young people through the arts.

**Julia Fawcett OBE,
CEO.**



ABOVE: Salford Young Carers rehearsing a play they wrote and acted in called *Behind Closed Doors* about life as a young carer.





The Children's Opera project at the Royal Northern College of Music supports 150 children from six schools. Over several months the children write, stage and perform their own opera. It has a transformative impact on those involved; improving their confidence and social skills, while fostering a spirit of creativity and teamwork.

It is a joy to witness the change in these young people and we are very grateful to The Zochonis Charitable Trust for supporting this work.

**Suzie Thompson,
Director of Development.**

RNCM
ROYAL NORTHERN
COLLEGE of MUSIC

LEFT: The RNCM's Children's Opera in 2016 called
Coming Home.



IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM NORTH

In 2001 Sir John Zochonis was one of the first philanthropists to support IWM North's Capital Appeal.

Most recently, through The Zochonis Charitable Trust's support of our First World War Loan Boxes, we have been able to take IWM into the classroom. Our education project *Finding Our First World War* enables schools to access original and replica artefacts inspired by IWM's unparalleled collections and to enable teachers to engage students in learning about the First World War in new ways.

The loan boxes highlight stories and artefacts that have a local and personal relevance, as well as objects that reflect the huge impact the war had on the whole of society.

Emily Mathew,
Head of Business and Development.



ABOVE: The Imperial War Museum in Manchester

RIGHT: The contents of a First World War Loan Box





“Without the continued support of The Zochonis Charitable Trust, the Hallé would be unable to provide such important work at such an accessible level to so many children and young people across Greater Manchester.”

THE HALLÉ

The generous grants made to the Hallé Concerts Society by The Zochonis Charitable Trust for over a decade have been instrumental in providing young people across Greater Manchester with access to world class music education.

The funding has ensured that our work with young people is accessible to all and we are proud to be able to deliver all our work (in this area) either free or at a hugely subsidised cost. From the weekly work of the Hallé Youth Orchestra, Youth Choir and Training Choir through to the project work of Come and Play and Adopt-a-Player which sees thousands of children attend live concerts, often for the first time.

Sir Mark Elder.

HALLÉ
CONCERTS SOCIETY

The ongoing commitment of The Zochonis Charitable Trust has made a huge difference to our learning and engagement programmes over many years. This work reaches audiences who do not usually engage with our gallery and much of it would be impossible to deliver without this essential support. From young people to homeless people, from families with children with autism to schools in areas of economic hardship, we have been able to extend a welcome to people across the city and offer them fantastic cultural experiences.

Dr Maria Balshaw,
Director.

**Manchester
Art Gallery**



The generosity of The Zochonis Charitable Trust has supported our ambitions to be a place for science discovery and learning. Over many years the Trust has helped us improve the museum's galleries and deliver new learning and public programmes to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers.

Sally MacDonald,
Director.

**MUSEUM OF
SCIENCE +
INDUSTRY**

Your donation will mean that the project will be able to deliver a co-ordinated sports programme to engage with young people in Moss Side so that they can develop the skills that enhance their life chances.

Julie Wharton

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, as without people like you small charities and all the stakeholders involved would be forgotten and overlooked.

**HIDE
AWAY**

Your generous support of our charity will help to improve the mobility, communication skills and learning potential of the children who attend Brainwave, through a range of education and physical therapies.

Joanne Freeman



Your generosity and commitment to the children we work with in Manchester is hugely supportive of our charitable aims and is very much appreciated. Your continued partnership helps us understand that we are not alone in supporting disadvantaged children to develop the literacy skills expected of their age.

Tom Hill



Donations such as yours will help more people with disabilities get online and introduce them to the amazing and wonderful possibilities available to them through the Internet.

Hong-Le Vong

You changed my life. I was lonely, sad and thought I was good for nothing but now I have found my way through.

Freddie



The Zochonis Charitable Trust – Healthcare

Support for healthcare accounts for a considerable portion of The Zochonis Charitable Trust's annual donations. Healthcare is both a complex and diverse area and naturally the Trust's activities reflect this with donations given to medical research, hospitals and to charities who seek to improve the lives of those who need help the most and those who provide support for them.

SEASHELL TRUST

The Zochonis Charitable Trust's support of Seashell Trust goes back 20 years. In that time the Trust has helped to fund a variety of projects which have transformed the delivery of our education and care for children and young people with some of the most complex needs in society.

Most recently has been the opening of Zochonis House on our campus as part of a development of 17 four-bedroom home-from-home houses for children and young people who live on site.

Mark Geraghty,
Chief Executive and Principal.



TOP RIGHT: Maisie, enjoying the facilities at the Seashell Trust

RIGHT: The Trustees at the opening of Zochonis House





Congratulations to all at The Zochonis Charitable Trust on celebrating your 40th Anniversary. The Christie is proud to be amongst many North West charities to have benefited from the Trust's philanthropy. Without doubt, past, present and future Christie patients are the real beneficiaries of your amazing support during this time.

**Roger Spencer,
Chief Executive.**

"You have our heartfelt gratitude and we wish you continued success – here's to the next 40 years!"

The Christie 
NHS Foundation Trust



ABOVE: Young Leaders celebrate Whizz-Kidz' 25th Anniversary

In Manchester, due to a shortage of funds, Whizz-Kidz had 20 children waiting for personalised equipment. Following a donation by ZCT just before Christmas 2016 all the children received their equipment much sooner than they expected.

With the very generous support of The Zochonis Charitable Trust in 2016, Whizz-Kidz helped to ensure that the highest priority disabled children on our mobility waiting list in Manchester received the life-changing equipment they desperately needed to fulfil their potential and lead the active childhoods they deserve.

The Trust's donation has made a huge difference to the lives of disabled children in Manchester and we are so incredibly grateful for the Trust's continuing support in 2017. Without this, we simply would not be able to continue our vital work.

Thank you so much.

**Ruth Madeley,
Fundraising Coordinator.**

Whizz-kidz
move a life forward



The Zochonis Charitable Trust's support has enabled us to provide essential holiday breaks here at the Adventure Farm for tens of thousands of terminally ill, disabled and disadvantaged children from all over the North West of England and North Wales.

With the Trust's help we have shown these children that regardless of their illness, disability or social circumstance, they have the right to achieve, aspire and thrive.

Together we have changed the lives of countless children; we really can't thank you enough.

**Helen Crowther,
Trust Fundraiser & Press Officer.**



WALTHEW HOUSE

Over the past seven years we have received generous donations from The Zochonis Charitable Trust, which is a huge contribution to a small charity like Walthew House.

Continued support to our Youth Club has enabled us to see how young people with sight or hearing loss can, with the appropriate support and opportunities, grow in confidence, make friends and take on new challenges.

**Kay Kelly,
Executive Manager.**

**Walthew
House**



The foresight and great generosity of The Zochonis Charitable Trust has enabled DEMAND (Design and Manufacture for Disability) to transform the lives of thousands of disabled people across the North of England.

Martin Brown,
Operations Director.

ABOVE: Felix using bespoke equipment made by DEMAND.

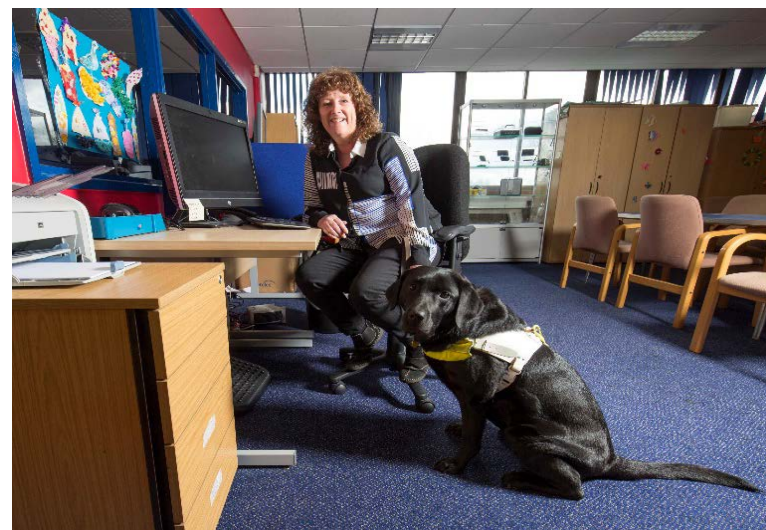


Thank you so much for your generous donation which will be used to support our core services for visually impaired people in Greater Manchester.

Given that 2017 represents an important anniversary year, [it's also Henshaw's 180th anniversary] it seems pertinent to thank you for continuing to play such an important role in the delivery of our services.

Nick Marr,
Chief Executive.

BELOW: Skillstep Course attendee Sue and her guide dog Ebony. Sue now works for Trafford Council.





"Without the support of The Zochonis Charitable Trust this work would not have been possible. Thank you."



ROYAL MENCAP SOCIETY

The Zochonis Charitable Trust has been both a loyal and generous supporter of Mencap for over two decades. In just the last two years the Trust's support of our Step Up project in Manchester has helped us to reach and equip nearly 100 young people with a learning disability with the confidence, resilience and skills vital to achieving paid employment.

Without the support of The Zochonis Charitable Trust this work would not have been possible.

Thank you.

**Jan Tregelles,
Chief Executive.**

We are delighted that now, thanks to The Zochonis Charitable Trust's generosity, we will be able to respond positively to more of the families in urgent need and provide equipment which is vital to the care routines of terminally ill children living in low income families in Greater Manchester.

Vicky Andreas

React
GIVING DEPTH TO SHORT LIVES

Rapid
Effective
Assistance for
Children with potentially
Terminal illness

Research funded by The Zochonis Charitable Trust has made a huge difference to our ability to identify babies at high risk of complications and has led to changes in national practice. Over the last five years the number of stillbirths in our hospital has fallen by 29%.

Dr Alexander Heazell

Tommy's
Funding research
Saving babies' lives

The Trust's invaluable support of RNIB Newsagent service will help us to continue to provide the services that blind and partially sighted people in Greater Manchester desperately need and depend on. Your gift will help towards supporting our subscribers in Greater Manchester with their much loved audio newspapers and magazines.

Your generosity will give them a wider interpretation of events and will enable them to join in conversations with family and friends in the same way that sighted people do.

Thelma Long



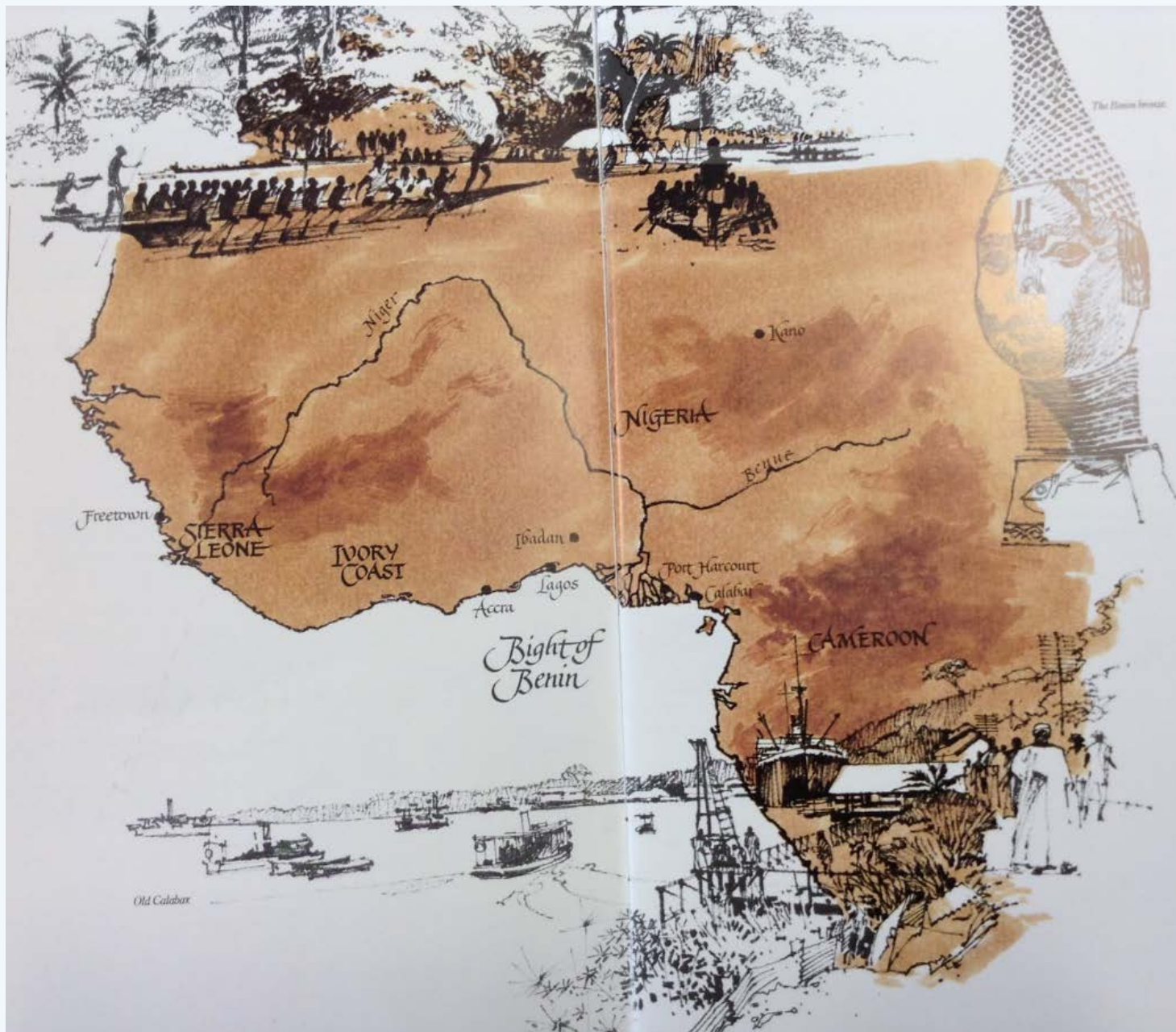
One in four people in England and Wales will experience some form of mental health problems every year. For many, the feeling of having nowhere to turn is all too common.

Your support plays a fundamental part in enabling us to meet the demand and sustain the standard and response rate of the Mind Infoline, as we work towards ensuring that everyone affected by mental health problems can receive the help they deserve.

Joe McCarthy



The Zochonis Charitable Trust - Overseas



Facsimile of West Africa map c.1884

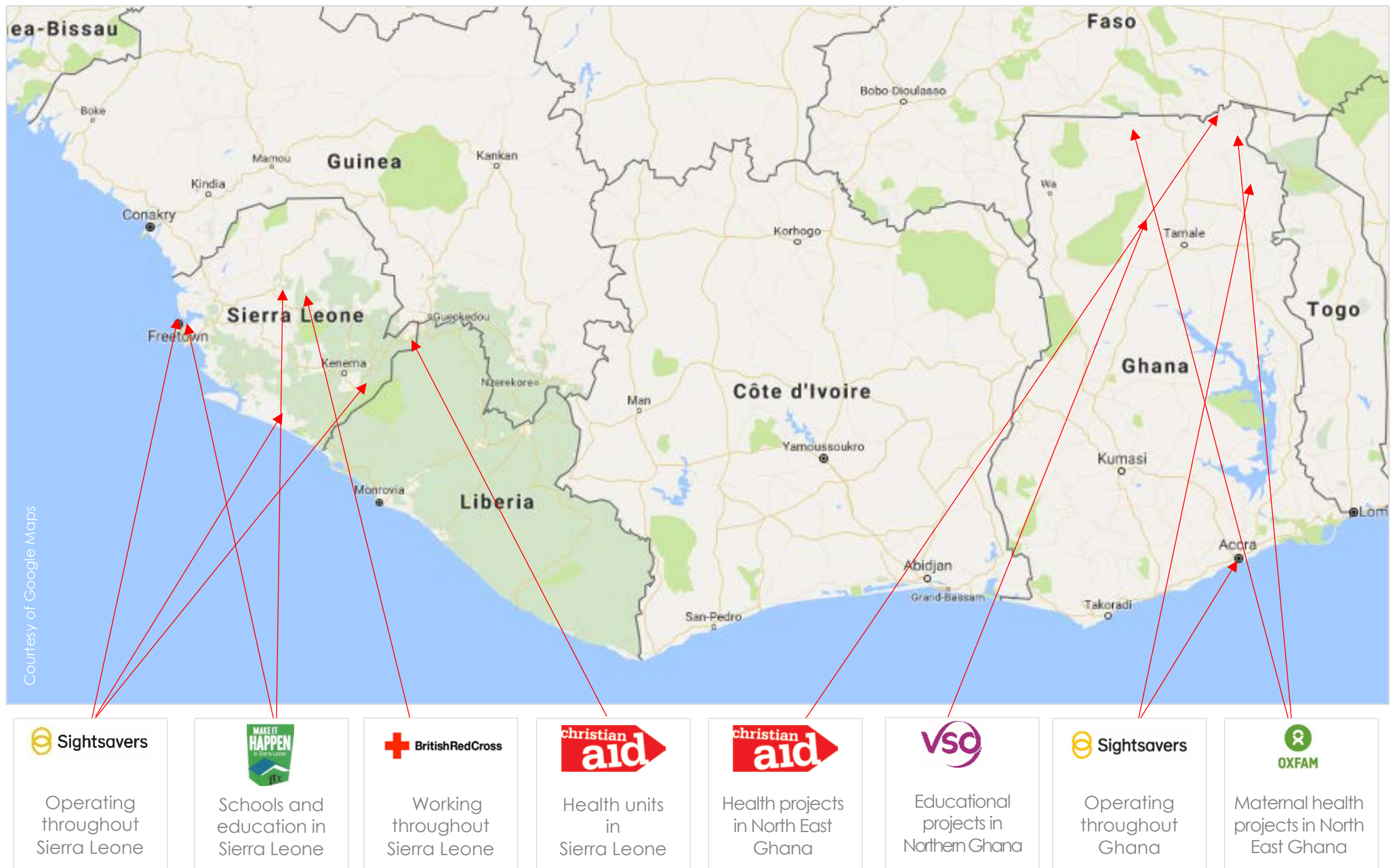
ZCT supports a small number of UK registered charities in Sierra Leone and Ghana. The focus of its charitable funding is primarily in the areas of health and education where there is great need.

Sierra Leone is one of the poorest countries in the world and its economic woes were compounded by a lengthy civil war. More recently the country suffered terribly during the Ebola outbreak. Whilst Sierra Leone is now officially free of Ebola, that disease placed an immense strain on the country's already inadequate medical resources.

Whilst Ghana is more prosperous it lacks the means to deal fully with the situation in the North of the country where climate change is causing the Sahara Desert to encroach southwards. The North has always been the poorest part of the country and now that the situation there has worsened, the need for better education and healthcare has never been greater.

In terms of operating, the ZCT Trustees visit Sierra Leone and Ghana annually as part of their due diligence programme. The visits to Sierra Leone are particularly appropriate since it was here that Sir John's great uncle, George Zochonis, began what is now PZ Cussons in 1884.

The Trust's Collaboration with Charities in Sierra Leone and Ghana





For over 30 years Sightsavers' work has benefited greatly from the generous support of The Zochonis Charitable Trust. Our work is only possible with the support of others and the kindness shown by the Trust has touched the lives of millions of people.

Your support continues to restore sight, train eye health professionals, enable children to attend school and disabled adults to work. Your support is key as we work towards eliminating three painful neglected tropical diseases; trachoma, river blindness and lymphatic filariasis.

The kindness shown by the Trust continues to transform the lives of so many people and we are delighted to celebrate your 40th anniversary and your lasting legacy. Thank you so much.

Dr Caroline Harper CBE,
CEO.



ABOVE LEFT: Fusi, an ophthalmic nurse screening in communities for blinding trachoma in Yendi, Ghana.

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LEFT: Eye health screening at the General Hospital in Kenema, Sierra Leone.

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Trachoma has been eradicated from most developed countries yet remains the world's leading cause of preventable blindness.

With the support of The Zochonis Charitable Trust, Ghana is near to declaring the country free of this painful and debilitating disease.



ABOVE RIGHT: Joy Naomi Sahtu with her new glasses. With the support of The Zochonis Charitable Trust, Joy will no longer struggle at school and can now get the most out of her education.

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RIGHT: Six happy patients shortly after having their stiches removed at a clinic in the Northern Region of Ghana. All six suffered from trichiasis, the painful and advanced stage of trachoma which causes your eye lids to turn inwards.

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Dakar, Thursday, 23 February 2017

Dear Zochonis Charitable Trust,

It is with joy that we celebrate the 40th year of your organisation!

We are very grateful for all the support you have given to Oxfam's work in West Africa over the years.

From 2009 to 2012 you helped Oxfam in Sierra Leone to provide essential water, sanitation and hygiene to poor communities in Kailahun and Freetown. Your generosity reached thousands of people, helping to fight cholera and other waterborne diseases and enabling whole communities to lead healthier lives.

From 2013 to 2017 you helped Oxfam provide crucial health care to pregnant women and infants in 8 communities in northern Ghana, again reaching thousands of women and children. With your support, we managed to reduce maternal and infant mortality to zero in project communities. What a wonderful legacy!

Now in 2017, we are delighted to receive your support to help women farmers in northern Ghana to adapt their livelihoods to the harsh challenges of climate change.

On behalf of Oxfam in West Africa, I would like to thank you for all your interest and support to our region.

With very best wishes to all at the Zochonis Charitable Trust for the next 40 years!

Mbacke Niang
West Africa Interim Regional Director
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ABOVE: Selina with her new-born baby, Oxfam Maternal Health Project, Ghana. Copyright ©Abbie Traylor Smith, Oxfam.

BELOW: Ghanaian villagers.





With your generous support our charity transforms run-down schools in rural and urban areas and seeks to improve the quality of teaching in these schools.

"Make It Happen in Sierra Leone is profoundly grateful for the support that The Zochonis Charitable Trust has given us as together we are vastly transforming the lives of thousands of children. They join us in thanking you."

**Michael Colin,
Chief Executive.**



ABOVE LEFT: The only school in Mathelebana when Make It Happen first visited.

LEFT: One of the two new schools being constructed in the village.



Grants to support construction of a maternal health ward, purchase of vital medical equipment and staff training at Bawku Presbyterian Hospital in Northern Ghana have led to outcomes including a 20 percent reduction in stillbirths, an increase of over 25 percent in the midwife to patient ratio and an eight percent increase in the amount of patient admissions thanks to improved facilities and capacity, ensuring more people can access quality healthcare.



ABOVE LEFT: The Christian Aid Maternal Unit under construction at Bawku.

LEFT: Nurse Martha celebrates news that the Trust will be supporting the rehabilitation of her health unit.



We are immensely grateful to The Zochonis Charitable Trust for their generosity and commitment to Christian Aid's work in Ghana and Sierra Leone. With your support, we have been able to bring quality healthcare to some of these countries' poorest communities, including training desperately needed midwives, constructing and refurbishing maternal health wards to ensure expecting mothers can give birth in a safe and hygienic environment and providing life-saving medical equipment to keep new-born babies healthy.

Together, we have been able to save lives and ensure quality healthcare access for thousands of people for many years to come. My heartfelt thanks to the Trustees.

**Dr Rowan Williams,
Chair of the Christian Aid Board of Trustees,
and former Archbishop of Canterbury.**



Over the years it has been inspiring to work with the Zochonis team on projects where the need is greatest and where their investment in VSO [Voluntary Services Overseas] can have the biggest impact, particularly through our education programmes in Africa.

The Trust has helped us to build five classrooms, living quarters for two new teachers and two school offices [right]. By providing new, safe places to learn, hundreds of children have enrolled and are proud to be attending school – for many this has been the first time they have had lessons inside rather than outside! The impact of this work has been impressive: children are no longer dropping out of school and the number of teachers working in this remote location has increased from three to seven.

“VSO would like to pay special tribute to the Trust’s founder, Sir John Zochonis, whose unwavering support for good causes has left such an impressive legacy. As a philanthropist, Sir John enabled VSO to pioneer the use of national volunteers on projects in health, education and secure livelihoods. In doing so he has helped to create a generation of active citizens who are empowering themselves and their communities.

Thank you.”

**Dr Philip Goodwin,
Chief Executive.**



We look forward to many more years working with The Zochonis Charitable Trust to give some of the world’s poorest people the opportunity to build better futures.



TOP: Newly built school, Ghana.

ABOVE: A commemorative plaque from an earlier project.



In Sierra Leone, continued support from the Trust to construct and rehabilitate rural health units will ensure more than 23,000 people have access to improved healthcare and that expecting mothers have a safe, hygienic environment in which to give birth. Past funding has similarly supported the provision of medical equipment and rehabilitation of dilapidated health units, many of which lacked basic facilities such as running water prior to the Trust's intervention.

On behalf of everyone at the British Red Cross I wanted to thank you personally for your continuing support of our Community-Based Health Programme in Sierra Leone. I was especially moved to hear that following your visit to the project in February and after several years of generously supporting the programme you so kindly increased your gift.

**Mike Adamson,
Chief Executive.**

- TOP: Aminata and her baby who were helped by British Red Cross's programme.
- MIDDLE: A 'tippy', a simple device which fosters the ever-growing awareness of the need to keep hands clean.
- LEFT: The Trustees working with local communities.



Thank you for the generous grant towards the purchase of a new accessible minibus for our Short Breaks Service.

The contributions made so far by the Trust have had a huge impact on our service-users and will continue to benefit the services we provide for years to come.

Lucy Sawdon-Molloy



Thank you once again for funding our Children's Christmas Party. We are most grateful for your ongoing support, without which we couldn't provide this event which is the highlight of our year.

Jill Ryder



We all know how difficult a stay in hospital can be and how distressing it is to suffer from illness. For children it can be so much worse. Often they are away from friends and loved ones, surrounded by scary looking medical equipment and unfamiliar people. They may not fully understand the reasons they feel the way they do or why they have to undergo tests and procedures.

This is why the Giggle Doctors are so important.

Thank you so much for your generous donation to our Giggle Doctor programme in Manchester Hospitals. An incredible 500 sick and disabled children will experience a magical Giggle Doctor moment thanks to your kind gift and we are so grateful for your continued support.

Jessica Mann

We have just had a visit from Dr Geehee. Poppy laughed so much! It was great to watch her laughing.

A parent



THEODORA
Children's Charity
Helping sick and disabled children

The Zochonis Charitable Trust – Social Provision

The Zochonis Charitable Trust has consistently provided support to some of the most deprived and vulnerable people in the North West. The work of the charities that it supports varies enormously, ranging from the prevention of human trafficking to alleviating elements of poverty and homelessness. It also initiates youth and community projects.

A small selection of the charities the Trust assists is given in this section.



Ken and his dog Bailey are settled in a new city
 “I’ve just moved into a room. It’s brilliant. I have to pay my own rent, so I need to make sure I sell enough magazines.”



Liam is in training to gain skills
 “The staff are helping me get CSCS card so I can work on construction sites. I’m making progress.”



Chris moved into a house in January 2016
 “I’ve not had a tenancy since 1998. Big Issue North helped me. They’ve given me motivation to get my life back on track.”



Marta had a baby girl in January 2017
 “The support I got from staff was huge. They helped me register to a GP and midwife and every day they ask me if I am well.”

BIG ISSUE NORTH TRUST

The Zochonis Charitable Trust has helped support our vendors to change their lives, and helped us to develop new income streams.

Fay Selvan,
CEO.

Start Smart Smart Start

**All children
want to fit in and
achieve at school**

**Let's break the
cycle of poverty**

SmartStart
MANCHESTER & SALFORD

See www.woodstreetmission.org.uk for more details



Wood Street Mission, 26 Wood Street, Manchester M3 3EF
Tel: 0161 834 3140 Email: info@woodstreetmission.org.uk
Registered charity number 1078337



There are 55,000 children living in poverty in Manchester and Salford. Doing well at school is crucial if they are to grow up and break the cycle of poverty. But many families struggle to afford everyday school costs like uniform which negatively impacts on their child's experience of school.

In 2015 following a donation from The Zochonis Charitable Trust, Wood Street Mission launched SmartStart, an initiative to distribute one million pounds worth of uniform and school kit to families living on a low income so all children fit in and achieve at school.

The funding and support of The Zochonis Charitable Trust has been fundamental to the success of project. Everyone at Wood Street Mission is incredibly grateful to the Trust and are delighted to be able to contribute in a small way to the marking of its 40th anniversary.

**Roseanne Sweeney,
Chief Executive,
Wood Street Mission.**



LEFT: Celebrity Chef James Martin at the Agnes Hopkins Day Centre in Tameside.



Thanks to the commitment and vision of The Zochonis Charitable Trust, whose generous support has bolstered EMERGE's charitable FareShare food redistribution operation over the last few years. Your donation has enabled us to expand our support to over 220 Community Food Member beneficiary organisations across the city region.

This expansion equated to a contribution of over 2.1 million meals to the 220+ organisations who in turn support over 25,000 individuals in food poverty. Beneficiaries include community centres, elderly day care venues, schools' breakfast and after school clubs, hostels and food banks amongst others.

**Lucy Danger,
CEO.**



Shelter Greater Manchester has been benefiting from the support of The Zochonis Charitable Trust for 15 years and it's this year-on-year support that is absolutely vital to us, providing the stability that allows us to plan and develop our services to meet demand and improve outcomes for people at risk of losing their homes.

John Ryan,
Service Manager,
Shelter Manchester Legal Advice.

Shelter

ABOVE: Shelter's Information Resource Centre.
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Forever Manchester fund and support thousands of community projects across Greater Manchester.

The support from The Zochonis Charitable Trust has enabled us to develop our community support and reach places others can't.

Nick Massey,
CEO.



ABOVE: Local resident Cathy with Graeme Urlwin,
FM Community Builder.

**FOREVER
MANCHESTER**

GREATER MANCHESTER HIGH SHERIFF'S POLICE TRUST

The Greater Manchester High Sheriff's Police Trust was established with a substantial donation and on-going support from the late Sir John Zochonis.

Financial support from The Zochonis Charitable Trust has enabled the GMP High Sheriff Trust to support groups in Greater Manchester in their efforts to promote community cohesion and crime prevention especially amongst young people. In many cases this support has been life-changing for the individuals involved and has changed the focus of local areas in supporting residents of all ages.

Ian Hopkins,
Chief Constable for Greater Manchester.



Since 1994 through the support of The Zochonis Charitable Trust, we have met our objectives in supporting over 2,600 community groups and organisations.

Without the support from the Trust, we could not have even dreamt of supporting so many people across Greater Manchester.

Trustees of Greater Manchester High Sheriff's Police Trust



Surprisingly, and sadly, figures show modern day slavery of vulnerable UK human trafficking victims is on the rise across Greater Manchester.

Hope for Justice identifies and rescues victims, advocates on their behalf, provides restorative care which rebuilds lives and trains front line professionals to tackle modern day slavery.

"The Trust's support is testament to your commitment to trafficked victims in the North West and the trust you have placed in Hope for Justice's mission to tackle the crime of human trafficking."

We greatly value your support."

Tim Nelson,
International Development Director.





LEFT: Young people from a Prince's Trust programme

As one of our largest funders in the North West, we are extremely grateful for this ongoing support which has meant that thousands of young people, no matter what their start in life, have been empowered to move into work, education or training.

Together we've been able to create a brighter future for these young people, their families and their communities.

**Dame Martina Milburn DCVO CBE,
Chief Executive, The Prince's Trust.**



Prince's Trust

Inspiring young lives



ABOVE: HRH The Earl of Wessex presenting the Trustees with their Certificate of Appreciation signed by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.



Thanks to the support of The Zochonis Charitable Trust, a record 1,880 young people are doing their D of E in Greater Manchester and 847 have achieved their Award. More young people from black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds are now engaged with the D of E and gaining valuable life skills and a useful qualification.

**Robert Johnston,
Director,
North of England.**

JUSTLIFE

Justlife's vision is to make people's experience of housing vulnerability as short, safe and healthy as possible. Justlife is in existence because we know that every time we don't act, another person living in unsupported temporary accommodation suffers. They suffer with deteriorating mental and physical health, become victims of crime, lose control of their life, drop off the bottom rung of the housing ladder or die prematurely.

The Zochonis Charitable Trust donated generously towards the purchase of the Justlife Health and Enterprise Centre in east Manchester. Since the purchase we have been able to offer a full service at the centre and continue to change the lives of the homeless and vulnerable people with whom we work.

**Gary Bishop,
CEO.**



ABOVE: Justlife workers supporting people who are close to life on the streets in their Manchester Centre office which the Trust helped buy.



This further donation will ensure that even more homeless young people in Manchester have the opportunity to live independently, move forward in life and leave homelessness far behind.

Alexander Robins



Thank you so much for your letter enclosing the most welcome cheque from The Zochonis Charitable Trust as contribution towards the Readathon service at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

Joanna Dury



The Zochonis Charitable Trust – Exceptional Donations

All donations made to charities by ZCT have the clear objective of either enhancing the quality of life for those who are disadvantaged or providing opportunities for people. In both cases lives are changed and hopefully improved.

Whilst this is the normal activity of the Trust, there are occasions when a charity identifies a need for a particular facility, piece of equipment or a building which would transform the lives of the people it serves. However, the difficulty they face is how to fund their ambitious project. In such circumstances ZCT, having thoroughly researched the proposal, then makes an Exceptional Donation which will either cover the entire cost of the project or contribute so significantly that the charity may be more confident of raising the additional necessary funds.

One of the key criteria for the Trustees in granting such a donation is that it produces a seismic change to the charity's beneficiaries within a period of three years.



The Zochonis Charitable Trust's donations have included a significant sum towards a pilot project which is providing permanent residential accommodation to young people with life-limiting conditions whose parents are unable to care for them. Two adapted semi-detached properties converted into one house provide excellent facilities in a homely environment.

Donations have also contributed to the funding of a nurse on the care team, the equipping of a new bedroom including a hoist, to enable the teenagers and young adults greater independence, and a beach hut providing a place of relaxation in the grounds of Francis Lodge within the hospice.

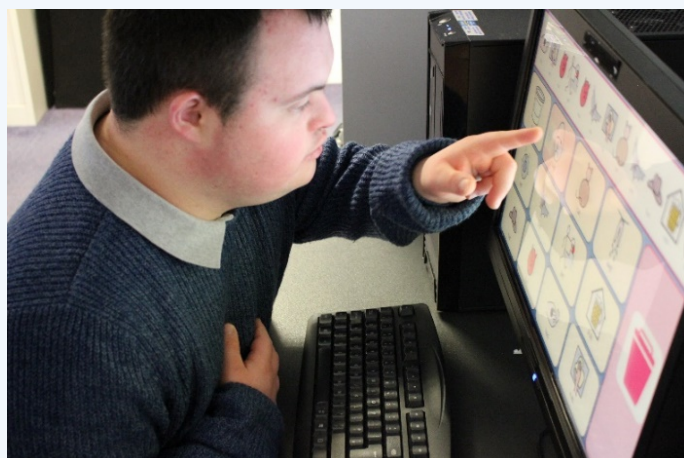
The support of the Trust has been vital in continually helping us to expand and develop our services now and into the future.

I cannot thank the Trust enough for its support over recent years and my thanks is on behalf of everyone at Francis House.

**Rev'd David Ireland,
Chief Executive.**

TOP: Beach Hut in the grounds of Francis Lodge.
MIDDLE: Kyle Wells, [centre] resident in the new house.
LEFT: Bedroom in new Francis House building.





- TOP: Mateo has a specialist switch set-up to access cameras, his email and personal music in the Zochonis Suite.
- ABOVE: LA and screen – symbol on grid software being accessed by touchscreen.
- RIGHT: Dave's foot is more dextrous than his hands so he uses it to compose music on an iPad.

BEAUMONT COLLEGE

Through the invaluable support of The Zochonis Charitable Trust we have been able to help our students gain more choice and control over how they live their lives, some for the very first time.

The Zochonis Charitable Trust has most recently supported our instrumental Assistive Technology programme which provides a voice for students who often have no verbal communication; giving them a chance to live independently, control their own environment and study or work in a truly flexible way that is tailored to their health and support needs.

On behalf of the students, their families and the staff of Beaumont College, many thanks to The Zochonis Charitable Trust for their support in making this possible.

**Pam Murphy,
Principal.**



We are privileged and delighted to have enjoyed considerable support from The Zochonis Charitable Trust for over ten years. The donations have supported a wide variety of projects which have directly benefited our patients and their families and helped us to offer continued excellence in treatment, research and care. The Trust has enabled the Charity to enhance what the NHS provides and we continue to see the benefits of its generosity each and every day.

**Maurice Watkins CBE,
Chairman, Charitable Fundraising Board,
Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charity.**



The Zochonis Charitable Trust kindly provided a donation which enabled Royal Manchester Children's Hospital A & E Department to transform the stark and clinically uninviting area into a calm and welcoming space. The introduction of bespoke artwork specifically for children and young people visiting provides distraction from the anxiety a hospital visit can bring.

**Tanya Hamid,
Deputy Head of Charities.**



ABOVE: Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall with Dr Cath White, Clinical Director of Sexual Assault Referral Centre and ZCT's Marie (left)

BELOW: Joe and his mother in the newly refurbished A&E Department.

Many of the amenities that have enhanced the lives of the young people and adults living with complex autism, epilepsy and learning disabilities would not have been possible without the support of The Zochonis Charitable Trust. The Trust has supported numerous projects over the years at David Lewis from our minibuses, sports facilities, play equipment, day centre and most recently, to our most ambitious project, to provide an up to date therapy suite.

The support of the Trust has made a significant difference to the lives of the people who use our services, opening up a variety of choices enabling them to enjoy the stimulation of new opportunities: accessing continuous education, vocational training, work experience, social and leisure activities, all helping them to build new lives and futures.

**Nicky Downes,
Fundraising Manager.**

david•lewis

We are delighted that the Trust has supported many key projects over the years, including the new Tameside Macmillan Unit where local people can access specialist cancer treatment, information and ongoing support throughout their cancer journey.

**Denise Horrocks,
Head of Trusts.**

We are truly grateful to The Zochonis Charitable Trust for its longstanding support of Macmillan's work across Manchester. Thanks to the Trust's generosity over the years, we have been able to provide vital services to people in the area living with cancer, from the point of diagnosis, throughout treatment and beyond.

We greatly value our relationship with the Trust, and the Trustees' support, interest and commitment to our work has helped us to deliver transformational projects across Manchester.

On behalf of everyone who has benefited from The Zochonis Charitable Trust's generous support, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to the Trust in this its 40th anniversary year.

**Lynda Thomas,
Chief Executive.**



The generous donations from The Zochonis Charitable Trust over a number of years have been instrumental in the progress that the Cancer Research UK Manchester Institute's Clinical and Experimental Pharmacology Group have been able to make in the area of liquid biopsies (blood tests) in lung cancer.

Manchester is at the forefront of this novel and important area of cancer research, the benefits of which will not only be experienced by patients in the North-West but nationally and internationally. This exciting progress would not have been possible without the very generous support of The Zochonis Charitable Trust.

Professor Nic Jones,
Director.

**MANCHESTER
CANCER
RESEARCH
CENTRE**

ABOVE RIGHT: Professor Nic Jones,
Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell,
Lady Zochonis and Paul Milner next to
the recently opened Zochonis
Laboratory.



**In the 1970s,
fewer than 1 in 4
people survived their
cancer diagnosis for
5 years or more.**

Today, that figure is just over 2 in 4.

**At Cancer Research UK,
our vision is that 3 in 4 people
will survive cancer for
10 years or more.**

It means so much to us to be able to provide a home, a proper environment which is conducive to maintaining health and safety for the elderly. Thank you for understanding our situation and for your great generous heart. I am sure Sir John is helping from above and helping me get on with the job even though it looks difficult at times.

Sister Marie Antoinette



On behalf of the Little Sisters of the Poor



ABOVE: Trustee Paul Milner presents Sister Mary Benedicta and Sister Josephine with gifts of soap and toiletries in St Joseph's Home in Plymouth Grove, Manchester.

Looking to the Future.....

Reflecting on the growth of The Zochonis Charitable Trust over the past 40 years it is heart-warming to see how many lives have been, and are being, changed for the better by Sir John's profound generosity.

Whilst no one can foretell the future, one thing is certain – the challenges that charities attempt to overcome will not diminish and difficulties will almost certainly increase. The Trust will strive to meet such challenges and continue to alleviate and assist over the next 40 years and hopefully even longer.



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*“Sir John has left an incredible legacy in
Manchester and there are tens of thousands of
people around the country and the world whom
he never knew and who never knew him who have
had their lives made better by his kindness.”*

**Alison Staples,
A beneficiary.**