



LauraLynn

IRELAND'S CHILDREN'S HOSPICE



# REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**The Children's Sunshine Home Trust**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

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# TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present this report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. The Trust presents its financial statements in compliance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP) FRS 102 – Accounting and Reporting for Charities, although not obliged to do so.

## Objectives and Activities

LauraLynn Ireland's Children's Hospice (LauraLynn) is comprised of three distinct entities, all of which are registered charities: The Children's Sunshine Home, CSH Childcare Services and The Children's Sunshine Home Trust.

### The Children's Sunshine Home Trust

The Children's Sunshine Home Trust (the 'Trust') was founded in 1925 and its primary objective was to provide care for sick children. Today, the trustees act as guardians of the organisation's assets and are entrusted with the land and buildings on its campus on Leopardstown Road, Foxrock, Dublin 18. In carrying out its function, the Trust raises and invests funds to enable the continued operation of the services of The Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services.

The services provided by The Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services (the 'Group') are run from the Trust's campus in Leopardstown. Details of these services are as follows:

### The Children's Sunshine Home (Disability Service)

- The Children's Sunshine Home (the 'Disability Service') provides care and support to children and adults with intellectual disabilities. This was originally overseen by The Children's Sunshine Home Trust until the establishment of The Children's Sunshine Home in 1985.
- Today, the Disability Service offers respite and residential services to children with complex disabilities, as well as residential care for six adults with profound disabilities who have been in the care of The Children's Sunshine Home since they were children.
- The Disability Service is operated under a Section 38 Service Agreement with the Health Service Executive (HSE). Consequently, the main source of funding for this service is the HSE.

### CSH Childcare Services (Hospice Service)

- CSH Childcare Services (the 'Hospice Service') provides specialist high quality short break stays, in-home support, crisis care, symptom management, end-of-life care to children with life-limiting conditions and palliative care needs, as well as support for their families. All of the care is provided free of charge to families.
- The main source of funding for the Hospice Service is The Children's Sunshine Home Trust through its fundraising activities. Since 2021 LauraLynn are in receipt of €1.5m annual recurring funding for its hospice services under a Section 39 Service Agreement with the HSE.

### Subsidiary

CSH Childcare Services is accounted for as a subsidiary of The Children's Sunshine Home which controls the composition of its Board of Directors. Additional information is provided in note 9 of the consolidated financial statements of The Children's Sunshine Home.

The financial results of these two companies are consolidated. Further information regarding The Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services is included in the LauraLynn Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements, which are available on the LauraLynn website: [www.lauralynn.ie](http://www.lauralynn.ie)

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## Achievements and Financial Performance

The Statement of Financial Activities for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 and the Balance Sheet at that date are set out on pages 20 and 21, respectively. After depreciation and amortisation, the net income for the financial year amounted to €940,884 (2021: €4,130,723).

### Income

LauraLynn, through the Trust, raises income from individuals, companies, organisations and community fundraisers to enable the operation of LauraLynn's Hospice Service, helping to support some of the most vulnerable children and families in Ireland. 2022 was another hugely successful year for fundraising and we were overwhelmed once again by the incredible generosity of our supporters, old and new. Thanks to this, in 2022, LauraLynn raised a total of €8.4m. This represents an 16% decrease on the funds raised in 2021 (€10.0m) but still represents a very large increase on funds raised in 2019 of €4.5m pre-pandemic. We are truly grateful to everyone who took part in challenges or events or donated to us through their company or personally.

Table 1 below provides details of total income received by the Trust since 2018.

In 2022 we were the recipient of significant generosity from many wonderful individuals, Trusts and Foundations, as well as the RTE Late Late Toy Show. Many of these donors have a strong and long relationship with LauraLynn and it is wonderful to receive their vital continued support. In 2022 we also benefited from the support of newer donors and Foundations which were particularly significant in the delivery of the new Munster Hub. We are eternally grateful to each and every one of these significant donors, Trusts and Foundations who play an ever-increasing key role in enabling LauraLynn to deliver the right care, at the right time, in the right location.

2022 was a very successful year for the recruitment of monthly direct debit givers. In excess of 2,800 generous supporters committed to a new monthly gift in 2022. Because of them and our existing monthly supporters, revenue from direct debits was in excess of €1m for the first time. We plan to continue this form of recruitment in 2023, hoping to bring this vital and plannable revenue source to €1.5m by the end of 2023. This will greatly enhance our sustainable revenue goals.

2022 has been another big year for Individual Giving overall. We were once again overwhelmed with support from our donors against a background of increased cost of living challenges that are very present for a lot of our supporters. After a successful 2021 raffle, we once again rolled this out in 2022. The raffle brought in over €215k and we were overwhelmed by its continued success and hope to continue this activity in 2023.

TABLE 1 — Income since 2018

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	€000's	€000's	€000's	€000's	€000's
Donations, bequests and legacies	2,145	2,695	5,781	4,956	4,767
Donations: fundraising activities	1,577	1,760	3,456	5,070	3,630
Donations: IIP funding (one off)	2,400	—	—	—	—
<b>Total donations</b>	<b>6,122</b>	<b>4,455</b>	<b>9,237</b>	<b>10,025</b>	<b>8,396</b>
Investment income	17	11	1	1	4
Other Income	—	163	123	49	42
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,139</b>	<b>4,630</b>	<b>9,361</b>	<b>10,075</b>	<b>8,442</b>

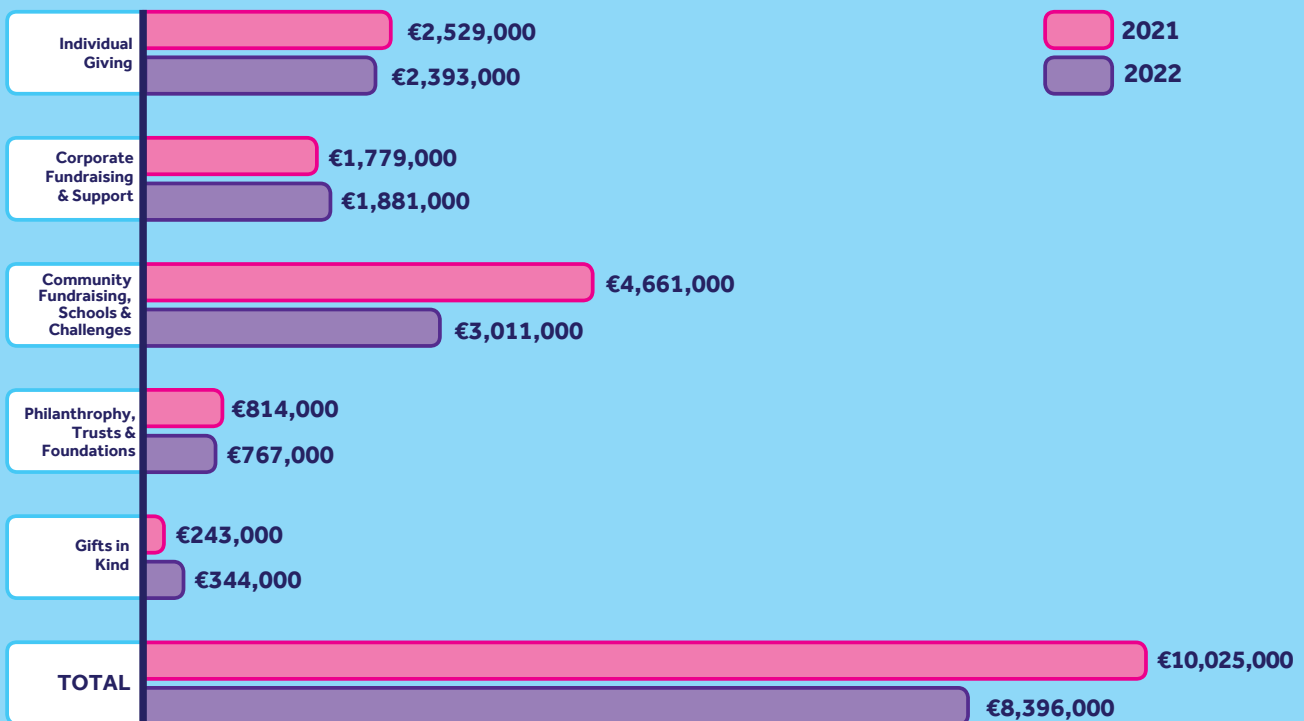
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In addition to monthly givers and our raffle we also ran two appeals, one of which was digital to see how this would work in comparison to the traditional postal appeal. Thank you to all our supporters who responded to these appeals, the support has been incredible. Once-off donations decreased slightly from €1.1m in 2021 to €0.9m in 2022 (€1.6m 2020). We attribute this decrease to the ongoing cost of living and extra financial demands that some of our supporters may be experiencing.

Due to the general increase in supporters and their donations over the past number of years, our taxback income significantly increased in 2022. Taxback income in 2022 was in excess of €287k, an increase from €192k in 2021 and €143k in 2020.

In 2022, we were once again in the fortunate position to be able to digitalise some of our fundraising efforts. Supporter recruitment and a legacy campaign saw some very successful results through digital channels. Our income from legacy continues to be strong and the numbers of enquiries and conversations continue to grow.

**FIGURE 1 — How LauraLynn Raised Funds in 2021 and 2022**



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## Corporate Support

Corporate fundraising generated €1.88m in 2022 (€1.78m in 2021, €1.64m in 2020)

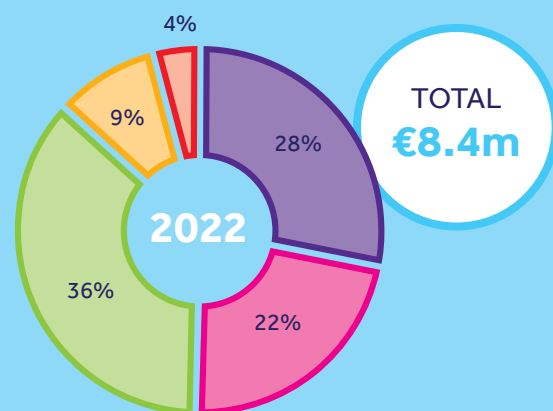
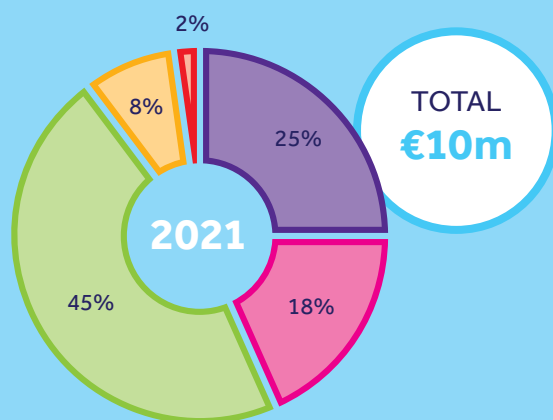
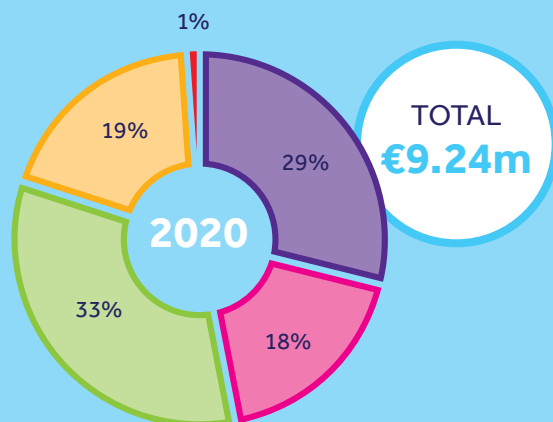
2022 was another strong year for Corporate Fundraising with our income growing due to a large increase in companies participating in and organising fundraising events. Our corporate partners were very keen to engage their staff and fundraising events provided a fun way to come together and support LauraLynn at the same time. Our partners Microsoft were able to return to their annual cycle and raised a huge €273k. The team were delighted to be back cycling the Wild Atlantic Way.

After a delay of two years, we were able to hold our annual Heroes Ball in May. It was a truly magical night enjoyed by LauraLynn families, staff, corporate partners and guests. The evening was once again hosted by Miriam O'Callaghan while Alan Shortt entertained us and raised huge money during the auction and Perfect Day had us dancing until the small hours. The big surprise of the night was a special performance by Riverdance.

As in other years, we have started some new partnerships such as Citi and said goodbye to other partners who have aligned themselves with us – we were sorry to say goodbye to Crowleys DFK who were fantastic partners. After the goodbyes were said, we were humbled to hear Crowleys DFK say that "While all these initiatives raised some vital funds for the Charity during what was a very challenging few years, we are in no doubt that we got a lot more back from the partnership. Not only were we continually inspired and moved by our online talks with the incredible staff and care givers at LauraLynn, but our initiatives also kept us connected during a time when we all had to be apart."

A huge highlight late in 2022 was the return of our magnificent corporate volunteers on site. We had missed their support but played catch up in the last few months of the year with wonderful volunteers who painted fun images on our windows, worked in our garden, supported our Light Up Event and put up Christmas decorations – thank you all!

**FIGURE 2 — How LauraLynn Raised Funds in 2020, 2021 and 2022 as a percentage of the total**



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## Community Fundraising

Community Fundraising brought in €3.01m in 2022 (€4.66m 2021, €3.0m 2020).

We saw big increases across our Community, crèche and school income, but a decrease in our Challenges & Marathons after our exceptional year in 2021.

We received huge support from schools and crèches who raised almost €149k in 2022 (€99k in 2021, €77k in 2020). Superhero Day raised over €15k and Christmas Jumper Day raised more than €23k. The remaining income came from a mix of fun runs, Halloween and Christmas fundraisers, non-uniform days and Communion donations. This is an increase of €50k compared with 2021 which is fantastic. It is simply wonderful to see Children Helping Children, a theme we have been focusing on in fundraising.

2022 was a bumper year for Community fundraising, our fantastic fundraisers around the country raised an incredible €1.78m for us which is our best year ever. A huge factor in this success has been our wonderful 'Locks of Love for LauraLynn' hair donation campaign which was established in May 2021. The hair donation is sent to either The Rapunzel Foundation or Little Princess Trust to create wigs, and the funds come to LauraLynn. With over 1,300 fundraisers set up across 27 counties in 2022, it has generated a huge amount of publicity as well as income. We noticed an increase in adults taking part in the campaign, with a 50/50 split between children and adults registering, which is fantastic.

Challenges and Marathons were popular in 2022 with over €1.0 million raised. Again, this year we ran 5 different one month-long challenges which saw our virtual challenge fundraisers walk over 300,720,000 steps, swim more than 1,100kms and complete over 4,000,000 press ups. We also had 483 people take icy dips in the Irish Sea on December 18th for Dip in for LauraLynn. 2022 saw the return of in person races with Dublin Marathon and the VHI Women's Mini Marathon returning to the streets of Dublin where over 100 people ran and fundraised for LauraLynn.

## Donor Highlight – Santa Truck

The idea of the Santa Truck originated in December 2020 when Naas County Council had asked local business Judge Haulage to drive an articulated truck, decorated in Christmas lights, through Naas during a Christmas Event. This created such attention and buzz around the town that Judge Haulage decided to drive the truck to other towns and asked their staff to dress up as Santa, Mrs Claus, and elves. They were very happy to bring some cheer to children and families during the holiday season, especially given the Covid-19 restrictions at the time. People generously and unexpectedly offered donations to give their thanks, which Judge Haulage then donated to St Vincent de Paul.

In December 2021, Judge Haulage decided to develop this into an official event to support LauraLynn. Santa, Mrs Claus, the elves and the rest of the crew got to work and scheduled in dates to drive through various towns across Leinster and parts of Munster over a four-week period from the end of November to the end of December. They raised a whopping €40k for LauraLynn through iDonate and offline donations. The Santa Truck supported LauraLynn yet again in December 2022 and added even more dates and towns to their schedule. The total raised was €34k. They have big plans for 2023 so watch this space!



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## Expenditure

The table below shows that expenditure to run the hospice service, has increased significantly from €4.9m in 2018 to €6.9m in 2022. This is a reflection of the increased level of investment required to support the volume of services that need to be provided, and the expansion of the hospice service. Expenditure on fundraising events and merchandise has

grown due to increased focus on recruiting regular monthly supporters through an ongoing face to face recruitment campaign, coupled with the direct mail costs associated with various fundraising campaigns that are run over the course of the year. The investment in building our regular supporter base aligns with our fundraising strategy to develop a more sustainable funding model.

**TABLE 2 — Expenditure Since 2018**

	2018 €000's	2019 €000's	2020 €000's	2021 €000's	2022 €000's
Funds Transferred to CSH Childcare Services:					
Charitable activities	3,314	3,500	3,300	2,191	2,973
Fundraising Services*	715	815	984	1,138	1,232
Subtotal	4,029	4,315	4,284	3,329	4,206
Fundraising events & merchandise	285	604	921	1,712	1,994
Overheads and indirect expenditure	142	181	110	474	296
Depreciation & amortisation	399	404	397	425	453
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,855</b>	<b>5,504</b>	<b>5,712</b>	<b>5,940</b>	<b>6,949</b>

\*Includes the cost of Fundraising, Marketing and Communication staff employed by CSH Childcare Services.

Although the Trust does not employ any employees directly, the charitable activities it funds provides a staffing complement which consists of non-clinical management and administrators, working alongside a range of nurses, allied healthcare professionals and health care assistants who deliver frontline care.

# TRUSTEES' REPORT

## Reserves Policy and Funds Employed

The purpose of the Reserves Policy of The Children's Sunshine Home Trust is to:

- i. Ensure the stability of the services provided by LauraLynn Ireland's Children's Hospice (LauraLynn), and to allow it to fulfil its mission statement;
- ii. Give confidence to stakeholders that the charity's finances are being managed and to also provide an indicator of future funding needs; and
- iii. Support the care of sick adults and children with life-limiting conditions by the provision of funding to the Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services.

It is the Trust's policy to retain sufficient funds to safeguard the continuity of both the hospice and disability services, to enable LauraLynn to deliver its Strategy 2019-2023, and to also ensure that it can manage financial, governance and operational risk. The minimum level of reserves required to be held is an amount equivalent to 12 months budgeted operating costs based on the next year budget less the core Statutory funding received in the prior year, which equates to approximately €10.4m. Where balances arise at the end of the year in excess of the minimum level of reserves, these are generally utilised in the upcoming financial year and to ensure the delivery of the current strategic plan.

Total reserves of €33.5m at 31 December 2022 (2021: €32.6m) falls into two categories:

### 1 Restricted funds

Of the available resources €299,063 (2021: €94,785) is held in restricted funds. Restricted funds represent income received that can only be used for particular purposes which are within the overall aims of LauraLynn. It is the Trust's policy to fully apply such funds for the purposes for which they were donated as quickly as possible.

### 2 Unrestricted funds

Of the available resources €33.2m (2020: €32.5m) is held in unrestricted funds. Unrestricted funds are funds that have no specific restrictions attached to them and are categorised as follows:

- Unrestricted general funds are funds for use at the discretion of the Trust in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. The main objective is to support the care of sick children and adults with life limiting conditions and their families by the provision of funding to the Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services.

- The Children's Sunshine Home (disability service) is currently funded under a Section 38 Agreement of the Health Act 2004.
- If funding from the HSE and donations to the Trust were to cease, the net current assets of €14.6m would enable both the disability and hospice services to continue for 1.3 years at the current level of spend.
- The net current assets of €14.6m along with fixed assets of €18.9m make up the overall reserves total of €33.5m. The trustees therefore consider the amount held in unrestricted general funds to be appropriate.

The Trust reviews the level of funds held periodically. The last review was carried out in December 2022 in conjunction with the approval of the 2023 budget. At that time, it was agreed that the level of funds held was appropriate to ensure continuity of the service and to enable LauraLynn to deliver its Strategy 2019-2023.

It is anticipated that pay costs will increase significantly in the coming year when the staffing complement for the Cork Hub is complete, and with the planned opening of another Hub service. There are further posts to be filled in our Leopardstown campus to meet the growing demand for our services.

2022 was a strong year for fundraising income, largely due to some exceptional individual donations and campaigns and the continued generosity of LauraLynn donors. Alongside this, LauraLynn Hospice Service receives recurring statutory core funding (equivalent to approximately 23% of current annual operating costs), the Board now acknowledges the Trust's stronger financial standing, allowing a revised approach to cash reserves management to be adopted. Looking to 2023 and beyond, the Board have deemed that best use of its financial resources requires both the progression and acceleration of LauraLynn's strategic plan, in particular its goal to expand and enhance LauraLynn's community of care. Increased expansion through the provision of both regional satellite services and further expansion of the Dublin campus will generate an increased funding requirement on an ongoing annual basis to support the additional pay and associated service delivery costs. It is for this purpose that the reserves will be initially used.

# TRUSTEES' REPORT

## Investment Policy

The Trust seeks to produce the best financial return within an acceptable level of risk and capital preservation is of paramount importance. The primary mechanism for meeting this objective is to invest in alternative low risk investments in a negative interest rate environment, spreading the total invested and limiting the amount invested with any individual financial institution. These financial institutions are reviewed by the trustees on a periodic basis.

The levels of these deposits are monitored to ensure that the Trust has sufficient liquid funds to meet operational cash flow and planned capital expenditure requirements. The existing Investment Policy was updated in August 2022.

During 2021, €5.0m was invested with Brewin Dolphin in a portfolio of lower risk assets in order to minimise the effect of negative yields and to achieve a nominal return to support the expenditure requirements of the Trust over the next 3-5 years. The board and trustees have a low risk appetite, and the investment is held solely in cash and fixed income instruments.

The investment framework and current holding was kept under close review over the course of 2022. It is fair to say that 2022 was not a positive year for investment performance. The ongoing interest rate shock made short-term forecasts unreliable. The traditional "safe haven" of government bonds provided no safe harbour, as the interest rate shock that unwound almost 15 years of falling rates in a few months saw bond prices collapse.

While options to further de-risk the current holding were explored in detail, it was considered prudent to maintain the holding in its existing mix as the initial investment was made with a view to being for the medium to long term. While the investment has suffered a mark to market loss at year end, this loss has not been realised. To alter the mix of the investment portfolio during 2022 would have crystallised a loss at that date. The holding is under regular review, and it is anticipated that over the course of the next two years the value of the holding will recover and that the current mark to market loss is a temporary timing occurrence.

**TABLE 3 — Cash and Bank 2021 and 2022**

	2021 €000's	2022 €000's
Restricted	95	299
Unrestricted	13,113	14,054
Total Cash and Bank	13,208	14,353
Investments – unrestricted	4,995	4,442
<b>Total Cash, Bank and Investment</b>	<b>18,203</b>	<b>18,795</b>

## Going Concern

At the balance sheet date, the Trust had net current assets of €14.6m (2021: €13.1m). In assessing that the financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, the trustees have given due consideration to further cost savings, value improvement, fundraising initiatives and strategic planning for expansion of the hospice services to support more families. In addition, there are regular discussions with the HSE regarding the level of funding being provided to The Children's Sunshine Home and also funding for CSH Childcare Services.

In 2022 LauraLynn received €1.5m annual funding for its hospice services from the HSE, as well as once-off funding of €800k. As this equates to approximately 35% of current annual operating costs, CSH Childcare Services will continue to be dependent on voluntary contributions from the Trust, for the continued funding of the hospice service. All of the hospice care is provided free of charge to families. The trustees have indicated their willingness to continue to support the service.

The directors have therefore assessed that in light of committed funding from the HSE for both the disability and hospice services, and funding from The Children's Sunshine Home Trust to the hospice, that the Trust will remain a going concern.

Based on the results for the year, the year-end financial position and the approved 2023 budget, the trustees believe that The Children's Sunshine Home Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the trustees continue to adopt the 'going concern' basis in preparing the financial statements. Additional information is provided in note 1 in the financial statements.

## Plans for the Future

2022 was the penultimate year of the current 5-year LauraLynn (2019-2023) Strategic Plan. Restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021 had slowed progress in some strategic objectives, however 2022 marked a year of real delivery against core strategic goals.

The Mission, Vision, Values and Strategic Objectives of the organisation were reviewed by the Executive and approved by the Board of Directors.

# TRUSTEES' REPORT

Our ambition continues to be:

**EXPAND** our children's hospice and palliative care services nationwide in line with unmet need.

**EXTEND** our children's disability respite service in the Greater Dublin Area to serve more children and families.

**ENHANCE** our adult disability service to ensure it's an exemplar service and the best possible home for our residents.

**BUILD** the financial, human, educational and reputational resources necessary for us to achieve these ambitions.

The Strategic Plan focuses on six Strategic Goals that provide the organisation with a roadmap for LauraLynn to achieve our mission and realise our vision:

1. **Services**
2. **Research & Education**
3. **Policy & Advocacy**
4. **People**
5. **Funding**
6. **Governance & Organisation**

Each strategic objective has been assigned an Executive Lead, who monitors and updates the progress and performance of implementing the respective elements of the Strategic Plan. The Executive Team dedicate two meetings per month to collectively discuss the strategy, and to ensure that any challenges in implementation are being addressed.

The Board of Directors are updated on a bi-monthly basis of all progress to date, challenges, risks and what the next steps in project are.

The reserves of the Children's Sunshine Home Trust will continue to provide funding to help achieve the delivery of our strategic goals in relation to the expansion of services both in Dublin and nationwide. As part of our strategic goal, to Enhance and Expand our Community of Care, and in recognition of the fact that many families find the long journey to Dublin difficult, LauraLynn launched its first regional service in 2022. Based in Mallow Primary Healthcare Centre, the Mallow satellite service offers additional nursing and family supports to children and their families in Cork and Kerry. Care is offered in the family home from the team of nurses and a Music therapist. All supports are provided collaboratively with the Hospice Care Team in Dublin and in line with the LauraLynn Model of Care. Service priorities for 2023 include further extending the Community of Care within the Hospice service and to develop a second regional satellite service. A Family Support Team Manager will be recruited to support the growth and development of Family Supports.

As part of the project management of the Strategic plan, LauraLynn has a full risk register which monitors all risks relating to strategy, rates their potential impact and outlines control measures and corrective actions that are put in place to mitigate against their effect.

## Subsequent Events After the Balance Sheet Date

There have been no significant events affecting the Trust since the financial year end.

## Risk

LauraLynn's activities expose it to a number of risks including financial risk, operational risk and reputational risk. Risk registers are maintained which identify key risks, and the controls that have been put in place to mitigate and manage these risks. Risks are monitored on an ongoing basis and reported on regularly throughout the year at Board, Board Sub-Committee and Executive Management Team meetings. The trustees consider that the following are the principal risk factors that could materially and adversely affect the organisation.

### Financial risk

LauraLynn is primarily dependent on voluntary contributions from the Trust, for the continued funding of the hospice service (CSH Childcare Services). In turn the trustees are very much dependent on the generosity of businesses and the public. They remain vigilant with regards to the management and governance of both Trust assets and funds, and the management and use of the funds provided by it.

- As of 2022, LauraLynn is in receipt of annual recurring Section 39 funding of €1.5m to the hospice service which mitigates some of the risk and reliance on voluntary contributions.
- There is a dependence on the HSE for short, medium and long-term funding of the disability service (The Children's Sunshine Home). There is a reasonable expectation that such funding will continue.
- If the above mentioned streams of funding were to be withdrawn, the current unrestricted cash reserves of €14.1m would enable both services to continue for 1.3 years at the current level of spend.

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## Reputational Risk

As is the case with many other charities, LauraLynn's principal risk is reputational damage. LauraLynn functions as a healthcare organisation and therefore clinical risk is a prime area that could impact its reputation. Clinical risk is overseen by quality, risk, and safety governance structures, which monitor and manage the disability and palliative care services, including clinical governance, clinical audit and infection control.

Additionally, failure to comply with applicable legislation, regulations, and standards across a wide range of compliance areas could result in penalties, reputational harm and damage to relationships with clients, funders and donors. To mitigate this risk LauraLynn is a 'Triple Lock Member' of Charities Institute Ireland. 'Triple Lock Membership' provides assurances with regard to ethical fundraising, transparent reporting under Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) (FRS 102) and the principles of good governance.

## Risk Management

Risk is the effect of uncertainty on an individual's or service's objectives. It is measured in terms of consequences and likelihood. The process of risk management in LauraLynn involves a cycle of identifying risks, evaluating their potential consequences and determining the most effective methods of responding to them (i.e. of reducing the chances of them occurring and reducing the impact if they do occur). The risk management cycle is completed by a system of regular monitoring and reporting. LauraLynn's risks assessment formats are in line with the HSE's risk management policy. All staff in the organisation have received mandatory training on risk management and completing risk assessments.

## Risk Registers

Risk registers provide managers with a high level overview of the organisations' risks and risk status at a particular point in time and become a dynamic tool for the monitoring of actions to be taken to mitigate those risks. The risk registers are live documents and therefore are updated on a regular basis. Currently there are four Risk Registers that are active in LauraLynn, which include: Corporate, Disabilities, Palliative Care and LauraLynn in the Community.

## Governance

The governing document for the Trust is the Trust Deed. The trustees of the Children's Sunshine Home Trust are also Board members of The Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services. The trustees have no beneficial interest in either The Children's Sunshine Home or its subsidiary, CSH Childcare Services. The Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services companies are governed by the same Board of Directors, who are all volunteers.

The Board is ultimately responsible for governance, strategic direction, ethos and values. Additionally, the Board is responsible for ensuring that the organisation operates an appropriate system of financial control and complies with relevant laws and regulations.

The Board is supported by a Board Sub-Committee structure that deals effectively with specific aspects of the organisation's business and is chaired by a director. These committees consist of people who are experts in these areas and have relevant qualifications and experience. Each committee has clearly defined Terms of Reference. Members of the Executive Management Team attend the Sub-Committee meetings as required and report on their areas of expertise.

Only members of the Board may be appointed as trustees. Trustees are selected by the Board with regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Charity.

The trustees, who served at any time during the financial year except as noted for appointments and resignations, were as follows:

### Trustees:

Sandra O'Malley (Chair)  
Tony McPoland  
Angie Kinane  
Kevin Keating (Appointed September 2022)  
Niall McHugh (Resigned September 2022)

### Trustee Meetings

The trustees met on five occasions in 2022. Attendance by each trustee at these meetings is set out below. Two additional Trustees meetings were held over the course of the year for the specific purpose of reviewing and assessing the performance of the investment holding with Brewin Dolphin.

TABLE 4 — Trustee meetings attendance during 2022

Number of Meetings	5
Niall McHugh (Chair)	3 (3)
Tony Mc Poland	4 (5)
Sandra O'Malley	5 (5)
Angie Kinane (Chair)	4 (5)
Kevin Keating	3 (3)

### Remuneration of Trustees

All trustees are non-executive, receive no remuneration for their services, are drawn from diverse backgrounds, and possess a wide range of skills and experience. They give their time and advice freely, as volunteers, and although they are entitled to reimbursement for vouched expenses, no such claims have been made in 2022.

# TRUSTEES' REPORT

## Trustee Profiles



**Sandra O'Malley**

Sandra O'Malley is a healthcare consultant with a background in medical law and healthcare risk management. She is an experienced healthcare lawyer having previously practised in defence medical malpractice and having been Head of Legal Affairs of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. Sandra works with healthcare clients delivering consultancy services and training in relation to healthcare risk management. As an executive coach and emotional intelligence assessor, she also delivers coaching and mentoring services.



**Angie Kinane**

Angie Kinane is a Partner and Director of Q4 Public Relations. She is an experienced corporate and public affairs practitioner providing counsel and guidance to multinational and private companies, public bodies, representative organisations and not for profits. A former member of the Reader's Advisory Group of the National Library of Ireland she is a member of the Institute of Directors and of the Public Relations Institute of Ireland. She joined the Board of LauraLynn in January 2015.



**Tony Mc Poland**

Tony Mc Poland worked for twenty five years in the financial services industry, and served ten years on the Board of Directors of LBBW Bank with executive responsibility for Finance, Operations, Risk and IT. He has become a professional independent Director and sits on the Boards of eleven companies including a regulated asset manager, a number of regulated funds, SME companies and non-profit organisations. He is Chairman of five of these Boards.

He is a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Ireland. He also completed the Advanced Management Programme in INSEAD, and The Institute of Director's Diploma and Certificate in Company Direction. He joined the Board of LauraLynn in 2015.



**Kevin Keating**

Kevin Keating is a financial consultant. He is a chartered accountant who has worked directly in the financial services industry for over 28 years. He retired from Goodbody Stockbrokers at the end of 2016, having worked in Goodbody as a Director of Corporate Finance since 1996. Kevin joined the Board of LauraLynn in November 2017 and was appointed as a Trustee of the Children's Sunshine Home Trust in 2022

# TRUSTEES' REPORT

## Transparency and Accountability

In LauraLynn, credibility depends on public trust, so it is important that the commitment and trust of donors, funders and the public is taken very seriously and business is conducted with the highest levels of accountability and transparency.

The Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services are compliant with the Charities Regulatory Authority Charities Governance Code. They comply with the Guidelines for Charitable Organisations on Fundraising from the Public issued by the Charities Regulatory Authority and adhere to the data protection laws including the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

They are also fully compliant with the obligations of the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012 and applies Child Protection policies, based on the Children First Act 2015 and Children First Guidelines 2017, as well as Adult Vulnerability policies, best practice recruitment policies and procedures.

In addition to the annual statutory audit provided by Mazars, an internal audit consultant is engaged by the Financial Audit Committee to provide further independent and objective assurance of the financial procedures and practices of the organisation.

The Board is satisfied that no incidence of financial mismanagement has occurred and remain vigilant with regard to this.

Accountability and transparency are vital in everything we do. This report incorporates requirements as outlined in the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

## Information Relevant to Environmental Matters

LauraLynn is committed to protecting the environment and continues to proactively minimise its carbon footprint. In 2022 LauraLynn upgraded the majority (over 60 in total) of the outside lighting on campus with LED bulbs. This has resulted in a 50% reduction in energy consumed.

In collaboration with our landscaping partner, LauraLynn is implementing a number of green initiatives to enable our campus and gardens to become more self-sustainable. This includes a new composting system, a reduction in grass areas and development of more wild gardens onsite. This reduces our carbon footprint by allowing LauraLynn to develop its

own fertiliser, reduce the need for garden waste removal, propagation of existing plants onsite and encouraging the use of battery-operated equipment while working on the gardens.

In November 2022 with the assistance of corporate donors we planted a mini orchard beside the car park. This orchard contains three apple trees, one pear tree and one plum tree. These hybrid self-pollinators will provide fruit next year and are part of the National Biodiversity Plan. We planted a range of spring bulbs across the site which will attract pollinators.

We have increased the number of Hot Desk office space available which is helping us reduce our transportation carbon footprint. We are trialling the provision of wood pallets (resulting from our large deliveries onsite) to staff members for upcycling in their gardens. We are increasing the upcycling of furniture on site, where possible it is upgraded and re-used or donated to other worthy recipients.

We are reviewing our complete heating system to ensure maximum energy efficiency and have upgraded one boiler which is helping to reduce our energy consumption. LauraLynn's partnership also continues with WEEE Ireland, the electrical and battery recycling scheme, on their 'small things matter campaign' encouraging households and schools across Ireland to recycle their e-waste.

2023 will see the development and implementation of a Green Strategy for LauraLynn which will include the following initiatives:

- Encourage greater recycling and less food waste across the campus.
- Encourage alternative transportation for staff such as walking, cycling, bus and Luas.
- Installation of additional EV charging points onsite.
- Incorporate sustainable design and materials in our marketing materials and campus improvements.
- Continue to develop the LauraLynn volunteer programme to collaborate on green initiatives.
- Organise green events for staff.
- Incorporate sustainable purchasing into the organisational procurement and tendering process.

## Public Benefit

LauraLynn meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102 as an organisation whose primary objective is to provide care and services to children with palliative care needs and complex disabilities, and a home for adults with complex disabilities.

# TRUSTEES' REPORT

## Lobbying and Political Contributions

There were no political contributions in 2022 (2021: Nil), and as a result no disclosures are required under the Electoral Act, 1997. As required under the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015, LauraLynn records all lobbying activity and communications engaged in with the Designated Public Officials (DPOs). It has made all the returns and submissions required by the Act.

## Accounting Records

The measures that the directors have taken to secure compliance with the requirements of Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014, with regard to the keeping of accounting records, are the employment of appropriately qualified accounting personnel and the maintenance of computerised accounting systems. The group's accounting records are maintained at the group's registered office at Leopardstown Road, Foxrock, Dublin 18.

## Disclosure of Information to Auditors

In the case of each of the persons who are trustees, at the time the Trustees' Report and financial statements are approved:

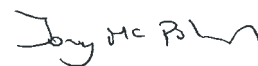
- So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Trust's auditors are unaware; and
- Each trustee has taken all steps that ought to have been taken by the trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information, and to establish that the Trust's auditors are aware of that information.

## Auditors

The auditors, Mazars, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm will continue in office in accordance with the provision of Section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.



**Sandra O'Malley**  
Trustee



**Tony McPoland**  
Trustee

**Date:** 18 April 2023



# TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements of the Trust for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Trust, and of the income and expenditure of the Trust for that year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

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

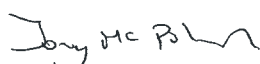
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper books of account which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Trust, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with the accounting policies. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are also obliged to ensure that a financial and activity report is filed annually with the Charities Regulator, and that all letterheads, stationery leaflets, brochures, website and other media display the Registered Charity Number (RCN).

Signed on behalf of the trustees:



**Sandra O'Malley**  
Trustee



**Tony McPoland**  
Trustee

**Date:** 18 April 2023

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHILDREN'S SUNSHINE HOME TRUST

## Report on the audit of the financial statements

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Children's Sunshine Home Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 1. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in the United Kingdom by the Financial Reporting Council (FRS 102).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its results for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report.

We are independent of the Trust in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHILDREN'S SUNSHINE HOME TRUST

## Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at [http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description of auditors responsibilities for audit.pdf](http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description_of_auditors_responsibilities_for_audit.pdf). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the Trustees, as a body, in accordance with our engagement letter. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Aedin Morkan**

for and on behalf of

### **Mazars Chartered Accountants & Statutory Audit Firm**

Harcourt Centre

Block 3

Harcourt Road

Dublin 2

**Date:** 2 May 2023

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

## (Including An Income And Expenditure Account)

For the financial year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 Restricted Funds €	2022 Unrestricted Funds €	2022 Total €	2021 Restricted Funds €	2021 Unrestricted Funds €	2021 Total €
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	3	568,135	7,828,094	8,396,229	476,354	9,548,957	10,025,311
Other Income	4	—	42,486	42,486	—	49,171	49,171
Investment income		—	3,324	3,324	—	417	417
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>568,135</b>	<b>7,873,904</b>	<b>8,442,039</b>	476,354	9,598,545	10,074,899
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	5	—	2,742,299	2,742,299	—	2,610,494	2,610,494
Charitable activities	6	363,857	3,841,965	4,205,822	1,345,170	1,983,807	3,328,977
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>363,857</b>	<b>6,584,264</b>	<b>6,948,121</b>	1,345,170	4,594,301	5,939,471
Net loss on investments		—	553,034	553,034	—	4,705	4,705
<b>Net (Expenditure) / Income</b>		<b>204,278</b>	<b>736,606</b>	<b>940,884</b>	(868,816)	4,999,539	4,130,723
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>204,278</b>	<b>736,606</b>	<b>940,884</b>	(868,816)	4,999,539	4,130,723
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Total funds brought forward	14	94,785	32,472,897	32,567,682	963,601	27,473,358	28,436,959
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>299,063</b>	<b>33,209,503</b>	<b>33,508,566</b>	94,785	32,472,897	32,567,682

There are no other recognised gains or losses other than those listed above.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 23 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

# BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		€	€
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Intangible assets	9	112,875	109,231
Tangible assets	10	14,373,162	14,392,686
Investments	11	4,442,261	4,995,295
		<b>18,928,297</b>	19,497,212
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	12	575,957	595,035
Cash at bank and in hand		14,353,097	13,207,559
		<b>14,929,054</b>	13,802,594
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	<b>(348,785)</b>	(732,124)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>14,580,269</b>	13,070,470
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>33,508,566</b>	32,567,682
<b>Represented By:</b>			
Restricted funds	14	299,063	94,785
Unrestricted funds - LauraLynn Hospice and Community Programme	14	33,209,503	32,472,897
<b>Total Charity Funds</b>		<b>33,508,566</b>	32,567,682

The notes on pages 23 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:

*Sandra O'Malley*      *Tony McPoland*

**Sandra O'Malley**  
Trustee

**Tony McPoland**  
Trustee

**Date:** 18 April 2023

# STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		€	€
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	15	<b>1,582,249</b>	4,741,393
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of intangible fixed assets	9	(30,629)	(105,113)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	10	(406,083)	(211,574)
Purchase of investments	11	—	(5,000,000)
<b>Cash flows used in investing activities</b>		<b>(436,711)</b>	(5,316,687)
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>1,145,538</b>	(575,294)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year</b>		<b>13,207,559</b>	13,782,853
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year</b>		<b>14,353,097</b>	13,207,559

The notes on pages 23 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

## 1. Accounting Policies

### General Information

The Children's Sunshine Home Trust (the 'Trust') is a public benefit entity. It was founded in 1925 and its primary objective was to provide care for sick children. Today it raises and invests funds, to enable the continued operation of the services of The Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services. Along with the Trust, these are collectively known as LauraLynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice ('LauraLynn').

The address of the registered office is Leopardstown Road, Foxrock, Dublin 18.

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the financial year, and the preceding year.

### Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the historical cost convention. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the Companies Act 2014, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS102)) as published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales, the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator which are recognised by the UK Financial Reporting Council (FRC) as the appropriate body to issue SORPs for the charity sector in the UK. Financial reporting in line with SORP is considered best practice for charities in Ireland.

The financial statements are presented in Euro €.

### Statement of Compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2014. These financial statements also comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities".

### Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. Forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonable possible changes in performance, show that the Trust will be able to operate within the level of its current cash and investment resources. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amount and classification of assets and liabilities that may arise if the Trust was unable to continue as a going concern.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

## 1. Accounting Policies (continued)

### Income Recognition

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in accordance with Charities SORP which is based on three criteria being met, which are entitlement, measurement and probability.

- i Donations - public donations and similar income arising from fundraising events are accounted for when received. As with many similar charitable organisations, independent groups from time to time organise fundraising activities in the name of LauraLynn. However, as amounts collected in this way are outside the control of the Trust, they are not included in the financial statements until received by the Trust.
- ii Donations received from individuals and companies using online fundraising platforms to raise funds are recognised when the funds are registered on the online platform.
- iii Interest income is recognised in the period in which it is earned.
- iv Capital Grants received are recognised as restricted income in the financial year and the depreciation on the related capital asset is charged against the restricted capital fund.
- v Revenue Grants received are recognised when the Trust has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.
- vi Charitable VAT compensation scheme – income is recognised when the entitlement and value recoverable has been advised by the revenue commissioners.
- vii Legacy income is recognised when the entitlement to the income is probable and can be reliably measured.
- viii Income from all other sources is recognised when received.

### Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

- i Expenditure is analysed between raising funds and charitable activities (activities in furtherance of the charity's objects).
- ii Expenditure is recognised in the period to which it relates. Expenditure incurred but unpaid at the balance sheet date is included in accruals and other creditors.
- iii Expenditure includes any Value Added Tax which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises all expenditure incurred by the Trust in meeting its charitable objectives as opposed to the costs of raising funds to finance these activities.

### Support Costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the Trust but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office and governance costs which support the Trust's programmes and activities.

Governance costs are included within 'overhead and indirect costs' and are the costs associated with the stewardship arrangements of the Trust. They comprise of costs arising from constitutional and statutory obligations, as well as costs associated with the strategic management of the Trust's activities. Typical costs would be internal and external audit costs.



# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

## 1. Accounting Policies (continued)

### Foreign Currency

The functional currency of the Children's Sunshine Home Trust is considered to be Euro (€) because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the organisation operates.

Transactions in foreign currency are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Any differences are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

### Funds of the Charity

All transactions of the Trust have been recorded and reported as income into or expenditure from funds of the charity which are classified as 'restricted' or 'unrestricted'.

#### *Restricted Funds*

Income is restricted where the donor or grant making institution has specified that it must be used for a particular purpose or where it has been raised for a particular purpose. All other income is treated as unrestricted. Expenditure is treated as being made out of restricted funds to the extent that it meets the criteria specified by the donor or grant making institution.

Restricted donations or grants may become repayable in the event that the conditions of the related agreements are not adhered to.

#### *Unrestricted Funds*

All other income is treated as unrestricted. Unrestricted funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the Trust. Such funds may be held in order to finance working capital or capital investment.

#### *Designated Funds*

Designated funds represent funds that the trustees may at their discretion and/or with the agreement of the original donors of the funds, set aside for specific purposes in the furtherance of the charity's objects, which would otherwise form part of the unrestricted funds of the Trust.

### Intangible Fixed Assets

Intangible assets are measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. The website is amortised over its estimated useful life of 5 years on a straight-line basis.

### Tangible Fixed Assets

Freehold buildings are stated at deemed cost or valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The Trust properties, excluding LauraLynn House, were professionally valued at 1 June 2012 and are carried at this amount less accumulated depreciation. Fixed asset additions after that date are reflected at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation of fixed assets is charged on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings	—	50 years
Equipment	—	5 years

Residual value represents the estimated amount which would currently be obtained from disposal of an asset, after deducting estimated costs of disposal, if the asset were already of the age and in the condition estimated at the end of its estimated useful life.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

## 1. Accounting Policies (continued)

### Impairment of Assets

Assets other than those measured at fair value, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as described below.

An asset is impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after initial recognition, the estimated recoverable value of the asset has been reduced to below its carrying amount. The recoverable amount of an asset is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

Where indicators exist for a decrease in impairment loss, the prior impairment loss is tested to determine reversal. An impairment loss is reversed on an individual impaired asset to the extent that the revised recoverable value does not lead to a revised carrying amount higher than the carrying value had no impairment been recognised.

### Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

### Investments

Investments are measured at fair value with gains or losses disclosed in the Statement of Financial Activities. The fair value of publicly traded investments is determined by quoted market price in an active market at the balance sheet date.

The objective of the non-cash deposit investments is to generate a nominal return in excess of the return on cash deposits over a three-year time horizon. The investments are held solely in fixed income / bond investments, and there is no investment in any equities or equity funds. All funds have daily liquidity but it is the intention of the Trust to hold the portfolio until maturity.

### Prepayments

Prepayments are expenses paid in advance and recorded as assets before these are utilised. Prepayments are apportioned over the period covered by the payment and charged to the Statement of Financial Activities when incurred. Prepayments that are expected to be realised no more than 12 months after the reporting period are classified as current assets. Otherwise, these are classified as non current assets.

### Financial Instruments

The Trust only holds basic financial instruments and has chosen to adopt Section 11 of FRS 102 in respect of financial instruments.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Trust becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into.

#### *Financial assets and liabilities*

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument. Financial assets include debtors and cash at bank and in hand. Financial liabilities include creditors.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

## 1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial assets expire or are settled, b) the Trust transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of the ownership of the financial asset, or c) the Trust, despite having retained some significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party and the other party has the practical ability unilaterally and without needing to impose additional restrictions on the transfer.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Balances that are classified as payable or receivable within one year on initial recognition are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment.

## 2. Taxation

The Trust has been granted charitable tax exempt status by the Revenue Commissioners under CHY number 21947 and therefore no provision for Corporation tax is required.

In the application of the Trust's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

### Critical estimates in applying the Trust's accounting policies

The following are the critical estimates that the trustees have made in the process of applying the accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

#### *Estimated useful lives*

The annual depreciation charge for tangible and intangible fixed assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful lives and residual values of the assets. Determination of appropriate estimated useful lives is a key estimate and the useful lives and residual values are re-assessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets. There is no change in the estimated useful lives in 2022.

The net book value of tangible and intangible fixed assets amounted to €14,486,037 (2021: €14,501,917).

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## 3. Donations and Legacies

### Current Year

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2022 Total
	€	€	€
Donations	568,135	3,312,117	3,880,252
Fundraising activities	—	3,629,996	3,629,996
Bequests and legacies	—	91,751	91,751
Other	—	450,469	450,469
Gifts in Kind	—	343,761	343,761
	<b>568,135</b>	<b>7,828,094</b>	<b>8,396,229</b>

### Prior Year

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2021 Total
	€	€	€
Donations	476,354	3,767,192	4,243,546
Fundraising activities	—	5,069,876	5,069,876
Bequests and legacies	—	151,256	151,256
Other	—	318,008	318,008
Gifts in Kind	—	242,625	242,625
	<b>476,354</b>	<b>9,548,957</b>	<b>10,025,311</b>

## 4. Other Income

### Current Year

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2022 Total
	€	€	€
VAT Compensation claim refund	—	42,486	42,486
	<b>—</b>	<b>42,486</b>	<b>42,486</b>

### Prior Year

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2021 Total
	€	€	€
Insurance refund for remedial works to LauraLynn House	—	29,478	29,478
VAT Compensation claim refund	—	19,693	19,693
	<b>—</b>	<b>49,171</b>	<b>49,171</b>

The majority of income received during the year was from the Republic of Ireland.

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## 5. Expenditure On Raising Funds

### Current Year

	Activities undertaken directly	Support Costs	2022 Total
	€	€	€
Fundraising, events & merchandise	315,709	1,678,053	1,993,762
Overheads & indirect expenditure	—	295,945	295,945
Depreciation & amortisation	—	452,592	452,592
	<b>315,709</b>	<b>2,426,590</b>	<b>2,742,299</b>

### Prior Year

	Activities undertaken directly	Support Costs	2021 Total
	€	€	€
Fundraising, events & merchandise	183,353	1,529,105	1,712,458
Overheads & indirect expenditure	—	473,515	473,515
Depreciation & amortisation	—	424,521	424,521
	<b>183,353</b>	<b>2,427,141</b>	<b>2,610,494</b>

## 6. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Expenditure on charitable activities relates to funds transferred to CSH Childcare Services, for the operation of the hospice service, and is broken down as follows:

### Current Year

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2022 Total
	€	€	€
Charitable activities	363,857	2,609,633	2,973,490
Fundraising services	—	1,232,332	1,232,332
	<b>363,857</b>	<b>3,841,965</b>	<b>4,205,822</b>

### Prior Year

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2021 Total
	€	€	€
Charitable activities	1,345,170	846,279	2,191,449
Fundraising services	—	1,137,528	1,137,528
	<b>1,345,170</b>	<b>1,983,807</b>	<b>3,328,977</b>

## 7. Remuneration and Employees

The trustees do not receive any remuneration for their services. They give their time and advice freely and although they are entitled to reimbursement for vouched expenses no such claims have been made in 2022 or prior years. There are no employees of the Trust.

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## 8. Net Income / (Expenditure)

The net income / (expenditure) for the financial year is stated after charging the following:

	2022 €	2021 €
Amortisation (note 9)	26,985	14,351
Depreciation (note 10)	425,607	410,169
Auditor's remuneration for audit of financial statements	7,260	8,839

## 9. Intangible Fixed Assets

	Website €	Total €
<b>Cost:</b>		
At 1 January 2022	130,297	130,297
Additions	30,629	30,629
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	<b>160,926</b>	<b>160,926</b>
<b>Amortisation:</b>		
At 1 January 2022	21,066	21,066
Charge for financial year	26,985	26,985
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	<b>48,051</b>	<b>48,051</b>
<b>Net Book Value:</b>		
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	<b>112,875</b>	<b>112,875</b>
At 31 December 2020	109,231	109,231

## 10. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Buildings €	Equipment €	Total €
<b>Cost:</b>			
At 1 January 2022	17,475,929	591,526	18,067,455
Additions	289,024	117,059	406,083
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	<b>17,764,953</b>	<b>708,585</b>	<b>18,473,538</b>
<b>Depreciation:</b>			
At 1 January 2022	3,298,642	376,127	3,674,769
Charge for financial year	350,194	75,413	425,607
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	<b>3,648,836</b>	<b>451,540</b>	<b>4,100,376</b>
<b>Net Book Value:</b>			
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	<b>14,116,117</b>	<b>257,045</b>	<b>14,373,162</b>
At 31 December 2021	14,177,287	215,399	14,392,686

The Trust properties, excluding LauraLynn House, were valued at €11,980,000 on 1 June 2012 by Independent Chartered Surveyors O'Malley and Associates. This valuation less accumulated depreciation to date of transition was deemed cost on transition to FRS 102. LauraLynn House is recognised at its construction cost. The trustees are satisfied that the carrying value of buildings is not impaired.

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## 11. Investments

	2022 €	2021 €
At January 2022	4,995,295	—
Purchase of investments	—	5,000,000
Net unrealised loss on investments	(553,034)	(4,705)
At 31 December 2022	4,442,261	4,995,295

## 12. Debtors

	2022 €	2021 €
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments	34,042	36,098
Due from CSH Childcare Services (note 17)	297,447	
Accrued Income	244,468	558,937
Provision for Doubtful Debtors	—	—
	575,957	595,035

All debtors are due within one year.

## 13. Creditors

	2022 €	2021 €
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Creditors and Accruals	313,785	298,144
Due to CSH Childcare Services (note 17)	—	243,026
Due to The Children's Sunshine Home (note 17)	35,000	190,954
	348,785	732,124

Amounts due to CSH Childcare Services and The Children's Sunshine Home are repayable on demand.

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## 14. Restricted and Unrestricted Trust Funds

### Current Year

	Restricted Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds LauraLynn Hospice and Community Programme 2022	Total Restricted and Unrestricted Funds 2022
	€	€	€
Fund balances at 1 January	94,785	32,472,897	32,567,682
Net (expenditure) / income before depreciation and amortisation	204,278	1,189,198	1,393,476
Depreciation	—	(425,607)	(425,607)
Amortisation	—	(26,985)	(26,985)
<b>Fund balances at 31 December</b>	<b>299,063</b>	<b>33,209,503</b>	<b>33,508,566</b>

### Prior Year

	Restricted Funds (note 15) 2021	Unrestricted Funds LauraLynn Hospice and Community Programme 2021	Total Restricted and Unrestricted Funds 2021
	€	€	€
Fund balances at 1 January	963,601	27,473,358	28,436,959
Net income /(expenditure) before depreciation and amortisation	(868,816)	5,424,059	4,555,243
Depreciation	—	(410,169)	(410,169)
Amortisation	—	(14,351)	(14,351)
<b>Fund balances at 31 December</b>	<b>94,785</b>	<b>32,472,897</b>	<b>32,567,682</b>



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## 14. Restricted and Unrestricted Trust Funds (Continued)

### Analysis of Trust net assets between funds:

#### Current Year

	Restricted Funds (note 15) 2022	Unrestricted Funds LauraLynn Hospice and Community Programme 2022	Total Restricted and Unrestricted Funds 2022
	€	€	€
Tangible fixed assets	—	14,373,162	14,373,162
Intangible fixed assets	—	112,875	112,875
Investments *	—	4,442,261	4,442,261
Cash*	299,063	14,054,034	14,353,097
Current assets	—	575,957	575,957
Current liabilities	—	(348,785)	(348,785)
<b>Fund balances at 31 December</b>	<b>299,063</b>	<b>33,209,503</b>	<b>33,508,566</b>

\*The investments and cash reserve of €18,795,353 represents 4.5 times the 2022 funding from the Trust to the LauraLynn hospice service. The trustees are satisfied that this represents sufficient funding in the medium term to support the service.

#### Prior Year

	Restricted Funds (note 15) 2021	Unrestricted Funds LauraLynn Hospice and Community Programme 2021	Total Restricted and Unrestricted Funds 2021
	€	€	€
Tangible fixed assets	—	14,392,686	14,392,686
Intangible fixed assets	—	109,231	109,231
	—	4,995,295	4,995,295
Cash	94,785	13,112,774	13,207,559
Current assets	—	595,035	595,035
Current liabilities	—	(732,124)	(732,124)
<b>Fund balances at 31 December</b>	<b>94,785</b>	<b>32,472,897</b>	<b>32,567,682</b>

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## 15. Note To The Statement Of Cash Flows

	2022 €	2021 €
Net income / (expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	<b>940,884</b>	4,130,723
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation	<b>425,607</b>	410,169
Amortisation	<b>26,985</b>	14,351
Increase in debtors	<b>19,078</b>	(206,586)
Increase in creditors	<b>(383,339)</b>	388,031
Net loss on change in fair value of investments	<b>553,034</b>	4,705
Net cash provided by operating activities	<b>1,582,249</b>	4,741,393

## 16. Related Party Transactions

The Children's Sunshine Home Trust (the 'Trust') was founded in 1925 and its primary objective was to provide care for sick children. Today it raises and invests funds, to enable the continued operation of the services of The Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services (the 'Group').

In order to meet the demand for the level of services provided by the Group, financial support for the provision of the hospice services is provided by the Trust with the support of donors and volunteers.

The trustees of the Trust are also directors of The Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services. They have no beneficial interest in either of the companies, and receive no remuneration.

In 2022, the Trust transferred funds of €4,205,822 (2021: €3,328,977) to cover the costs of CSH Childcare Services.

CSH Childcare Services is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Children's Sunshine Home and during the financial year, funds are initially transferred to The Children's Sunshine Home for CSH Childcare Services.

At the year end, the amount due to The Children's Sunshine Home from the Trust was €35,000 (2021: €190,954), due to CSH Childcare Services from the Trust was Nil (2021: €243,026), and due to the Trust from CSH Childcare Services was €297,447 (2021: Nil)

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## 19. Financial Instruments

	2022 €	2021 €
<b>Financial assets</b>		
<i>Measured as undiscounted amounts receivable:</i>		
Accrued Income (note 12)	244,468	558,937
Due from CSH Childcare Services (note 12)	297,447	—
Cash at bank and in hand	14,353,097	13,207,559
Investments	4,442,261	4,995,295
	<b>19,337,273</b>	18,761,791
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
<i>Measured as undiscounted amounts payable:</i>		
Due to CSH Childcare Services (note 13)	—	243,026
Due to The Children's Sunshine Home (note 13)	35,000	190,954
	<b>35,000</b>	433,980

## 18. Post Balance Sheet Events

There have been no subsequent events impacting the financial statements.

## 19. Approval Of The Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 18 April 2023.



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