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2022 Annual Report

ANGELES RELIEF INC

Angeles Relief Inc is a not-for-profit association incorporated in the state of Victoria, Australia. It was established in 2018 to provide services for the relief of poverty, sickness, distress, misfortune, and/or helplessness to children abandoned by their fathers in the Philippines.

PURPOSES OF THE ASSOCIATION

To provide relief from poverty, sickness, distress, misfortune, and/or helplessness to children abandoned by their fathers in the Philippines, by undertaking activities such as:

- (a) providing money for education, shelter, health needs, legal help and other material and financial assistance;
- (b) recruiting, training and retaining a staff, both paid and volunteer, dedicated to delivering the assistance; and
- (c) advocating for the Australian Government to accept applications for child support direct from the mothers in the Philippines.

PRINCIPLES

The agency provides a service that is:

- Free
- Confidential
- Impartial
- Independent
- Respectful of the clients' rights to make their own decisions.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our little organisation has had a challenging year, made much easier by the continuing loyalty of our donors, our woman on the ground Marivic Panilawan and the volunteer efforts of our board.

Later this calendar year – probably in November or December – I plan to travel to the Philippines for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic. The children we support have been growing up in the meantime, and it will be a pleasure to see them again and to take stock of how our efforts are impacting the families. Meanwhile, Covid continues to impact our work, with most of our families having lost people to Covid, and continuing disruption to schooling for the kids. On the other hand, the sex tourism industry is once again vibrant. This at least means there is work available in Angeles City – both for sex workers and in the hotels and restaurants that support the industry. For this reason, we phased out our special corona virus supplement in March of this year.

In three cases, children we support have now turned eighteen, and are working. After giving them some notice, we have therefore stopped payment of support, while also making it clear to them that we will assist them if they wish to take further education or training. Another teenage child chose to leave school and her home. Given that school attendance was a condition of her support, we suspended her from the program, while making it clear that we would continue to support her if she returned. I am glad to say that last month, she began to attend school once again, and we have renewed our support as a result.

As classes return to face-to-face teaching, we have had some extra expenses providing children with new uniforms and equipment in recent months.

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Meanwhile, thanks to the intervention of the lawyer and principal of Hear Their Cries, Andrew MacLeod, who has helped us with the DNA testing project, we have obtained the services of a pro bono lawyer, Leigh Finch, who is planning to act through the Australian courts to obtain Australian citizenship for the girl followed by an application to make her father pay child support. While this action represents the best long-term hope for her future, it will take a while and the result is uncertain.

We will continue to stay in touch with the girl, and provide support as necessary, seeking the best outcomes for her future. I will endeavour to see her on my visit later this year.

These developments highlighted the importance of us protecting Marivic during her work. As a result of this, we have in recent months taken steps to cement our partnership with our Philippines partner organisation, Children's Better Life. ARI funds have been used to renew CBL's registration as a charity, which had lapsed due to the financial position of its founders in the wake of Covid. This local charity legitimises Marivic's position as a charity worker.

The board has also decided to pay tuition fees for Marivic to start training as a social worker, with a view to her gaining a formal qualification. This would both further protect her position, as well as providing a long-term benefit to the children of Angeles City, in accord with our purposes. Marivic began classes in early August.

During all this difficulty, we have been able, thanks to the generosity of our donors, to not only maintain levels of support to our families, as well as take these extra actions and steps.

Meanwhile, the outcomes of our work with Hear Their Cries on DNA testing continues, with legal action underway in Canada to pursue one father for child support, and the case of the girl outlined earlier.

(I have reported on our work with Hear Their Cries (<http://www.heartheircries.org/>), a charity founded by Australian lawyer Andrew Macleod, in previous annual reports.)

Our impact is, as ever, modest on the scale of the need – but I think we can be proud that we have made a profound difference in the lives of the families we support, including by standing by them in this time of international crisis.

Margaret Simons
President
1 September 2022

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Income and expenditure statement for the year ended 30 June

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Income		
Donations received	25,509	31,273
Interest	1	3
Total income	25,510	31,276
Expenditure		
Grant for aid project	24,635	35,329
Total expenditure	24,635	35,329
Surplus/(deficit)	876	(4,054)

Assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Assets		
Cash at bank - Bendigo Bank	4,835	3,959
Total assets	4,835	3,959
Liabilities		
Total liabilities	0	0
Net assets	4,835	3,959

Movements in equity as at 30 June

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Retained earnings		
Opening balance	3,959	8,013
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	876	(4,054)
Total retained earnings	4,835	3,959

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

As at 4 September 2022

President	Margaret Simons
Secretary	Chris Sherrell
Ordinary Members	Peter Gribbin
	Gillian Wright