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Annual Report 2017

Stichting Hope for Tomorrow, Utrecht



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Director's report

The “Stichting Hope for Tomorrow” (www.hopefortomorrow.nl), hereafter called our Foundation, established in 2015, continued with its work in 2017. Our Foundation supports organisations that help disadvantaged children receive educational and psychological back-up in safe and loving environments in some of the most violent areas of Rio de Janeiro. In addition, our Foundation also continued with its support for the Nicolas Lowe Home (www.fundacionlowe.org.ar), located in Mercedes, near Buenos Aires. This is an old established voluntary institution that provides shelter and care for children who, for the most part, have been removed for their own safety from abusive homes by the family court system.

None of the organisations that our Foundation supports receive any state funding. They rely solely on donations such as ours. We are close to these organisations, and we have gotten to know the people directly involved. We meet with them frequently and visit when possible. Most importantly, we are confident that the support we offer directly benefits the children who are the ones most in need. It is our intention to increase our support for these organisations in future years in line with the increase in our confidence in the benefits they bring to the children under their care.

In the course of 2017 we disbursed in total € 25,000 to these organisations. This sum will increase significantly in the current year, 2018. Our Foundation also continues to search for other similar organisations it can support.

Estrela da Favela (www.estreladafavela.com)

Estrela da Favela (EdF), based in the Mangueira district in Rio, close to the world famous Maracanã football stadium, is now in its sixth year of operation. Its founder, Dutchman Edwin Roodenburg, has devoted enormous time and energy to establishing this school which presently serves 110 students in the age range 4 to 14 years. It has a small staff of six salaried teachers and a small number of volunteer staff.



Head teacher Mrs Edna Silveira, having come from a similar environment herself, can connect in a very authentic way with the children and community in Mangueira, whom she now very diligently serves.

For the children, the very basic facility that is the EdF premises, is a safe place where they like to come and study, leaving behind for at least some time the violent and disadvantaged circumstances into which they have been born. They are shown respect in the school, and even at a young age they understand that it is only through education that they can secure a better life for themselves. As time goes by, it is also being noticed by the teachers that parents, or whomever is responsible for the individual children, often a grandmother only, begin to understand the importance of education for the youngsters. EdF sees this trend in the increasing numbers at parent-teacher meetings held in the school.

EdF is presently looking for a larger premises so as to cater for more students as there is a long waiting list. They also want to include practical courses for those boys and girls who are unlikely to get to secondary school. Courses on subjects such as technical training and dressmaking lessons are being considered.

An important part of what EdF is already doing is offering psychological support to the children in its care. This is a vital service as most of the children, and indeed their guardians too, are traumatised owing to the unpredictable, but continuously present sense of random violence in their immediate neighbourhood. In the future it is also intended to offer one nutritional meal per day to each student. Poor nourishment is an issue for most of the children.

[EduMais \(www.edumais.org\)](http://www.edumais.org)

EduMais, with a somewhat different educational model to that employed at Estrela da Favela, is operating in similarly challenging circumstances in the Pavao-Pavaozinho and Contagalo favelas in Rio. It also aims at helping disadvantaged children make better lives for themselves despite the difficult environment into which they, too, were born.



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EduMais is the creation of Mrs Diana Nijboer, a Dutch educationalist, who is devoting her life's work to the children under her care. EduMais now serves 320 children in the age range 6 to 20. There is a very strong focus on social and emotional learning, using the proven educational model known as "Positive Discipline" (www.positivediscipline.com). This teaching method uses five measurement criteria to determine a child's progress: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making.

EduMais works in collaboration with a long established partner organisation called "Solar Meninos de Luz" (www.meninosdeluz.org.br). Like EduMais, this also is a foundation dependent upon voluntary donations. It offers a full curriculum education to its students separate from but vastly superior to the very poor standard offered by the state school system. EduMais uses the infrastructural facilities of Solar Meninos de Luz, and operates almost exclusively with carefully selected, and vetted, volunteer teachers trained in the Positive Discipline teaching method. As well as the behavioural training, EduMais also offers an English language programme for 250 students with professional English language teaching staff, and courses on computer skills and literacy. There are after school programmes, such as visits to parks and museums, and supervised soccer programmes, aimed at giving the children rest and escape for periods of time from their normally stressful environment in the favela.

The Nicolas Lowe Institute (www.fundacionlowe.org.ar)

Our Foundation also maintains close contact with the Nicolas Lowe Institute. This voluntary organisation is located in an old mansion in need of substantial repairs in the town of Mercedes, a one hour drive from Buenos Aires. The home caters for between 25-30 children who are taken into care following court orders.

In the current year, our Foundation has paid for a new roof over the children's sleeping quarters. The old roof leaked badly and was a health hazard as well as an inconvenience for the children. We are in discussion with the home to increase the level of support into the future. It is a very worthy cause, with dedicated volunteer staff taking great care of the children's welfare and education.



Financial statements



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Balance sheets as per December 31, 2017

		December 31, 2017		December 31, 2016	
	Ref.	€	€	€	€
Assets					
Currents assets	4				
Banks			759,683		774,794
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			759,683		774,794
			<hr/>		<hr/>
Liabilities					
Equity	5				
Reserves		774,794		773,749	
Result current year		-/- 45,111		1,045	
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			729,683		774,794
Short term liabilities	6				
Donations committed		30,000		0	
		<hr/>		<hr/>	
			759,683		774,794
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Statements of income 2017

		December 31, 2017		December 31, 2016	
	Ref.	€	€	€	€
<i>Income</i>					
Received donations					
Donations			9,942		1,000
			<hr/>		<hr/>
Total income			9,942		1,000
			<hr/>		<hr/>
<i>Expenditure</i>					
Donations					
Paid		25,000		0	
Reserved/committed		30,000		0	
		<hr/>		<hr/>	
		55,000		0	
		<hr/>		<hr/>	
Costs					
Bank charges		53		(45)	
Other costs		0		0	
		<hr/>		<hr/>	
		53		(45)	
Total costs			53		(45)
			<hr/>		<hr/>
Net result			-/- 45,111		1,045
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Notes to the financial statements

1. General

Stichting Hope for Tomorrow aims to be among those organisations that try to help disadvantaged children by making education, in a safe and caring environment, a fact rather than just a dream.

2. Basis for valuation of assets and liabilities

2.1 General

The financial statements are in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in the Netherlands and are stated in euros. Assets and liabilities are carried at cost unless indicated otherwise. In the balance sheet and statement of income references are made to the notes to the financial statements.

2.2 Comparison to last year

The principles for valuation and determination of income remained unchanged compared to the prior year.

3. Basis for determination of income

3.1 General

The net result is determined as the difference between the total income and expenses incurred during the financial year. Income and expenses are allocated to the period to which they relate.

3.2 Received donations

Received donations are recognised when committed.

3.3 Foreign currencies

Transactions denominated in foreign currency are translated into euros at the exchange rate applying on the transaction date.



3.4 Donations

Donations are recognised when committed:

- donations committed and paid
- donations committed and reserved.

4. Current assets

The ABN AMRO bank account is carried at nominal value.

5. Equity

Equity consists of the accumulated net results of the past financial years.

6. Short term liabilities

Donations committed represent the committed amount to support the Estrela da Favela organisation for the coming two years.

7. Contingent liabilities

Apart from those liabilities disclosed under donations committed in the balance sheet, our Foundation has not entered into long-term commitments towards the organisations it supports or any other third party. However, it is the intention to support the organisations as described in the director's report in the coming years, with a two to three years' notice period when the Foundation intends to stop the support.



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Signatures Board

Members of the Board

P.J. Kennedy (Chairman and Secretary)

A.M. Fentener van Vlissingen

W. van der Woerd

Utrecht, June 25, 2018

To: The Board of Stichting Hope for Tomorrow

Statement Audit Committee

The undersigned herewith declare to have reviewed and agreed to the financial statements 2017.

For the review the bank statements and other documents have been read by us.

J. Dirkse



M.N. Dijkhuizen



Utrecht, June 25, 2018