



Annual report 2018/19



“When we saw each other at the airport it was like a dream, full of tears, especially after the long time we have not met. The last time we were together my son was two years old. I am thankful he recognised me and had a gift I had bought him when we last met in June 2017”

Highlights

Our partnership with Miles4Migrants continues to be a success and 24 passengers from 17 families had their flights booked through them. These flights had a cash value of £7,500 meaning we have been able to support many more families with other costs of family reunion.



“Seeing our mum was like a dream come true. Everyone was laughing and crying at the same time as we hugged each other. The UK is a nice friendly and tolerant place with diverse communities and opportunities to develop our lives. Our plan for the future is to develop ourselves and contribute to this nation. Our development is our way of saying thank you.”

Income and expenditure

Total income: £10,820

Total expenditure: £14,998

Income breakdown:

- Fundraising: £6,324
- Personal donations: £3,561
- Other: £935

Expenditure breakdown:

- All case costs: £13,307
- Development: £1,375*
- Fundraising: £315

All development and fundraising costs have been met by grants specific to that purpose. We continue to be able to commit to spending 100% of fundraising and personal donations on the families we support.



"It was hard being separated for such a long long time. We stayed in touch using social media and video calls but finally god did a miracle and I got my wife back."

Need

We continue to receive a high level of demand for our service and are unable to provide support to all those who enquire and meet our criteria.

We have increasingly seen a reduction in places to refer clients to as other organisations who might provide travel or funding for some enquirers are also struggling to meet demand.



“Life was hard before. Now we will have a family and work for the future.”

Our cases

We worked with 53 families over the year. Support to these families comprised of:

- 20 families received international flights bringing families to the UK
- 22 clients received grants for the costs of obtaining a visa for their family. These include covering costs such as getting identity documents, required TB testing, travel to appointments and translation.
- 5 families received help with travel to and from the airport
- 12 families received arrival grants to help them with the transition period when they reached the UK



"The first weeks together have been wonderful, amazing. I don't have much to give them but we have each other and once more we are bonding together. In the future I want my children to be educated and work hard so we can contribute positively to this kind nation."

Thanks

To Miles4Migrants for their commitment to helping refugees in the UK and continued support.

Stephen Burgess for help with accounting.

All our donors and supporters who have done fundraising for us.

The artists who donated their amazing work for our second art auction and everyone who helped out with this.

The people who have, on a personal level, given their time to support our clients through interpreting, passing on messages, driving family members home and much much more. Our work wouldn't be possible without you.