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Chairman's Statement

I am pleased to submit the fourth Annual Report of the Little Flower Penny Dinners for the period ended 31st December 2019.

This report and the attached audited financial statements cover the period 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019.

The Little Flower Penny Dinners is a charity registered with the Charities Regulator and our policies are in line with the Charities Governance Code and its six principles.

The services we provide are much needed in the local community and beyond. It would not be possible to deliver these services without the support of our Donors. I wish to thank all those who have contributed to the Little Flower. Your donations, however small or large, are very much appreciated and are vital to enable us to provide the services we do.

I would like to pay special thanks to the Local Parish Team for their invaluable support and also to the various local community groups and individuals who continue to support the Little Flower.

We continue to engage with the local community providing facilities and services to many community groups.

Funding for charities is always a challenge and we at the Little Flower are developing a strategy for fundraising to secure our future and to allow us to provide services to people who need them.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to commend the Trustees, Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers for their commitment and flexibility over the last 12 months, working to ensure that the Little Flower Penny Dinners objectives have been achieved.

Des Byrne
Chairman

Vision and Mission

We have a Vision where those in need receive, support, service and a place of welcome

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A Mission where the Little Flower Penny Dinners serves Food for the Body, Food for the Soul.

Who We Are and What We do

The Little Flower Penny Dinners has been in existence since 1912, and was started in Meath Street by the Parish and local community in response to the poverty and great need in the area. In the present day the need is greater than ever and we continue to serve those in need with no questions asked.

We were named in honour of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun who inspired great devotion globally, following her death at the age of 24 in 1897.

We are one of Dublin's oldest Charities, Charity No. 6179.

In 2006 we became a limited company and are registered as Guild of the Little Flower Co. Limited, by Guarantee, t/a Little Flower Penny Dinners (LFPD).

Our committed team of Staff and Volunteers offer a warm and friendly welcome to all our clients.

The service is funded by donations and we ensure that all funds are used to develop and improve our overall service.

We have a proud history of service in the Liberties and surrounding areas and the contributions we receive help us to continue that worthy tradition.

Trustees & Board Members

Trustees

Mons. Paul Callan

Padraig Daly OSA

Mons. John Dolan

Richie Goode OSA

Conor Hickey

Imelda Wickham PBVM

Brigid Phelan PBVM

Board Members

Des Byrne (Chairman)

Brigid Phelan PBVM (Secretary)

Noel Fleming

John McGlynn

Michael McDonagh

Marcus Balfe

Susan Lynch

Little Flower Penny Dinners

Organisational Chart

Trustees

Board of Directors

General Manager

Operations Co-Ordinator

Staff and Volunteers

Achievement in period Ended 31st December 2019.

Statement of Strategy

We have progressed with our Strategic Plan 2015-2020, which was developed by the Board, Staff and Volunteers.

The document sets out the vision and mission for the Little Flower Penny Dinners and has four main objectives:

- People
- Facilities
- Communities
- Fundraising

Building

We have continued to keep the premises in good order by carrying out a programme of regular general maintenance.

Core Activities

We continue to concentrate on our core activity which is the provision of meals and services within the community.

In 2019 we delivered almost 25,000 meals on wheels, over 365 days a year.

In total we serve over 73,500 meals annually including breakfast and lunch/dinner.

In addition, we provide a laundry service.

In providing these services many of the objectives outlined in the strategy have been achieved.

Outreach

The Guild of the Little Flower engages with Local Community Groups including the Local Parish Team, Liberties Cultural Association, Shannon's Hopeline, Meath Street Youth Activity Co., SICCDA, Robert Emmet Community Development Project, CORN (Community Organisation & Residents Network) and the Liberties Business forum to name but a few. We assist these groups with their endeavours.

Resources

We have been fortunate to date to receive donations that have sustained our operation at its current level of activity. In line with governance guidelines our reserves are limited and it is crucial that we focus on fundraising in order to continue to operate.

Coupled with reduced reserves, we have also lost a couple of regular substantial donors and like many other charities have found a reduction in donations generally. As the level of donations we receive has generally reduced, our focus in 2020 will be on fundraising in order to generate sufficient income to keep our present level of service operating.

The operation functions with minimal resources and we are very fortunate with the level of volunteer assistance we receive on an ongoing basis.

Our administration is kept to a minimum whilst at the same time observing and adhering to all good governance practices.

Governance

The Guild of the Little Flower Co. Limited trading as Little Flower Penny Dinners is a Registered Charity, fully compliant with the Revenue, Companies Office and the Charities Regulator.

Future Plans and Challenges

- Continue to enhance our provision of meals and services to clients
- Continue to support and provide services/facilities to Local Community Groups
- Continue to develop staff and volunteers
- Review existing strategy plan and develop a new strategic plan for 2020-2025
- Develop a fundraising strategy
- Continue to enhance our governance structures in line with the requirements of the Charities regulator and best practice.

**GUILD OF THE LITTLE FLOWER CLG
(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019**

	31/12/2019	18 Months to 31/12/2018
Income	344,680	761,386
Gross income	<u>344,680</u>	<u>761,386</u>
Administrative expenses	(455,239)	(695,845)
Operating (Deficit) / surplus for the financial period 6	<u>(110,559)</u>	<u>65,541</u>
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All the activities of the company are from continuing operations.

The company has no other recognised items of income and expenses other than the results for the year as set out above.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 15th June 2020 and signed on behalf of the board by:

Sr Brigid Phelan
Director

Desmond Byrne
Director

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**BALANCE SHEET
31ST DECEMBER 2019**

	Note	31/12/19 €	€	31/12/18 €	€
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8	4,923		5,392	
		<u>4,923</u>		<u>5,392</u>	
Current assets					
Stocks	9	-		200	
Debtors	10	9,105		6,337	
Cash at bank and in hand		317,307		441,096	
		<u>326,412</u>		<u>447,633</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(19,745)		(30,876)	
Net current assets			<u>306,667</u>		<u>416,757</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>311,590</u>		<u>422,149</u>
Net assets			<u>311,590</u>		<u>422,149</u>
Reserves					
Income and Expenditure account			<u>311,590</u>		<u>422,149</u>
Members funds			<u>311,590</u>		<u>422,149</u>

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**DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT (CONTINUED)
PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019**

Income	31/12/2019	18 Months to
	€	31/12/2018
		€
Lease Income	12,100	17,846
Revenue VAT Compensation Scheme	2,040	-
HSE	42,908	24,017
Dinners	32,965	49,090
Laundry	1,094	2,213
Donations	227,871	396,730
Christmas Cards	732	2,030
Fundraising Events	5,783	18,200
Grotto	751	1,690
Mite Boxes	540	105
Wills / Bequests	17,896	249,465
	<u>344,680</u>	<u>761,386</u>
 Overheads		
Administrative expenses		
Wages and salaries	261,839	345,653
Employer's PRSI contributions	25,529	34,584
Development Co-Ordinator	-	34,650
Training expenses	2,446	515
Donations / gratuity	1,880	3,300
Supplies	62,774	85,322
Rates	1,403	2,515
Insurance	4,907	4,653
Light and heat	16,627	34,338
Cleaning charges	11,108	21,832
Repairs and maintenance	21,248	39,351
Refurbishment costs	-	15,248
Office and administration	3,590	4,156
Advertising	18,410	28,058
Telephone	4,830	7,714
Computer costs	5,735	6,001
Transport	4,287	9,194
Auditors remuneration	1,700	2,595
Bank charges	716	1,496
General expenses	1,718	5,325
Depreciation of tangible assets	4,492	9,345
	<u>(455,239)</u>	<u>(695,845)</u>
Operating (Deficit) / surplus	(110,559)	65,541
(Deficit) / surplus for the period	<u>(110,559)</u> =====	<u>65,541</u> =====

[Link to Full Financial Statements and Accounts](#)