



**LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
24TH JANUARY, 2006**

REPORT OF HEAD OF PUBLIC PROTECTION

**POLICE, FACTORIES (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1916
APPLICATION FOR STREET COLLECTION PERMIT
MANACARE FOUNDATION**

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT:

- 1.1 To request determination of an application for a street collection permit in accordance with the Police, Factories (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1916. (The Act).

2.0 RECOMMENDATION:

- 2.1 The Sub-Committee is requested to determine the application in respect of The Manacare Foundation.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 3.1 None. There is no charge for a street collection permit.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

- 4.1 None.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 There are no grounds for refusal specified in the Act.
- 5.2 At present, there is no statutory right of appeal against refusal of a street collection permit and the only way a Licensing Authority's actions could be challenged would be by application to the High Court for a review of the decision.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 None.

7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

7.1 None.

8.0 WARDS AFFECTED:

8.1 The application relates to collections within the St. Matthews and Aldridge Central and South Wards.

9.0 CONSULTEES:

9.1 There is no legal requirement to consult on street collection applications.

10.0 BACKGROUND:

10.1 Authority to issue street collections has been delegated to officers in instances where the collection would be considered to be non-controversial. Any other applications are submitted to Committee for determination.

10.2 The Council has a policy of only two street collection dates per organisation per calendar year. A variation of this policy must be submitted to the Committee for determination.

11.0 THE APPLICATION:

The Manacare Foundation

11.1 The date and areas requested for the collection is:-

Thursday, 2nd February, 2006 - Walsall and Aldridge Town Centres

11.2 A copy of the application is attached at Appendix 1, together with supporting information.

12.0 OBSERVATIONS:

- 12.1 The Local Authority has the power to issue permits for organisations to undertake collections for the benefit of charitable purposes. "Charitable purpose" is defined in the Act to mean "any charitable, benevolent or philanthropic purposes, whether or not the purpose is charitable, within the meaning of any rule of law." Where, therefore, organisations or activities which, although not charitable by strict definition, are charitable or non-profit making in character, it would appear, therefore, that a permit can be granted.
- 12.2 The organisation is a registered charity but does not appear to have links with or benefit to the Walsall area. However, in accordance with normal practice and in the interests of natural justice, each application should be decided on its own merit.
- 12.3 The organisation last applied to the Council for a permit in November, 2000 when, in view of the fact that the organisation did not benefit the residents of Walsall, the application was refused.

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14.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS:

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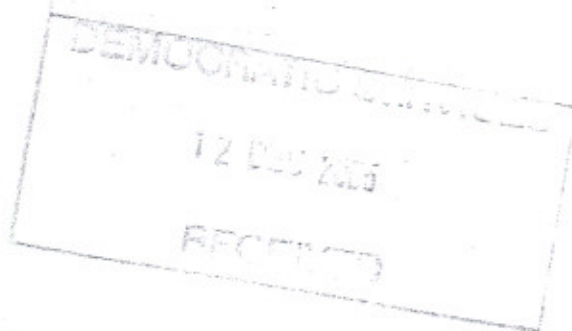
To whom it may concern

This is to confirm that Mr Ray Udall has been authorized by the Trustees of the Manacare Foundation to Make all bookings in connection with fund raising in the United Kingdom.

Thank you in advance for assisting him in this activity which will help to further our objectives to help those less fortunate than most, both in the United Kingdom and Worldwide.

Yours very truly,

Joy Butler Markham
Chair of the Trustees



manacare around the world since 1994

Six successfully completed projects:

Outdated 40-year-old paediatric textbooks were being used by hospitals, orphanages and refugee clinics around the world. So Manacare sent out 100 copies of *Forfar & Arneil's* latest textbook to replace them.

Four refugee camps in **Uganda** were without water. So Manacare won major funding from the United Nation's Overseas Development Fund to establish a large project piping water from the river Nile. The camps are now major settlements, with self-sustaining farms and small industries.

An orphanage in **Lithuania** that cared for 400 babies and children had run out of supplies. So Manacare sent a 40 foot container packed with toys, clothing, medical, surgical and therapy equipment. Building materials were also supplied to volunteers who refurbished the orphanage – enabling it to run smoothly without further assistance.

A small town in **China** needed therapy items, clothing, toys and household goods. So Manacare shipped a 40 foot container of items for distribution to the poor and needy.

In **Rwanda**, we supplied oral rehydration salts, syringes and containers of clean water to help *Médicins sans Frontières'* relief programme.

Nine-year-old girls were snatched from their families and forced into child prostitution rings in Chinese suburbs. So Manacare infiltrated one group and sent 29 children into safe orphanages.



▲ Ugandan family's new cow
► Therapy room, Luxor

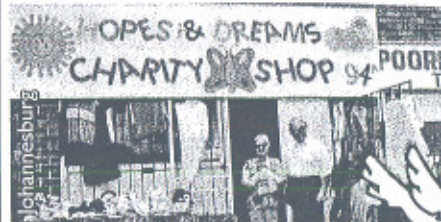


Six ongoing projects:

Luxor, Egypt: Our two centres have provided physiotherapy services to the poorest Egyptian families who would otherwise have had none.



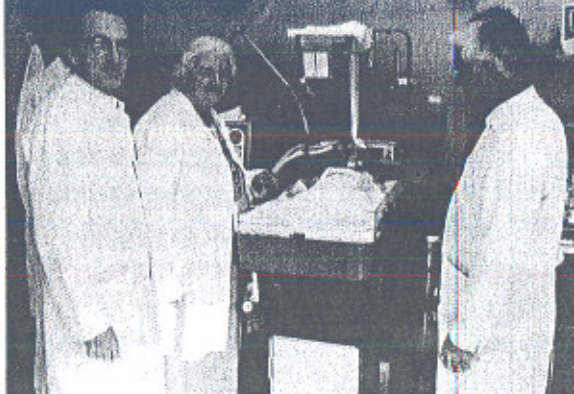
Since 1998 we have enabled many severely disabled children to start walking, nursed stroke victims back to health, given women more local freedom. Impressed, the Egyptian government made Manacare a gift of buildings and land to help us continue.



Johannesburg, South Africa: Immigrants from neighbouring countries have acted on advice by witch doctors that their AIDS will be cured by the rape of a young baby or an elderly woman. Since 1999, Manacare has tried to reduce these incidents by purchasing small plots of land to offer poor families secure housing. Our small *Hopes and Dreams* shop currently gives clothes to and grows food for many living without electricity, clean water, or even shelter. We train those forced out of their homes or orphanages to earn a living by candle-making, soapmaking or woodwork. In the future, we intend to create special facilities for single parent families – so we can care for children while the parent earns an income.

Chile, Santiago: Manacare's 2002 reconnaissance found children and elderly people living in miserable conditions on the streets and under bridges. We have helped to ensure that children receive food at least five days a week. When we have sufficient funds, we hope to build small individual brick shelters with running water – for street families and orphans.

At work in an Omsk hospital



Omsk, Siberia: Major orphanages have been neglected since the Soviet Union collapsed. Since 2001 we have re-supplied them with nappies, clothing, toys and medical supplies, while also helping the elderly and infirm cope with the minus forty degree winters. Hospitals have appreciated Manacare's donations of Thermo Spots, which are placed on babies to see efficiently if their body temperature is at a safe level.

Girls in the final stages of pregnancy now have to wade through waist-high snow to reach medical help. So Manacare plans to purchase a building to shelter them and act as a base for our project to donate second hand clothing to the very poor. We will also supply the local Red Cross with the 300 wheelchairs it needs, as well as providing local jobs, by assembling imported parts locally.



Casablanca, Morocco: If the local police find children begging on the streets, they imprison them and beat the soles of their feet so they cannot stand to beg. Since 2002, Manacare's

Hope House has already managed to educate, feed and house many street children.

United Kingdom: In 2005 we will be helping another small foundation to bring 30 terminally ill children from Chernobyl to stay for two weeks in Cornwall. And our twice yearly meetings with Trustees ensure that Manacare continues to supply therapy and special needs equipment to children and adults across the United Kingdom.

Our mission statement:

Manacare considers its mission as a handshake of peace and goodwill, and a step towards the hope that peoples from different lands and cultures can work together. Through caring for each other we can ultimately take a stride towards the achievement of peace on our Earth.

Future Projects

From street children being shot by police in Rio de Janeiro because their presence is 'bad for tourism', to Liberian families who have lived without water for fifteen years, **Manacare's** work is needed more than ever around the world. We have begun initial reconnaissance work in Palestine, sent two 40-foot containers of supplies to Ghana and have been asked by a Moroccan mayor for help in his town. But we can't continue our good work without your support.

You can help

Both education and physiotherapy are offered at our thriving project in Egypt



Flexible, economical and practical

After our charitable expenditures,
Manacare's heaviest costs are for:

Training local professionals out in the field

Shipping containers to our many projects

Transporting volunteers to do local reconnaissance

And we employ only one person in the UK:
our Worldwide Field Officer.

The **Manacare Foundation** raises most of its funds in the United Kingdom, as well as in the south of Spain, where volunteers hold fund-raising events.

However, our international work is growing so quickly that we need to create a more sustainable form of income in order to ensure that projects can continue, and that we can respond to emergency appeals when they arise. With this in mind, we have begun initial work on a company to sell donated clothing overseas.

**Please contact us
to donate, volunteer or find out more!**

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Sometimes big problems
just need a small solution

Manacare believes that charitable or voluntary work should be tailored to the needs of the local situation. Other charities often **do** what they want to do, rather than what really needs to be done. Since 1994, our family of 259 volunteers have worked tirelessly to achieve a caring and safe environment for those less fortunate than ourselves.

