



# The Rob George Foundation

## OUR SECOND YEAR OF OPERATION



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TO LAND'S END



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# ANNUAL REVIEW 2015/16



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Left: The RGF contributed towards a power-chair, for this power-chair footballer



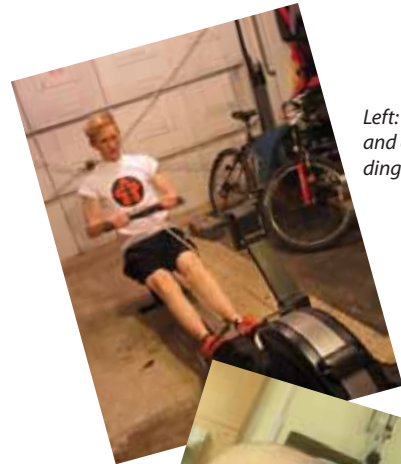
## TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the period from 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016. The accounts comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, RGF's Trust Deed dated 16th January 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE).

Below:  
Outings with mum  
whilst receiving  
proton beam  
therapy in the US.



*making a difference  
with your help*



Left: Accommodation and entry fees for dinghy sailor, Edward.



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## CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW

RGF continued to be extraordinarily busy in its second year of operation. The number of applications for grants and the total of awards made both more than doubled the number in the previous year. Approximately two-thirds of the applications made to RGF were successful. (See the table below for further details.) Total funds raised amounted to a staggering £194,844.

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	2014-2015	2015-2016
Applications	130	269
Awards Made	£ 51,647	£ 115,672
Total Funds Raised – Fund-Raising	£ 191,389	£ 89,635
Total Funds Raised - Donations	£ 96,095	£ 103,637
Total Funds Raised	£ 290,859	£ 194,844

I would like to offer my special thanks to the board of Trustees who give their time freely and unpaid to guide RGF and ensure that we are run on sound lines with excellent financial control and with strong governance. I am delighted to welcome John O'Connor who has joined the board, bringing a wealth of experience from his many years as a banker in the City of London, and Wendy Smith, our hard-working Grants Officer. I also express my heartfelt thanks to all of those who have contributed to RGF in numerous ways during the year, whether as volunteers, fundraisers or donors. Without them, RGF would not be in a position to continue into the future.

We are once again indebted to a number of trusts and organisations who have kindly made significant donations to us during the year – for instance, Walter Farthing (Trust) Limited, the Materna Foundation, Care UK Wellbeing Foundation, Rothschild, Persimmon Homes and Kent Blaxill & Co Limited – and to some generous individuals who wish to remain anonymous. We are also grateful to Birkett Long Solicitors, Colchester Institute, St Andrews University Cricket Club and Tiger Recruitment for choosing us as their Charity of the Year, and to Mosaic PR & Digital for producing a wonderful new promotional video for us. Once again, the students of Loughborough University, Rob's alma mater, showed that they had not forgotten Rob by attending the Anniversary Ball in great numbers and hosting highly successful Golf and Cricket Days.

**"I have just spoken to a very upbeat 'applicant'. He is extremely pleased with his award and says it will REALLY help."**

**Fiona – Grants Advocate @ Macmillan Cancer Support**

**Philip George  
Chairman**



## OBJECTIVES

RGF was established under a Trust Deed dated 5th March 2014 and is a registered UK Charity (Registered Number 1156026). RGF's registered address is 4 Henry Villa Close Colchester Essex CO4 5XP.

RGF's objectives are:-

- ★ To prevent or relieve poverty and to promote the advancement of health by providing practical and/or financial support to young people with life threatening or terminal illnesses; and
- ★ To promote the advancement of amateur sport and the arts by providing financial support to young people who demonstrate exceptional commitment and/or ability in the worlds of sport or the performing arts but may be held back by their financial situation from pursuing their goals.

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## HOW OUR SERVICES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees are aware that the Charities Act 2011 requires charities to demonstrate that their work is of direct benefit to the public. They pay due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding which grants RGF should make, focusing particularly on the prevention or relief of poverty, and the promotion of the advancement of health, amateur sport and the arts. In addition, they consider that RGF itself gives added public benefit by its rapid and flexible responses to applications from potential grantees.

## PARTNERSHIP WORKING

The Trustees will willingly work in partnership with other organisations to fund initiatives beyond the financial scope of a single organisation, but will not normally approve the use of RGF's funds for medical research, or purposes for which the government has a statutory responsibility to provide. Applications introduced to us by other charities such as Macmillan Cancer Support, CLIC Sargent and Teenage Cancer Trust continue to be welcomed.

### HOT OFF THE PRESS!

October 2016

Justin shares his success with the RGF: British Slopestyle Champion!



*We are proud to have 'Made a Difference'*



The RGF is proud to continue to support Justin - his commitment and dedication to his sport is exemplary, and his monthly updates to the Trustees on his progress, although at times nothing short of scary, are a joy to receive.



## ACTIVITIES

RGF's Anniversary Ball, held at the Hurlingham Club in London on January 9th 2016, was again the highlight of the year. The event was attended by 222 guests, who raised some £12,500 for the RGF.

Two other fundraising events were particularly noteworthy. In May, RGF Trustees Philip and Lorraine George, Rob's Dad and Mum, with 14 friends cycled from John O'Groats to Land's End, a distance of 1,114 miles, to fulfil a promise Lorraine had made to Rob before he died. The team raised a staggering £57,000. Lorraine has described her adventures on the trip, and her experiences throughout Rob's illness and death, in her book "End to End – with love", all proceeds of which are donated to RGF.

And in December, Joe Barnett, a friend of Rob's and his last captain at Colchester & East Essex Cricket Club, took part in the ultimate challenge – to row across the Atlantic. Joe and his Ocean Reunion team – Angus Collins, Gus Barton and Jack Mayhew – not only completed the Talisky Whisky Atlantic Challenge but they won in a record breaking time of 37 days, 9 hours and 12 minutes. The team raised in excess of £30,000 for RGF, as well as supporting two national charities.

## OVER £30K FOR THE RGF



**Rob's last cricket captain at Colchester & East Essex CC wins the Talisky Whiskey Atlantic Challenge 2015/16 with his fab team of oarsmen - raising over £30K for the RGF.**

*“Please accept our heartfelt thanks for all the wonderful contributions you make.”*

**Quote from Sanchia at Clic Sargent**

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*“Thank you very much! What an amazing charity - you've been a huge help. Funds received have helped her to pay for transport to hospital for treatment.”*

**J - aged 26 - cancer of the nasal cavity and palate**



## ACTIVITIES...continued

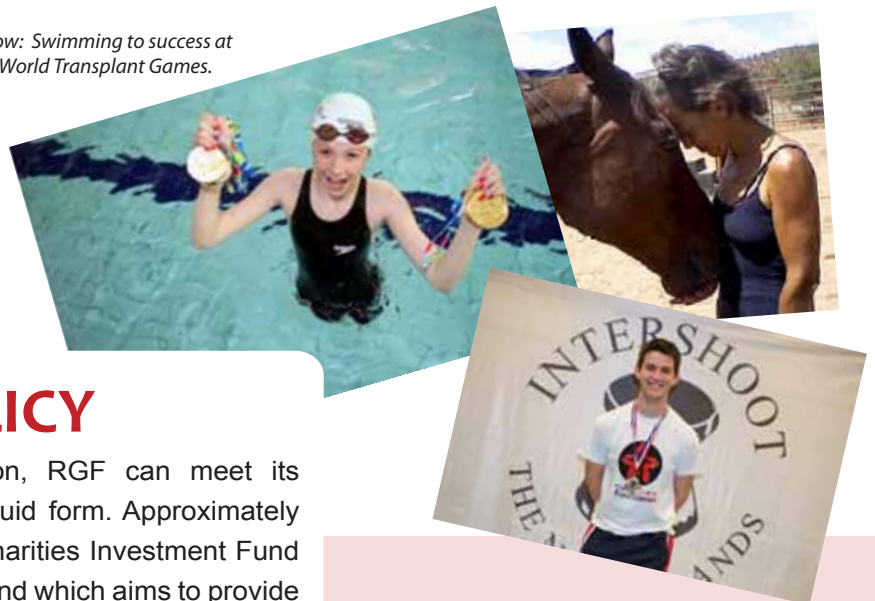
A highly successful first RGF Golf Day was held in June, and thanks are due to Trevor Cock for his brilliant master-minding of the event, and to the members of Colchester Golf Club (where Rob had been Junior Captain) for their welcome and support. It is hoped that the event will be the first of many. Thanks are also due to Graham Thornton and the other members of The Rotary Club of Colchester Trinity for choosing RGF to be the beneficiary of their annual Sporting Dinner in March. The RGF Patron, Graham Gooch, was the guest speaker, and the event was very well attended and supported.

We continue to work for a change in the law to recognise that students who are forced to take a temporary break in their studies as a result of life-threatening illnesses should qualify to receive State benefits.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year, the Trustees undertook a thorough review of RGF's procedures in the light of the Charity Commission's Internal Financial Controls for Charities Checklist. RGF's financial position is reconciled and reviewed at least monthly before decisions relating to grant-making are taken. The Trustees consider that the strong position of RGF's finances at the end of its financial year is satisfactory, enabling RGF not only to meet its present objectives, but also to continue its activities for several years to come. It is the current objective of the Trustees to disburse as much as possible of the funds received by RGF by way of grants, and not to set up any permanent endowment. With the financial control of charities quite rightly coming under closer and closer scrutiny, the RGF is very proud that it has no paid staff, no expensive premises and minimal other overheads.

Below: Swimming to success at the World Transplant Games.



## INVESTMENT POLICY

With the current low levels of inflation, RGF can meet its objectives whilst keeping its funds in liquid form. Approximately 40% of its funds are held in the COIF Charities Investment Fund (which is rated AAA/V1 by Fitch Ratings and which aims to provide the strongest level of security together with daily liquidity and a good level of interest) with the remainder being invested by way of bank deposits. The current policy is to maintain this proportion.

### A grateful mum takes the time to write:

*I want to say thank you so very much for all your support. In your grief you have helped to enhance the quality of life of my son and I am very, very grateful for your kindness and generosity of spirit. I can't tell you how gym and swimming has improved his general well-being, and you*

*have taken the financial worry away.*

*Please could I ask you to thank everyone concerned for all their hard work and kindness and finally may I give thanks to Rob for his inspiration and passion, and I hope time is healing your pain and loss.*

*Lots of love and best wishes.*



## RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have not undertaken any long-term funding commitments, have not considered, nor had to consider, the creation of a permanent endowment, and have taken no decision concerning the likely life cycle of RGF. They do not consider that a reserves policy is necessary at this stage.

## RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have examined the major risks that RGF is likely to face, and believe that it has in place robust systems to mitigate them.



♥♥♥♥♥ *A laptop for an 11 year old, receiving treatment for a brain tumour, to help him keep up with his school work and watch Star Wars!*

THANK YOU

### TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

The Trustees and officers who served during the year were:

Mr D M Cant  
Mrs L George  
Mr P W George  
Mr S J E George  
Mr A Kennedy  
Mr J O'Connor

Mr O'Connor also serves as Treasurer, and Mrs W Smith as Grants Officer. The Charity's Patron is the cricketer and former Essex and England captain Graham Gooch OBE, DL.

### ADVISERS

#### Bankers:

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### GOVERNANCE

The management and oversight of RGF's affairs are under the direct supervision of the Trustees, one of whom is a partner in and another is a consultant to, the firm Birkett Long, solicitors to RGF. None of the Trustees receives remuneration or other benefit from their work with RGF. In the current year there are no related party transactions to be reported. The power of appointing new Trustees is vested in the Trustees.

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