

“Hard Bread and Sour Milk”



Annual Report 2016



A word from the Chairman

The World Scout Foundation is unique – yes, we have a wonderful network of amazing supporters, and yes, we have a cause which we believe is one of the greatest in the world – helping to inspire the next generation of the world's leaders – but more than that, we are unique because we are privileged to work with an active Head of State, a man who is instantly recognisable and who truly believes in our cause.

When he sat with our BP Fellow and Honours Programme Member, journalist Thomas Frostberg, His Majesty afforded us special access. We meet a man, not just a king, who as a child of 11 years old had the same fears and dreams as any other boy his age. The young Carl Gustaf overcame the 'spartan' conditions of his first Scout camp, eating food that no prince would ever imagine ... and came through. He survived the "ordeal" to take life-long learning from the experience.

His Majesty Carl XVI Gustaf, or the "Scouting King" as we like to call him, is truly passionate about inspiring young people to make a real difference to their world today, and in doing so, making sure that they have the skills and values to lead the world in the future.

WSF is indeed unique and privileged to have such a caring man leading us. His reach is global, but his impact is truly local – and can be seen in over 1.5 million local Scout groups worldwide! Read on and be inspired about the man who learned that hard bread is not so bad after all!

Thank you, Your Majesty for your leadership, and thank you dear friends for joining Him in this great cause!

Wayne Perry

“Helping to inspire
the next generation of
leaders”



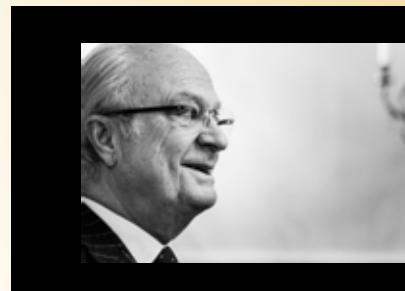
A life-long lesson

"I was a Scout as a young man thanks to my parents, who were both involved in Scouting.

"My first memory of Scouting was when I was 10 or 11 years old, it was my first tented camp. I do not think it was even a full week. But I remember it well.

"I remember that the conditions were very spartan – and, a little scary – we ate hard bread and drank sour milk, there were no luxuries. But in the end it was great fun and together with my Scout friends we made it. We survived that scary experience in the wild forest together!

The impression it left was so great that even to this day I only eat hard bread with a cup of sour milk ... but the impact on me as a leader was even more important."





His Majesty invited reporter Thomas Frostberg and photographer Yoshi Shimizu to the Royal Palace for a unique insight into His passion for Scouting



What Scouting means to a King

Achievements with WSF

USD 75 million in grants to Scouting since 1977

63 Board meetings chaired

67 BP Events attended

750 million hours of community service recorded

2378 BP Fellows inspired

WSF Events

1982	Kolmaarden, Sweden
1982	Chicago, USA
1983	Stockholm, Sweden
1984	San Francisco, USA
1984	Paris, France
1985	Tokyo, Japan
1985	Stockholm, Sweden
1985	Munich, Germany
1985	New York, USA
1986	Zürich, Switzerland
1987	Cairo, Egypt
1987	Bangkok, Thailand
1987	Seoul, Korea
1987	Tokyo, Japan
1988	Melbourne, Australia
1988	Toronto, Canada
1988	Dallas, USA
1988	Stockholm, Sweden
1989	Vaduz, Liechtenstein
1989	Wellington, New Zealand
1990	Tokyo, Japan
1990	Paris, France
1990	Sunne, Sweden
1990	Luxembourg, Luxembourg
1991	Los Angeles, USA

Prince Gustaf Adolf, the King's father met with Baden-Powell

1946, The King is born at Haga Palace, Sweden

1953, HRH becomes a Cub Scout



1977, rejoined Scouting as Hon. Chairman of the World Scout Foundation

1996, the Honours Programme introduced

1991	Seoul, Korea
1991	Singapore, Singapore
1992	Ottawa, Canada
1992	Bangkok, Thailand
1993	Agios Nikolaos, Crete, Greece
1994	Santiago, Chile
1995	Straffan, Ireland
1996	Stockholm, Sweden
1996	Bangkok, Thailand
1996	Tokyo, Japan
1997	Atlanta, USA
1998	Munich, Germany
1999	Sydney, Australia
2000	Vouliagmeni, Athens, Greece
2001	Tokyo, Japan
2002	New York, USA
2002	Hong Kong, Hong Kong
2003	Cayman Island UK
2004	Geneva, Switzerland
2004	Kolding, Denmark
2005	Rome, Italy
2005	Essex, UK
2006	Munich, Germany
2007	San Francisco, USA
2007	Cape Town, South Africa
2007	Tokyo, Japan
2007	Centenary of Scouting, UK
2008	Seoul, Korea
2008	Vienna, Austria
2008	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
2008	Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah, UAE
2009	Bangkok, Thailand
2009	Stockholm, Sweden
2009	Muscat, Oman
2010	Ottawa, Canada
2011	The Hague, The Netherlands
2011	WSJ Sweden
2011	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
2012	Madrid, Spain
2012	Turku, Finland
2012	Jakarta, Indonesia
2012	San Salvador, El Salvador
2013	Port au Prince, Haiti
2013	Manila and Tacloban, The Philippines
2013	West Virginia, USA
2013	Koyo, Japan
2014	Copenhagen, Denmark
2014	Zürich & Kandersteg, Switzerland
2015	Bosnia & Herzegovia Field Trip
2015	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2015	Tacloban, The Philippines
2016	Iceland Field Trip
2016	Melbourne, Australia
2017	Berlin, Germany

2005, Regal Circle
introduced

2010, launched
MoP with the late
King Abdullah

2011, World
Jamboree Sweden

2016, discusses MoP
with HM King Salman

Reflections on
Scouting with
Thomas Frostberg

Making a difference

"In 1977, I saw there was a great need and I felt I could make a difference, so I rededicated myself to Scouting"

And what a difference He has made, not just in funds but in personal impact – wherever he goes. Take Jerwin, who made a speech about how Scouting changed his life, when the King visited Manila in 2013.

Jerwin explained he had grown up on the streets, with his homeless mother and siblings. They had nothing. He ended up in trouble with the police and knew something in his life had to change. His luck turned when the Scouts in his parish took him in.

"Scouting gave me hope," Jerwin tearfully explained in his speech. His Majesty took Jerwin aside following the speech, and surprised everyone when he took off his own Swedish Scout scarf – and placed it around Jerwin's neck, whispering "I want you to stay in Scouting and become a leader. You can really do a great job!"

Four years on, Jerwin is the leader of a new Ticket to Life troop St John Bosco in Malate, Manila. He has developed from chaotic troublemaker to inspirational community leader, and a positive role model for 30 street children in just six years.

Reflecting on Scouting His Majesty explains: "It is important not to feel alone. There are very many young people who are misguided and cling to other young people who are strong, but in a negative way. But I find that young people who are members of the Scouts have different ethics and morality. That's why young people (like Jerwin, and the Scouts he now leads), want to come. It's pretty amazing actually".





“Your Majesty, I’m still here,
thanks to you!”

At the King's table

No matter if you are at a Scout event or a State dinner in the Royal Palace, sitting at the King's table the conversation invariably turns to Scouting ...

"Regardless of who is at the table – business leader, government official or Head of State, most have been Scouts.

"Take Rex Tillerson, the newly appointed Secretary of State in the USA. During his confirmation hearing he referred to the impact of Scouting on him as a leader, shaping his values, his leadership style and world views."

But Rex is not alone according to His Majesty – "Scouts are everywhere in society and involved in leadership at all levels" – so regardless as to whether your name is Jerwin and you're leading street kids in Manila, or your name is Rex and you lead the world's biggest company Exxon, and become your country's foreign minister, or your name is Carl Gustaf on your first Scout camp, Scouting's values impact your leadership style for a lifetime.





“Scouts are everywhere in society and involved in leadership at all levels...”

Not just a Game

"Scouting may look like a game, but it is in fact a developed pedagogical method"

That experience when His Majesty was on His first camp – when He overcame fear, discomfort, bad weather and survived... is not just a random event. It's a part of the Scout method, according to the King:

"In Scouting, we play up the leadership of our young members. All these activities are extremely educational, and we work together and solve problems together.

"This idea – learning-by-doing – is a principle of Scouting and is really valuable.

"This kind of experience produces leaders like Rex, Jerwin and even Carl Gustaf.

"Everyone should have it in his CV, that they were in the Scouts. This is something to be proud of.

"If I was to hire somebody, I would immediately take someone if they were a Scout!"





“Playing up the leadership of
young Scouts”

Everyone's a star

"Scouts have a great potential to help with integration..."

"Today more than ever, these values, this leadership, is needed in society", explains His Majesty.

"In Scouting, we help each other, we are friends and have a community. Unlike in sport, there are no 'stars' separated from the rest of the team in Scouting – nobody sits on the bench, everyone gets to play - it's really important that nobody feels alone. In Scouting everyone is a star player!"

And so when thousands of young people arrived in Sweden from war torn Syria, it was no surprise, for His Majesty, that Scouts in small communities around the country reacted immediately.

"Scouts have shown they can do great things when it comes to 'integration' of young migrants at a community level. This programme of integration – of 'New Swedes' as we call them, has been going for many years in Sweden and this summer, in response to the new refugee flow, we will highlight this at a national Jamboree where we will invite migrants, and many other young people who have not been Scouts to join us. I will of course be there too to support and encourage them."





“Scouts are there to help...”

Not just dots on a map

On His many international trips for the WSF, His Majesty always promotes the global impact of the Messengers of Peace initiative and always refers to the increasing number of service hours – 750 million – and the 6 million local projects.

But for Him, everything needs to be explained in real terms. For His Majesty, it's personal.

When meeting with His Majesty King Salman, during a visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia last November, to review the progress of the Messengers of Peace global initiative, the Swedish King singled out, among all the projects marked on the world Messengers of Peace map, the integration projects in Sweden. He proudly pointed out – “This is what we do at home in Sweden”, and went on to explain to HM King Salman the importance of this activity to the communities ‘back home’.

In other words, for his Majesty, these are not just numbers or dots on a map. “They are real: real projects, real people, real changes. Scouts have an incredible impact . . . and I have seen it myself.”





“Each project is personal...”

We can't let them down

Scouting works, according to His Majesty because of its dedicated adult volunteers.

"Parents put a lot of trust in Scouting when they send their children to Scouts...and we can't let them down."

And thanks to the nearly 10 million dedicated adult volunteers who keep local groups running month in month out, this trust is respected, according to His Majesty:

"Leaders who take care of other people's children in Scouting are very special indeed. It's a real quality. In particular, when you think that these adult leaders also must constantly invest in their own education – following training courses in leadership and keeping up to date with the latest Scout educational methods...as Scouts we're not just interested in growing numbers as such, but making sure the young people we serve receive a good experience.

"The investment of the WSF over the years has made this leadership training possible throughout the global network of Scouting – we need to ensure these leaders have the support they need."

A camp can appear a little scary for an 11 year old, but the well trained and inspired adults in the background will make sure it is completely safe for their young charges.





“Parents put huge trust
in Scouting”

It's the values that are most important

In His years as Honorary Chairman, His Majesty has recruited thousands to the WSF network. "Of course these world leaders help financially, but increasingly we can help in other ways as well.

"My involvement has grown constantly. The more I learned, the more my personal commitment grew. I used a simple trick for expanding the Baden-Powell Fellow network - I encouraged more BP Fellows to ask a friend to join, just like Scouts in Sweden have for many years had a recruitment campaign based on the message: 'Bring a friend'.

"In recent years, BP Fellows have helped with training in global governance, they have helped with the capacity building of National Scout Organisations in poorer countries, they have helped with inter-faith dialogue, and they have helped as 'friends' of National Scout Organisation leaders, acting as a sounding board when such is the need.

"But the message is always the same - that young man or woman on their first camp needs to be inspired to overcome difficulties and follow the dream... the money is not the message. It certainly helps, but at the end of the day, it's the values that are important in Scouting, and the leaders in the background are vital!"





“In the beginning I was the youngest, now we need to recruit younger people to help...”

Creating a new future

"We have constantly needed to re-invent the WSF to meet the needs of World Scouting – and so we invented the Honours Programme in the 1980s, the Regal Circle in 2005, we introduced Project Funding in 2010, we helped implement Messengers of Peace since 2001, and now we are about to launch the global Scout Donation Platform – reaching out to over 500 million Scout alumni alive today."

In the summer of 2017, the Scout Donation Platform will be launched, inspired by His Majesty's challenge to innovate. This platform will help to reach out to the 500 Scout alumni today, and many more millions of parents and friends of Scouting.

The platform will inspire our alumni to get involved - as a philanthropist, a volunteer, a leader, who knows!

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Project

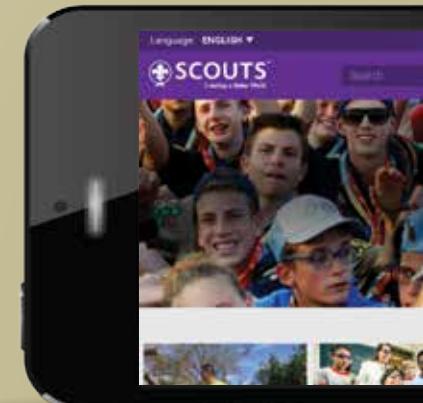
Scouts identify a need in their local community and launch a Project on the Scout Donation Platform



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Actively Connected

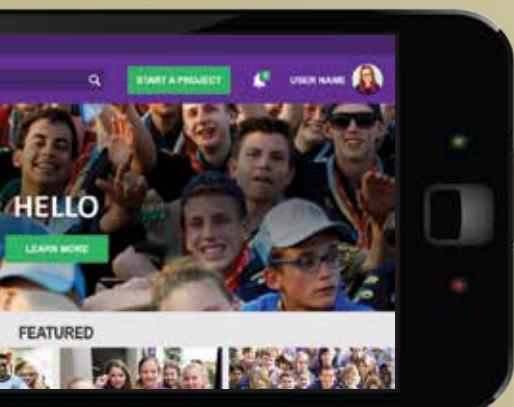
The platform showcases the project by engaging more than 500 million Scout alumni, parents and friends on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter or face to face



500 MILLION

Scout Donation Platform

Transforming Communities



03

ACT - SCOUT - REPEAT

More projects are launched, more investors are engaged more communities are impacted. News travels through social media

05

Inspire

The Scout group reports on the impact of the project

- Other Scouts follow their example
- Investors are inspired to do more

04

Invest

Investors provide funds for the project, joining a group of supporters



The screenshot shows a project page on the 'SCOUTS' website. The page features a purple header with 'LOG IN' and 'SIGN UP' buttons. The main content includes a photo of a group of scouts, a progress bar showing '\$3,200 USD' raised out of '\$12,000' over '30 days left', and a 'DONATE' button. Below the photo, there's a summary: 'Let's dry their world. Help scouts by funding their helping activities.' The summary text is placeholder text: 'Body Copy. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Donec eget purus non justo posuere gravida eget id nibh. In hac habitasse platea dictumst. Praesent congue finibus lorem, ut pulvinar libero egestas id. Curabitur rhinellus est, rhoncus non nulla sed fermentum blandit ligula. Etiam est turc, ullamcorper in sem ac, finibus congue ac. Aliquam suscipit lobortis odio, a vehicula laoreet.' There are two sections of placeholder text under 'PERKS' with 'GET THIS PERK' buttons: 'Good Deed' and 'Helping Hand'. The 'Good Deed' perk has a placeholder image of a group of scouts. The 'Helping Hand' perk also has a placeholder image of a group of scouts.

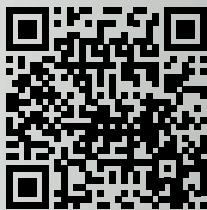
SCOUT ALUMNI

Leadership videos

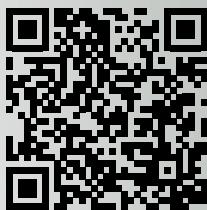
His Majesty inspired a series of videos on Values Based Leadership in Scouting. Each of these Scouts went on to achieve greatness and they each credit Scouting as a key learning experience that shaped their values and their attitude. Scan the QR code to be impressed.



His Majesty, King of Sweden
“Anyone can be a leader”



Rex Tillerson, Secretary of State, USA
“Young people who experience Scouting will be a better community member, family member and leader”



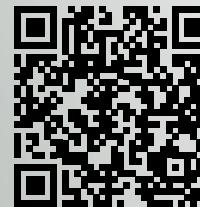
Björn Wahlroos, Chairman, Nordea
“Scouting develops a strong sense of your own abilities, it pushes your boundaries and offers a direction. You become a leader...”





Lars Kolind, Entrepreneur, Chairman and Owner Kolind A/S

"Developing leadership in Scouting taught me how to get the most out of my team, motivate people and setting goals...all of the work a CEO needs to do"



Jim Turley, Former Chairman and CEO, Ernst & Young

"Leaders I have met all around the world have integrity and respect...these are things you learn as a Scout"



Leif Johansson, Chairman, Ericsson

"Scouting is very good from a leadership point of view...you have good leaders as your own role model and you get the ability and opportunities to develop as an individual"



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Governance

The Board of the World Scout Foundation met twice in 2016. The first meeting took place in Melbourne in March and the second meeting in Riyadh in November. During the Riyadh visit, the Board reviewed progress on the Messengers of Peace Initiative with the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, HM King Salman, and discussed plans for the next phase of this important initiative. In addition, the Board met with HRH Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, together with representatives of Alwaleed Philanthropies, led by HRH Princess Lamia al Saud to discuss progress in the cooperation between these two foundations. HRH Prince Turki bin Abdullah welcomed the Board to the newly opened King Abdullah International Foundation Headquarters in Riyadh for a celebration of the successful collaboration between the King of Sweden and the late King Abdullah in the Messengers of Peace Initiative. HRH Prince Bandar bin Abdullah spoke of his visit to the World Jamboree in Japan and laid plans for future cooperation.

The Audit Committee met once in March, the Nominations Committee met twice once in March before the Board Meeting and once in December in Paris and the Investment Committee met in total three times in 2016.

Key decisions taken by the Board during this year include, to:

- Approve the annual grant to WOSM in the amount of US\$ 3.2 million
- Reappointment the following Board Members: Mr Wayne Perry, Mr Lars Kolind, Mr Fredrik Gottlieb, Mr Suk-Won Kim, Dr Eberhard von Koerber and Dr Derek Pollard.
- Present to the King of Saudi Arabia the proposal for the MoP Initiative 2.0
- Approve the 71st BP Fellowship Event to take place in Mexico in 2018.
- Appoint HRH Prince Guillaume of Luxembourg, Geoff Morgan and Kent Clayburn as members of the Board.
- Appoint Mr Kent Clayburn as Chairman of the Investment Committee.

The team welcomed Mrs Genevieve Erasmo as Event & Administration Assistant in Geneva.



HM King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden at the King Abdullah International Foundation in Riyadh



HM King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden and Siegfried Weiser discuss joint projects with HRH Prince Alwaleed bin Talal and HRH Princess Lamia al Saud

"2016 was certainly a good year for the Foundation!" reports Lars Kolind, WSF Chairman-Elect. The Foundation received USD 3.07 million in cash donations (2015: USD 2.5 M), a further USD 700,000 in pledges contributions mainly destined for the Australia fund (which for tax reasons is not recorded in the WSF accounts) raised at the Melbourne Event, and pledges of USD 2 million from two new Regal Circle Members. Due to careful management of the investment portfolio the total assets of the Foundation now is almost USD 69 million, despite continuing to provide significant grants to Scouting worldwide.

"The Foundation hosted three major events during the year. Together with eighteen Honours Programme Members we participated in a Field Visit to Iceland. The participating members donated an additional USD 15'000 to the Aurora Solidarity Operations of the World Scout Moot. The visit also resulted in 3 further upgrades to higher Circles in the Honours Programme as well as 3 new young BP Fellows.

"John Leece and Geoff K. Morgan hosted the 69th BP Fellowship Event in Melbourne in March 2016. During the event participants witnessed a fantastic example of modern Scouting in a thriving city. The event raised USD 700k in donations and we had the opportunity to meet up with some impressive prospective High Value Investors.

"In November, HM King Salman assured our Honorary Chairman of His commitment to continue support for Messengers of Peace Initiative.

"Siegfried Weiser – the WSF Immediate Past Chairman – hosted the Annual Regal Circle Dinner in Paris where 2 new members joined.

"To our kind supporters and all who worked hard to come to this result I can only say Thank You! Your dedication and support to over 40 million Scouts is fantastic!"

Raising the funds



Geoff Morgan welcomed on to the WSF Board at the Regal Circle Dinner in Paris, 2016, which he attended with his wife Ros.



HM King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden and Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques HM King Salman

In recent years World Scouting has become a highly interesting investment prospect, thanks to a number of developments:

First, we can now quantify the global impact of Scouting at a community level with a crude, but effective measure. By using the simple online measure, the number of service hours recorded by Scouts online, we can see that since 2013 over 750 million hours of service have been carried out by close to 25 million Scouts in over 6 million projects – all verified before going on line. We can clearly see the impact of the Messengers of Peace Initiative and the output of smaller projects funded by other sources, and run by nation or local Scout groups – no matter where in the world.

Second, we can measure the performance of National Scout Organisations against a globally acceptable benchmark – the SGS NGO Benchmark. Using these standards we can now identify a start point for a capacity building process, and monitor progress after an investment is made.

Third, we can clearly follow the flow of funds to projects worldwide, and thanks to a global project management system which has been tried, tested and matured for five years now resulting in a much improved reporting of impact, resource used and human interest.

Lastly, all these successes have given Scouting a greater confidence in working in partnership with other stakeholders; investors, beneficiaries, operational partners and beneficiary groups.

A wonderful example of this took place in Riyadh in October 2016. Alwaleed Philanthropies (AP), a long-term partner of Scouting, hosted a WOSM workshop which brought together National Scout Organisations who are active in Disaster Management. Twenty four countries were present, and together with the AP team, the workshop produced a manual of 'Good Practice' which can be replicated by Scouts elsewhere. The AP team were really impressed

and have not only agreed to continue funding Scouts around the world, but are also keen to increase funding to Scouts in particularly disaster prone regions – helping them with Disaster Preparedness programmes. Scouts are not the Red Cross. But they are a very effective, well trained and well-disciplined community network of leaders, ready for action when their community needs them most.

AP also introduced the WOSM team to two of their partners – the Humanitarian Leadership Academy and Save the Children International – which has led to a very positive collaboration which will lead to training for hundreds of Scout leaders in humanitarian action. We have regularly used the term 'multiplier' related to community projects between Scout groups but it also works for investors. Because AP made the introduction another partner would now like to support Scouts in disaster prone areas as well!!

David, Hana, Brunel, Riad and the team in WOSM need to take a bow for their leadership of this process. But the real stars were the representatives of NSOs who could speak confidently from the heart, of their genuinely positive action, recorded online as MoP community projects, in organisations which are seen by outsiders as credible and effective partners.

And of course HRH Princess Lamia al Saud and Dr Nauf al Rauf of AP need to take a bow for helping us get there!

What a great investment!

John Geoghegan

Multiplying your investments



Alwaleed Philanthropies Dr Nauf al Rauf thanks Ramazan Kartal from the Turkish Scouts, for the Turkish Scouts' amazing work with refugees.

Financial summary

"2016 has been a challenging year for investors worldwide but despite the challenges, the Foundation's investment portfolio returned +5.2% on investments (-2.9% in 2015) slightly behind the Blended Benchmark", Rob Woolford, the World Scout Foundation's Chairman of the Investment Committee, reports. The Foundation's assets (including funds held abroad) stood at just under USD 69 million on 31st December 2016 – down from just under USD 70 million the previous year, this is because the donation from the King of Saudi Arabia for the Messengers of Peace Initiative has been accrued and every year the USD 2 million spent on Scout projects worldwide is being deducted.

Regardless of the downward trend of the assets of the Foundation, the income of donations received in 2016 went up to USD 3.07 million (2016: USD 2.56 million) mainly due to an increase in project funding related donations. As a result of this the Board has been able to continue its grant-making to World Scouting by providing USD 5.7 million in 2016 (2015: USD 8.6 million). Since 2012 over 6 million projects have been carried out by 24 million Scouts delivering 750 million service hours to communities worldwide.

In a joint effort to streamline the grant-making further and to increase the accountability, the WSB and the Foundation agreed that from 2014 onwards all Annual Grants are subject to a signed Grant Agreement. With the careful introduction of more project funding for donors the on-line project management system, which has been adopted by the Foundation and WOSM, has proven its worth in handling the increasingly more complex and diverse regime of grant-making.

The Foundation's administration and staff costs remain covered by a special fund established by a small group of existing donors. This means that every new gift to the Foundation goes entirely to Scout projects.

No fees or expenses are paid to Officers or Members of the Board or of its sub-committees.

The World Scout Foundation is an independent, not for profit, charitable organization, established under Swiss law, and also independently recognized under the laws of Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, United Kingdom and United States of America (501(c)3). Contributions to the Foundation, in these and other countries, are regularly made through National Scout Organizations. And, PricewaterhouseCoopers audit the World Scout Foundation accounts and financial statements, annually.

The complete audited financial statements are available; please contact the World Scout Foundation Office in Geneva for a copy.



Support from the WSF has enabled disaster response training delivered in partnership with the IFRC in Nepal.

Funds Raised

(Millions of US Dollars)
Firm pledges, donations and cash received



The WSF Assets

(Millions of US Dollars)



Grants to Scouting

(Millions of US Dollars)



Thanks to our Investors

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Reporter - Thomas Frostberg

Thomas Frostberg, our lead reporter this year has served as a national leader in Swedish Scouting for many years, and is an active member of WOSM's Communications and External Relations team. He is a member of the Swedish Chapter of the World Baden-Powell Fellowship and has been recognised by His Majesty as a member of the WSF Honours Programme. He has personally recruited many BP Fellows and members of the HP as well.

By profession Thomas is a journalist at Dagens Nyheter in Sweden.



Photographer - Yoshi Shimizu

The man behind the camera is Yoshi Shimizu, a photo-journalist who has carried out missions for the WSF since 2002. Yoshi has travelled on nearly every international trip carried out by His Majesty as Honorary Chairman, (but he did lose a competition to photograph a sunset in the Omani desert to His Majesty in 2009). When not with WSF, Yoshi works in the field for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent, for the UN, WHO and many other international organisations and NGOs.

