

# Make A Smile

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Make A Smile is a registered charity that helps and supports local children and disadvantaged youngsters in the community. The charity was set up by local business owners Tony & Lucy Grande to provide food and other essentials primarily to the ~~Emma's~~ homes in the area. Rather than rattle buckets, Make A Smile believes in being pro-active when it comes to fundraising and providing for the needs of the youngsters.



Tony Grande  
*Founder*

Tony whose father was Spanish was brought up in England and came to live permanently in Spain in 1962. Co-owner of a well established business, The Bed Centre in Calpe. Tony felt there was a need to connect a very generous foreign community to projects and local associations here that needed help.



Lucy Rowat Grande  
*President & Co-Founder*

Apart from owning and running a busy furniture (bed) shop in Calpe, she co-ordinates all charity business. Lucy came to live in Spain in 1981 and has run various businesses in Calpe and surrounding areas.



Suzette Jennings  
*COO*

Busy mother of two, Suzette organises the volunteers and raises awareness in her area with local businesses and the community. If something is happening within Make A Smile, Suzette is "on it" with total commitment and enthusiasm.

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Children from The Lady Elizabeth visit the project

**The Relleu Self Sufficiency Project** Make A Smile has created a farm on disused land at one of the homes. This provides occupational therapy for the 24 mentally challenged youngsters in residence there and is run by volunteers. Visits from local school children are encouraged. The children plant seeds, tour the land and our team provide questionnaires and refreshments.



With the funds donated earlier this year:

The charity has invested in 200 fruit trees for the project, fertiliser, 10,000 small vegetable plants, 60 chickens (which give us 180 eggs per week), and an automatic drinking water system for them, an irrigation system for the greenhouse and diesel for the tractor



## WHAT WE NEED



The Vegetables that the project produce are now feeding both the mentally challenged unit with 24 residents and staff and also the children's home. The excess vegetables and eggs are sold to the general public thus raising funds to buy meat, fish and other essentials for the homes.

### What we need next

Our tractor is on it's last legs and has been mended so many times that we don't think it will last much longer. The tractor is an essential part of the farm as without it we would not be able to farm the large areas we do now. We would like to part-exchange this one for a newer model.

We would like to replace some of the farm tools.

Replacing parts of the irrigation system would be a priority for the potato and winter crops.

We will be planting winter crops throughout the autumn so help with these could benefit the project (10,000 seedlings)

Building more chicken pens and buying more chickens would mean we could stagger the ages of the chickens so we would have a new batch of laying hens when the first ones cease laying.

We would like another 400 fruit trees for the orchard this year.

The olive oil we produce at the cooperative is selling well so bottles and labels for the next olive pressing in the autumn are on our list.



### Make A Smile is raising funds by:

- Selling vegetables, olive oil and eggs from the Reteu Self Sufficiency Project
- Recycling furniture and household items.
- Collecting small change and distributing collecting tins to bars and businesses in the community
- Holding fundraisers like concerts, fairs and markets, coffee mornings, sponsored sports events, skydiving etc.
- Working with the business community and asking for monthly donations.
- Sponsoring olive trees and chickens at the farm, issuing certificates and keeping people in touch with the project.
- Manning pop-up shops and starting our own charity shop in Benissa.



## Funds Raised and Spent in 2015/16

Make A Smile had a very successful 2015 spending most of it's income on food and essentials for the homes, developing the Self Sufficiency Project, education and extracurricular activities for the children during holidays.



## 2016

We have raised and spent €83.266,88 in the first half of 2016 with €28,886.49 on food, 14.763.52 on the Self Sufficiency Project with the rest going to education, maintenance of the homes, utilities etc.

Income directly from the Self Sufficiency Project for 2015 was €7,784.97

In the first 6 months of this year the income directly from the Self Sufficiency Project is €8,649.92

All our income is directly and indirectly derived from the Self Sufficiency Project. Because we cannot talk about or show pictures of the children, the farm is an ideal tool to create awareness and interest from the community for our fundraisers and other projects.



# Gallery







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