



# **Child Life Line**

## **Newsletter Q2 2021**

**8 Lateef Onigemo Street, Ifako, Gbagada, Lagos**

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:** with further lifting of COVID restrictions, the children no longer attend school on alternate days only but are back to daily classes.



**REUNITED:** 15 year old Waris, originally referred to CLL by the Ministry of Youth and Social Development, was reunited with his father.



CLL invited parents and family members of the children in the Ibeshe home to an interactive discussion and counselling session.

## PARENTS' FORUM

Family groups were encouraged to break out to share perspectives and experiences to build better understanding.



The compound of the residential home at Ibeshe was so badly flooded during the heavy rainy season that we had to evacuate one dormitory completely.

Huge **THANKS**, however, to **Alhaji Aliko Dangote, the Dangote Group and Libra Circle Limited**, who are building a terminal on the property next to ours, and who have come to our rescue by helping to drain the floodwater and constructing drainage on our land and all the way along the access road leading to our premises from the main Ibeshe road. We are very grateful.



Disastrous flooding!



Filling in the land after draining most of the water



Drainage construction under way

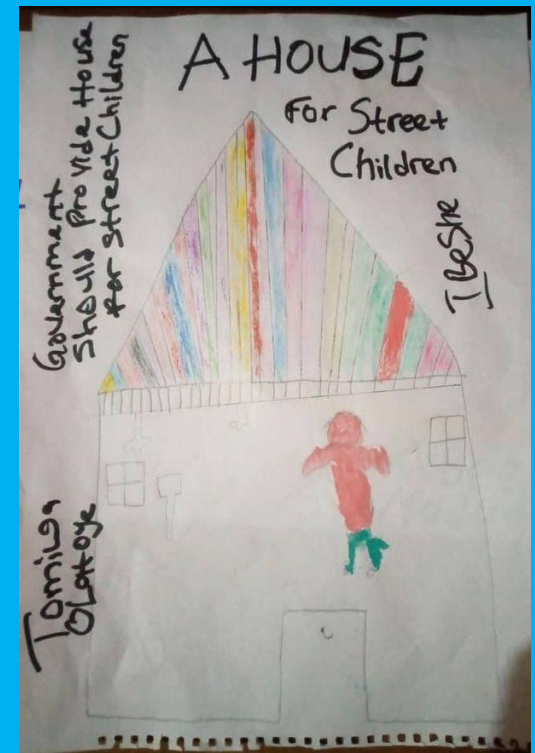


# INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR STREET CHILDREN



12<sup>th</sup> April marked International Day for Street Children – a day to raise awareness of the plight of children living on the streets and to provide them with a platform to speak out for their rights. This year’s theme was “Access to Essential Services”.

CLL marked the day at Ibeshe with a children’s workshop, facilitated by Mrs. Ronke Oyelakin, Lagos State Co-Ordinator of the Child Protection Network. The children were told about their rights and drew pictures of some of the services and facilities they felt they most need access to: a home, school, food, a library, hospital, water ...



# INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD



## CHILDREN'S DAY ...

As part of the Children's Day celebrations, Ibeshe children visited Nnamdi Kanu recreation park, Alausa; it was a fun filled day.

Four of our children at Ibeshe represented CLL at a program organized by the Child Protection Network to mark the day.

Children in the Oworo program also had fun in their community with talks, dance, play and games.



## DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD ...

CLL celebrated the International Day of the African Child by organizing a sensitization program in the schools attended by our beneficiaries. The theme of the celebration: their right to a good education, and the need for them to ensure that nothing stops them from getting a quality education.





# OWORO BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROJECT



A clay modelling class

All the children in the project are now attending school daily and are working hard to catch up on lost learning. CLL staff follow up with their teachers to monitor progress.

After school classes run by CLL are continuing, with new, extra-curricular activities introduced to keep the children busy and engaged. Some of the activities introduced were board games like Scrabble, modelling with clay, basic training in First Aid and interactive talks on children's rights and good behaviour.

- **This project is supported by Consortium for Street Children/Red Nose Day USA and Ford Foundation**

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## OWORO BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROJECT CONTD....



### SKILLS ACQUISITION/TRAINING

Skills acquisition training continued for parents of Oworo project beneficiaries with workshops on how to make liquid soap and on gele tying/make up artistry.

Hand in hand with learning these practical skills, they were also sensitized on effective parenting skills.



### STAKEHOLDERS' FORUM

CLL met with community leaders and parents to get their input and feedback on the program, discuss issues affecting their children's academic progress and behaviour and to encourage them to get more involved in their children's lives and activities.



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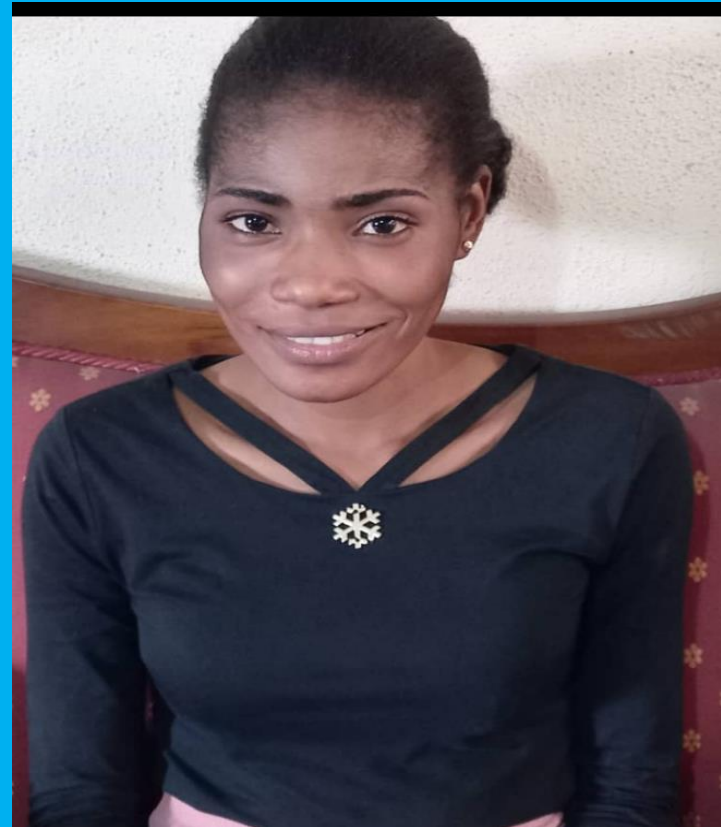
THANK YOU to Lions Club of Ipakodo who visited the Ibeshe Centre in the company of their project coordinator and other members. They donated clippers and items for use in barbing to empower and encourage the boys to be self reliant and self sufficient.

THANK YOU also to the Nigerian Youth Corp members attached to Ikorodu Local Government who also visited the boys to announce their intention of providing ICT training for the children.





CLL welcomes Mr Kennedy Amagong, who recently joined as the resident Social Worker at Ibeshe, and Miss Oluwaseun Aminat Salami, a Volunteer with the Oworo Project.



# In Memoriam – Chief B.O. Benson, S.A.N.

We mourn the passing of Chief Babatunde Olusola Benson, S.A.N., on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. His accomplishments in the legal world are well known but he will be remembered equally for his philanthropy. He gifted CLL the land at Ibeshe on which the residential home for boys is located, and presided over CLL as Chairman of the Board of Trustees from 2004 to 2015. He was a true gentleman and role model.

May his soul Rest in Perfect Peace!



Chief and Chief (Mrs.) Benson at a CLL Christmas party



Chief Benson (seated centre) with CLL Trustees, Executive, staff and children at the Ibeshe home



# HOW YOU CAN HELP

## WE STILL NEED

- **Sponsors for tuition fees/vocational skill training for individual children**
- **MONEY**
- **Art materials (especially plain fabric or T-shirts for tie-and-dye and batik work)**
- **Laptops, Desktops, Printer/scanner**
- **Children's games**
- **Foodstuff**
- **Toiletries**
- **Books (educational or novels)**
- **Clothing**
- **Project Financing/Support: Help with road repairs to the track leading to the Ibeshe Home; renovation of the staff quarters and kitchen/dining block**
- **Diesel for the generators at Gbagada and Ibeshe**
- **Volunteers to teach and conduct activities with the children (art, craftwork, music, other learning activities)**

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