



Child Life Line

Newsletter
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3, Karimu Street, off Sholuyi, Gbagada, Lagos

ENGAGING STREET CHILDREN

At the drop-in Reception Center, a range of activities nurture growth and development: educational films, numeracy and literacy classes, and counseling sessions.

Consistent counseling and emotional support ensure the children feel heard and understood. We strive to empower them with knowledge, skills, and a strong moral compass, leading to a brighter future.

50 children visited this quarter: 3 were reunited with family and 1 child was referred to the Rehabilitation Home, Ibeshe.



REFERRAL

W (13), ran away from home to Oshodi. He visited the Center complaining about his situation and the lack of care and support provided by his grandparents with whom he had been living – the reason he ran away. In counseling, it became evident that W needed immediate rescue.

His grandparents were contacted: his grandmother came, but emphasized their inability to provide for W and consented for CLL to take over his care. He has been referred to the Ibeshe Home and is now undergoing rehabilitation in preparation for starting school.



REUNIFICATION

A (16) and B (15 years old) are both from the same community in Ogun State. A faced neglect at home and was persuaded by B that life would be better on the streets of Lagos. The harsh realities of street life, however, led them to seek help at our drop-in center in May. Through several counseling sessions, they decided to return home and CLL successfully reunited both with their families. Our follow-up with the family shows that they are doing well at home: A has resumed school, and B has begun an apprenticeship.

A third child, C (15) who has been on and off the streets of Lagos, was guided to our center by a concerned staff member. He was rescued from the streets and his father was contacted. They were happily reunited, but CLL will continue to support his transition and wellbeing back home.



GRADUATION CEREMONY

Peter Dosu celebrated his graduation from Bukdel College in July, after eleven years with CLL. He proudly received his testimonial, marking his successful completion of secondary education. He plans to continue with further studies in computer programming.



BECE EXAM SUCCESS

Two boys triumphantly completed their BECE (Junior Secondary School) exams. Their dedication and resilience were visible as they embarked on their journey into Senior Secondary School, guided by the promise of a brighter future.



REINTEGRATION

Emmanuel Ogunbiyi (17), was with CLL for six years and has just completed his Junior Secondary Education.

His reunification with his father, after he completed his BECE exam, was a joyful moment, as we witnessed the power of family and the impact of our work in restoring connections.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES



During the holidays, our focus was on nurturing the children's emotional well-being and preparing them for the upcoming academic session. Counseling sessions, both group and individual, were conducted to address their specific needs and concerns and set goals for the new academic year.



The children expressed their creativity through arts and crafts, painting, and pastry-making. They also enjoyed games and sports, promoting teamwork and physical fitness, and harvested the maize they had planted earlier in the year..

WORLD YOUTH DAY

The older boys at the Rehabilitation Home attended a seminar hosted by the Lions Club in commemoration of World Youth Day with the theme "Navigating Economic Challenges; unlocking Opportunities for Strong Financial Management".



EKOSHA ART CONTEST

Peter Dosu, who was a finalist at the Eko Social Health Alliance (EKOSHA) art contest held in June, was invited by the Permanent Secretary of Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA), Mrs. Emmanuella Samba as one of 19 'ambassadors' of the EKOSHA Art Contest to a one-day picnic in September, at Ikeja City Mall. They watched a movie at Silverbird Cinema and played games at the Mall.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROJECT, OWORONSHOKI



GOOD NEWS: SIX (6) CHILDREN IN OUR PROJECT GRADUATED FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL

In July, the Oworo 'Back to School' Project achieved a significant milestone, three years from the start of the project. We joined the pupils sponsored by CLL in their schools, to celebrate the end of the school session. The highlight of the day was honoring the graduating pupils from primary six in the various schools. Six of the children that CLL placed back in school three years ago, graduated across the five schools in which we have children. It was a joyous occasion that showcased the transformative power of education, and we remain dedicated to supporting these young minds on their journey to a brighter future.



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HOLIDAY PROGRAM

CLL organized a program of activities for the Oworonshoki community children throughout the holidays. They were taught crafts, played games and took part in other life skills activities alongside their remedial academic lessons.



PARTNERSHIP

Many Oworonshoki community members had their houses demolished by the government in August. CLL joined other members of the Child Protection Network, Lagos Chapter to provide relief materials (food, clothing and toiletries) to people whose houses were demolished, including many families with young children.



WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS - WALKING WITH NAPTIP

CLL staff, led by our Program Manager, Yemi Aileru, marched beside NAPTIP and other NGOs on an awareness campaign to mark this year's World Day Against Trafficking in Persons with the theme 'Reach every Victim of Trafficking, leave no one behind'.



TRAINING

Staff attended training in July on basic financial management; home tracing; data and image management; communications; report writing and leadership.



The Program Manager participated in training organized by the Child Protection Network, Ikorodu chapter, in collaboration with Coopt Solutions, on how to adopt digital technology to enhance productivity, measure impact and store data.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PLANS (CDP)

Staff came together in September to put together, or to review the implementation of (and adjust where necessary), the CDP for each child in CLL's care.

The objectives of a CDP are clear: addressing each child's academic performance and potential, career goals, behavior, and family reintegration plans.



VISITS

We are grateful for visits to our children at Ibeshe by the **Al-memunat Society** whose members encouraged the boys to be focused, stay away from bad company, and work towards achieving their dreams and aspirations in life.

The Muslim Congress (TMC), their brother organization, also visited as part of their program to celebrate their 30th year of existence. The President and Secretary encouraged the children to aspire high, not allow their past to affect their present and future, and to make the best use of every opportunity.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR BAJOMO

Mr. Femi Bajomo shared his birthday celebrations with us by sending us a big cake! The staff and children expressed their gratitude by making a heartfelt card to thank him. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the treat!

Thank you!



TORTUGA FRIGATE

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Tortuga Frigate, led by Comrade Olalekan Pelumi, for their generous donation to our center. Your support makes a significant difference in the lives of the children under our care. Thank you!



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DONORS THIS QUARTER



THANK YOU TO THE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS LISTED BELOW who have given GENEROUSLY this quarter, in the form of money, basic necessities such as food and toiletries, healthcare or other services.

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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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