



Child Life Line

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



ENGAGING STREET CHILDREN

The last quarter of the year was busy with activities as donors and well-wishers visited to engage with the children, make donations, and participate in year-end events. The children continued with basic learning activities, complemented by regular group and individual counseling sessions.

59 children - 51 boys and 8 girls - visited the drop-in centre this quarter. Of these, 2 boys were referred to CLL's rehabilitation home at Ibeshe, Ikorodu, while one was reunited with his family. A further 21 children were reunited with their families through a collaboration between CLL and another NGO, Chess in Slums.



REUNIFICATION

F, 14, from Ibadan, Oyo State, sought refuge at the drop-in center on October 11. Afraid of punishment for his misbehaviour, he ran away from home. Following counseling, he realised the negative impact of living on the street and wanted to return home.

Our team headed to Ibadan to find his parents and to reunite him with them. Happily, we found F's mother and grandfather, who were overjoyed to welcome him home.

His mother was grateful to CLL and pledged to enroll him in vocational training. CLL will continue to follow-up and ensure that he is fully reintegrated with family and learning a skill that will help him secure a better future.

COLLABORATION WITH CHESS IN SLUMS

Chess in Slums approached CLL seeking a partnership to facilitate the reunification of street children who had participated in a chess tournament, with their families. 21 children were brought to CLL and, through our family tracing efforts, and intervention with and counseling of family members, they were all successfully reunited with their respective families through this joint effort.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD

CLL marked the International Day of the Girl Child with interactive talks and discussion on the theme of the year: “Invest in girls’ rights, our leadership, our well-being”. The children being supported in our Oworonshoki back-to-school project were keen participants in all the discussions.





FSDH MERCHANT BANK VISIT CLL

On October 11, a team of five, led by the Managing Director of First Security Discount House (FSDH) Merchant Bank, Mrs. Bukola Smith, visited the Gbagada drop-in centre. FSDH is a long-time supporter of and donor to CLL. The team was welcomed by CLL's President, Sally Udoma, former President Essie Gomez, CLL alumnus and Executive Committee member, Idris Jamiu, and CLL management staff.

The visitors were given a tour of the facility and provided insights into the organisation's services. The FSDH team was impressed by CLL's dedication to rescuing children from the streets, expressed admiration and pledged their continued support.



MCKINSEY DAY OF SERVICE

McKinsey staff celebrated the company's Day of Service in November, spending time with the children at CLL's drop-in centre. Mrs Yemi Aileru, CLL Program Manager, warmly welcomed them, and spoke about CLL's mission. It was an enriching experience for the children, as Mckinsey staff gave valuable mentoring sessions on the significance of education and setting career goals.. It was also a fun, lively and engaging day, with indoor games such as scrabble, chess, ludo, and PS4 played in groups with the McKinsey team, fostering easy interactions among the participants.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks by a representative of the boys, and a rendition by another, Habeeb, with his Fuji-style appreciation song marking a heartwarming conclusion to the event.



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END OF THE YEAR PARTY

CLL celebrated its annual end-of-the-year party on December 19. The program, sponsored and skillfully anchored by the staff of Pierrine Consulting, featured opening remarks from CLL's Program Manager, outlining the organisation's successes and challenges during the year.

The event highlights included talented presentations by the children, a motivational talk, dance and spelling competitions, the ceremonial cutting of the cake, and the presentation of gifts to the children by the dedicated staff of Pierrine Consulting and the ever-festive Santa Claus.



GLOWFUX CHARITY CONCERT

The boys from our Ikorodu home were invited to attend the highly anticipated annual Glowfux charity concert on December 28 at Elegushi Beach. Children from different homes were brought together, to take part in a variety of exciting activities and competitions.

Notably, Olatoye Tomiwa's participation in a game during last year's concert earned him an award of a scholarship for Child Life Line. This scholarship granted him access to a free year-long coding program provided by Epeetech Solution. Six children participated in the coding class and, having completed the program, they were proudly presented with certificates during this year's Glowfux charity concert.





EKO SOCIAL HEALTH ALLIANCE (EKOSHA)

A team from Eko Social Health Alliance (EKOSHA) visited the Ibeshe Home on October 28 on a mission connected to the EKOSHA Art Contest that Peter Dosu had participated in. As part of a video documentary to be used in their fundraising programme scheduled for December, Peter was interviewed on what inspires him to draw and the lessons he learnt from the art contest.

Peter and others that took part in the art contest will be invited to the fundraising programme where their artwork will be displayed in order to attract more sponsors.



LASHMA FUNDRAISING EVENT

Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA) hosted a fundraising event on December 14th, featuring the EKOSHA (Eko Social Health Alliance) Children Art Ambassadors, including Peter Dosu. The artworks created during the EKOSHA Art contest were showcased for dignitaries in attendance.

As a gesture of appreciation and encouragement, each Art Ambassador, including Dosu Peter, was presented with a symbolic cheque. The cheque symbolized the opening of an account in their names, with the specific amount undisclosed, fostering a sense of achievement and financial empowerment for the talented young artists.



MID-TERM BREAK

The children at the Home enjoyed their one-week mid-term break and were fully engaged in various activities including interactive discussions covering topics like decision-making and self-esteem, as well as creative pursuits such as arts and crafts. They enjoyed playing games and tried their hand at baking and making pastries.



ACCESS ROAD TO THE HOME

In response to a letter addressed to their headquarters expressing concern over the condition of the road leading to the Home, a delegation from the Redeemed Children Church of God (RCCG) visited the Home on November 5, . Led by the Provincial Pastor of the church, the team comprised other pastoral members and individuals from the concerned Zone.

During their visit, discussions centered on the impact of the ditch constructed by the church at the beginning of the road and its effects, which has rendered vehicular access during the rainy season almost impossible. Following deliberations, the representatives, accompanied by the Program Manager, inspected the ditch and other areas of concern.

The Provincial Pastor and the accompanying team resolved to take proactive measures and committed to engaging a team of experts to assess the drainage system and propose a viable solution to mitigate the issue and ensure effective road access for the Rehabilitation Home.



STAFF OUTING

After a long year, it was time for the staff to unwind and strengthen their bonds outside the confines of the office on an outing at Elegushi Beach, which provided a serene setting for reflection, coupled with moments of joy and laughter. It served as a well-deserved break, allowing the team to relax and celebrate their collective efforts throughout the year.



DONORS IN Q4, 2023



Child Life Line would like to thank those individuals and firms who have given GENEROUSLY this quarter, in the form of money, basic necessities such as food and healthcare, or services. WE EXTEND OUR THANKS TO THE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS LISTED BELOW

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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, Security Cameras, Public address set
- 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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