

NEWS LETTER

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THE WOMEN'S HELPING HANDS INITIATIVE

TWHHI
-since 2006-

The Shelters

Work continues on the rescue and rehabilitation of victims of violence, sexual abuse and trafficking. Survivors are rehabilitated, with many settled and starting a new life with relevant life skills.

Services rendered at the shelter include: rehabilitation, medical, psycho-social counselling, vocational training and of course, feeding and accommodation. TWHHI shelter services are free for all residents.



The Transit Home skill acquisition training.



The Harbour residents in the skill acquisition training room.

About us

The Women's Helping Hand Initiative (TWHHI) was established in March 2006 as a nonprofit, non-governmental organization with the mission to help women wherever the need arises.

Our vision is to impact the society and promote gender equality, abolish abuse and empower women. TWHHI focuses on 5 major thematic areas.

MENTORING: TWHHI has developed several programs to mentor young adults to ensure they live productive lives and become positive influencers in their various communities.

REHABILITATION: TWHHI provides shelter services for young girls, women and children survivors of violence, abuse and trafficking.

EMPOWERMENT: Young adults and women are trained in skills that can easily be translated into an income. This has helped many women to fend for themselves and provide for their families.

AIDS AND SUPPORT: TWHHI supports community and organizations and directly impacts the lives of the women in such communities.

ADVOCACY: TWHHI advocates actively to different stakeholders on the issues affecting women and children through print, radio, visual media and our volunteers in every community.

Step Up

Step Up is a mobile skill acquisition program for women but not excluding men. Courses taught include basic sewing, soft furnishing, bag making, beadwork on fabric, make up and gels typing.

A new course was introduced, the "Shoe making" course. The second batch of this training is already in progress. This quarter of 2019, Step Up trained 245 students.



Student displaying his work to guests.



Shoe making graduation, Abeokuta. 30th of August, 2019.



Ongoing "Soft Furnishing" course, Osoogbo, Ogun State



Her Excellency, Mrs. Dolapo Osinbajo and Her Excellency, Mrs. Kafayat Oyedola, Wife of Ogun State Governor's visit during the training.

Step Up Training, 3rd Quarter 2019

S/N	Location	Training	Participants	Date
1	Abeokuta, Ogun	Shoe Making	45	19th - 30th August 2019
2	Osoogbo, Ogun	Soft Furnishing	200	30th Sept - Ongoing
TOTAL: 245				

Step Up "Class Meeting"

8th of June, 2019.

The meeting with 600 students from the April/May 2019 set held in Ikene, Ogun state. This was a gathering of all graduating students in the Remo area of Ogun State in this quarter to celebrate and listen to inspirational talks, financial seminar and other helpful resources.



Pastor Buki Jinaud (Wellspring Rehabilitation Centre), Dr. Joke Abiodun (TWHHI Psychiatrist), Mr. Likane Murikielele, Mama Trice Shumbusho (from Tanzania), Her Excellency, Mrs. Bamidele Abiodun, the First Lady of Ogun State, Her Excellency, Mrs. Dolapo Osinbajo, Mrs. Laolu Adufiba, Mrs. Yewande Amusan, Alhaja Jakande, Mr. Rotimi Alimnsanyu, Chairman Ikene LGA, Mrs. Bimbo Soyode and some Step Up alumni during the class meeting.



Cross section of class of April/May 2019 at the class meeting, ECCO Center, Ikene, Ogun State.

Step Up 2019, Ogun State Data

S/N	Location	Training	Participants	Date
1	Ikene Ogun	Beadwork on fabric	100	8th April - 18th April, 2019
2	Sagamu, Ogun	Soft Furnishing	100	8th April - 18th April, 2019
3	Irola, Ogun	Basic Sewing	100	8th April - 18th April, 2019
4	Ogere, Ogun	Basic Sewing	100	23th April - 3rd May, 2019
5	Ilsan, Ogun	Beadwork on fabric	100	23th April - 3rd May, 2019
6	Iperu, Ogun	Soft Furnishing	100	23th April - 3rd May, 2019
TOTAL: 600				

The Bookshelf

August is the Bookshelf "Book Reading Month". This focus is given at this time when children are on holiday with more time on their hands. Reading "a book a day" helps to expose the children to a wide variety of books in a short time, though they may be unable to finish each book, it creates a thirst for more. The different Bookshelf centres have a variety of programs for the children particularly at this time as well as throughout the year. TWHHI has set up "The Bookshelf" in 10 locations in Nigeria.



Mararaba Bookshelf Centre, Nasarawa State.



Residents from The National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) home join one of The Bookshelf meetings in Aguda House, Abuja.



TWHHI requests for book donations for "The Bookshelf". New and old books in good condition are welcome for the benefit of our young readers with thirsty minds. Please contact us to donate books, educational toys, stationary reading devices such as tablets, computers, laptops, electronic and other support for "The Bookshelf".

Milk Distribution

0-5years milk distribution program was set up in 2016 to assist the nutrition of young children. 365 children in various communities each get a weekly supply of milk. On milk sharing days, the children have access to a little play area and have fun.



Milk Distribution, Mararaba, Nasarawa.



Milk Distribution, Abeokuta, Ogun State.

Switch the Habit

These "After School Clubs" were birthed after the School Advocacy Campaign in 2018 to encourage school children to use their spare time productively and in a safe environment. TWHHI "Concerned Mothers" use the opportunity of these clubs to mentor the students, forming bonds that enable positive impact in their lives.

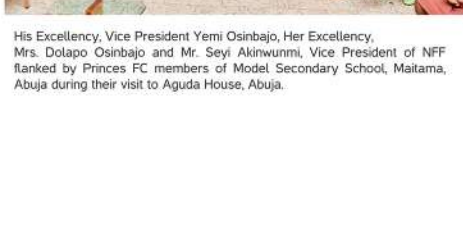
Switch the Habit project comprises of the Gardening Club, Football Club and the Arts and Craft Club. TWHHI currently has a Football Club in 10 schools and a Gardening Club in six schools within the FCT.

This quarter, an excursion was organized for the 6 schools in the Gardening Club. The Football Clubs in all 10 schools had a convention with officials of The Nigerian Football Federation (NFF) in attendance. The atmosphere was electric and very exciting. There were tips on training, mini football matches between schools, a hearty lunch and much more.

The football club visited His Excellency, Vice President FRN, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo and Her Excellency, Mrs. Dolapo Osinbajo in Aguda House, Abuja. So much fun running around in the garden, a real treat to meet the Vice President in Aso Rock!



Princesses FC of Model Secondary School, Maitama, Abuja in Aguda House.



His Excellency, Vice President Yemi Osinbajo, Her Excellency, Mrs. Dolapo Osinbajo and Mr. Seyi Akinwunmi, Vice President of NFF flanked by Princess FC members of Model Secondary School, Maitama, Abuja during their visit to Aguda House, Abuja.

Princes and Princesses FC joint training with officials of The Nigerian Football Federation (NFF) at Planet Futsal, Utako, Abuja.

8th May, 2019



Princesses FC of Model Secondary School, Maitama, Abuja in Aguda House.



Coach Mrs. Queen Algan (Assistant coach of Flamingos), Mr. Mojed Adegbindin (Board member, The Lagos State Football Association, LSFA) representing 1st Vice President of NFF Barr. Seyi Akinwunmi, Mrs. Funbi Olu Umonodak, Her Excellency, Mrs. Dolapo Osinbajo, Coach and ex international player, Mrs. Ann Chejine and Coach Bitrus Bewang, (Technical director, NFF) flanked by school coordinators and members.

Arts and Craft Club

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Junior Secondary School, Garki, Abuja.



School for the Deaf, Abuja.

Gardening club excursion to the Sarius Palmetum Garden, Abuja.

28th June, 2019



Students of Premier International School, Wuse 2, Abuja visit the Sarius Palmetum on the same day the Gardeners Summit meeting was held there. The students had lists of questions and it was great to have a photo opportunity too. From right: Mr. Adnan Adesoji, Mr. Michael Jayi, Dr. David Ladipo, Chief Bisi Rodge Gwa, Mrs. Toyin Adeniji, Prof. Kayode Oyediran, Her Excellency, Mrs. Dolapo Osinbajo, Her Excellency, Mrs. Ajoke Murtila Mohammed, Prof. Olu Odeyemi, Prof. Ayodele Abiodun Emmanuel and Dr. Fyrenzuwo.



Students of Festival Road Primary School, Garki. 25th June, 2019.



Students of Junior Secondary School, Karu. 26th June, 2019.



Students of Junior Secondary School, Kubwa. 26th June, 2019.



Students of Junior Secondary School, Hajj Camp, Gwagwalada. 27th June, 2019.



Students of Premier International School, Wuse 2. 28th June, 2019.



Students of Government Secondary School, Gwarimpa. 24th June 2019.

Concerned Mothers

Concerned Mothers is a mentoring with volunteers nationwide. Concerned Mothers meet regularly to share relevant information, train to sensitize others and offer practical help on relevant issues in their communities.

The Concerned Mothers meeting this quarter held in Lagos and Abuja on July 3rd and 5th, 2019 respectively. Continuing the work on the mission for the year, to work against sexual abuse and drug abuse in their communities nationwide.

Concerned mothers say - No! to Gender Based Violence, No! to sexual abuse and No! to drug abuse.



Concerned Mothers Meeting, Aguda House, Abuja. 3rd of July, 2019.

Care Ambassadors

The TWHHI capacity training program for teachers in public and private primary schools. TWHHI trains teachers to identify abuse in children and render timely help.

105 participants were trained by TWHHI in this quarter of the year. Topics for the sessions include Dynamics to Abuse, Sexual abuse, legal support, Psychosocial counselling support for school children and their parents.

After the training, they become our Care Ambassadors.



Care training lecture.

What We Do



Shelter I: The Transit Home



Shelter II: The Harbour

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