



CATHOLIC ACTION FOR STREET CHILDREN

CHANGES

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Dear Reader,

You are welcome to the next issue of our newsletter. We kick-off with reporting on changes and new developments especially at Hopeland, CAS' residential center located close to Suncity, Adjei Kojo area in Ashaiman in the Tema West District.

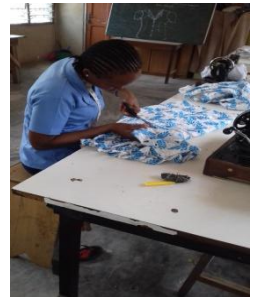
CHANGE

Few changes aimed at bringing in improvement and progress was introduced beginning October, 2021 by the new director. A new department known as EDUCATION & HEALTH was established with personnel appointed with new designation. Personnel were also transferred from Hopeland in Ashaiman to CAS Main office in Laterbiokorshie and vice versa.



PREPARATION & SPONSORSHIP

On the other hand, Hopeland, CAS' residential center located closed to Suncity, Adjei Kojo area in Ashaiman witnessed major face lift. Training centers were given facelifts and equipped with tools to run large scale apprenticeship training in dressmaking, pastries making and cookery. Each center has between 5-10 children. While some are already enrolled on the sponsorship programme, others are going through pre-sponsorship preparation and assessment.



FIELDWORK

Fieldwork resumes at Hopeland. Two teams (comprising of two to three streetworkers) share a weekly schedule to visit areas around Hopeland to invite children to the center. The children are allowed to take part in the pre-sponsorship preparation. Fieldwork and pre-sponsorship preparation focused mainly on recruiting urban poor children living in and around the area to benefit from the in-house apprenticeship trade



training sponsorship programme. This strategy was seen as part of the COVID-19 recruiting of new trainees' strategies.

COVID-19 VACCINATION

As part of 2021 December yuletide celebration for the children, CAS in partnership with Barnor Hospital, a private medical facility covid-19 vaccination team organized a day's vaccination for selected children & trainees who are 16years and above and have been recommended to take the jab by the government. After a brief education on all what the children's needs to know about the vaccine, those who willingly agree to go ahead and take the jab were vaccinated with the first dose of Pfizer vaccine. They were made aware that it was not compulsory to take the jab prior to the start of the vaccine. We had a total of 38 children who took the vaccine. Meanwhile, some of the staff who took the first dose of the same *Pfizer* vaccine early on joined this arrangement to complete the second dose.



INITIATIVES – HOPELAND

As part of one of the new initiative, CAS is considering renovating and expanding the dormitories for both boys & girls and training centers due to pressure on the existing infrastructure as a result of up-tick in numbers of children who visit the center daily to take part in the pre-sponsorship preparations processes to get enrolled on the sponsorship skill/trade training.

CAS has plans to visit churches to lobby for funds, visit or invite corporate bodies to support some of our initiatives in the coming months. We will continue to update you on progress as we move forward.



Thank you for taking time to read number 91 issue of our newsletter.

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