



YOUNG AND LONELY FOUNDATION

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YLF Newsletter

WHO WE ARE

A world full of opportunities where people become awoken to their awareness of the environment they live in and realize their actions and inactions contribute to "a just world without vulnerable children" that is what we do seek for. We therefore, cannot always make that big change as individuals but we can also offer that assistance as a family on a common platform. We all can make our voices heard and so of our contributions felt in the people that we wish to offer such assistance to.

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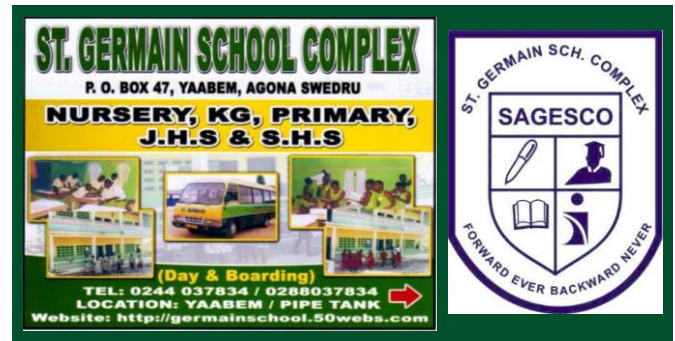
The Young and Lonely Foundation (YLF), has been struggling in running smoothly all their projects and programs but thanks to partners and donors, we are taking it step by step according to the donation, we are determined to ensure our activities are up and running. Our major focus currently is getting the Saint Germain School Complex back on track to ensure we continue to provide the quality formal and informal education to children under our care and the communities we operate. Also, we hope to establish other sustainable projects (i.e. Community farming) that can help our programs and activities become timeless.

We are happy to announce that, over the few months, donations from friends, individuals and people who believe in our goals have come in handy to support us in changing the narratives. We are gradually putting smiles and hopes back on faces of the hopeless. We are renovating the school complex (with the view of commencing early school January 2023). The impact of the donations so far received have saved our beneficiaries in many ways. The necessary payments are being done with your donations and we, YLF are very grateful. On behalf of all of the donations we say:

"Ye Da Hom Ase" (We Thank You)



Figure 2: Old-Site for the KG and Primary



Your donation is helping to save young girls who would have spent their evenings sleeping with men in order to save money for the next day's daily bread while learning a trade, children who have been home since the collapse of the school are having their hopes of starting school in January, families finding it difficult to feed their households due to the economic pressure of Covid-19 are being supported with food items and so are children under our care. All these people are having their dead hopes revived due to the support we receive from donors.



Figure 1: New-Site for the Technical / Vocational Training Center

In order to get the new site for the proposed vocational training center ready for our beneficiaries, renovation works of the frontage, ongoing.

The youths with interest in videography, radio and TV presenting, acting and drama, makeup, fashion etc. will be enrolled at Crystal Galaxy College for a reduced cost/fees per our successful arrangement with the institution. This has been long in coming and hope for our beneficiaries who are interested in learning employable skills is finally here. Needy beneficiaries of our women and youth program who wish to learn new skills, will have ignited inspiration with this arrangement with Crystal Galaxy



College. The compound is gradually taking shape for school activities.

EDUCATIONAL AID FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The Young and Lonely Foundation (YLF) with its major partner school, Saint Germain School Complex aims provide an enabling environment for children to enhance their full educational potential (since its establishment from 1992 by Madam Dorothy Eghan the mother of Mr. Gilbert Kofi Germain). We identify needy but brilliant children from vulnerable communities and enrol them in our school. Currently, our facility shelters about 27 children and provide them with all other basic things they need. Also, more than 50 children are supported through their families by helping pay their school fees, uniforms, sandals, learning materials, food etc. The Site for children playground cleared of it debris. We are yet to contact an engineer to redesign a child friendly playground. Painting of the school building in also ongoing as well as roads leading to the school is gradually taking shape for easy access.



Figure 2: Walkway to the old site (before)



Figure 3: Walkway to the old site (after)



Figure 4: Renovating/Painting in classrooms at the old-Site



Figure 5: Now playing ground, Painting work at the old-site

Painting works ongoing and classrooms getting ready for the kindergarten 1 & 2 pupils in the coming academic year calendar. This is a great relief knowing measures to reopen the school is gradually taking shape and the hope of stepping foot in the classroom brings an excitement to many of the in-house children and families within the community. We do receive calls from parents asking when school will be reopening to their children and that brings us joy and relief knowing we are being monitored and our efforts are being noticed.

The YLF team is overwhelmed with the great things little efforts can change in our society. So far, donations received has helped changed the face of the school; the classrooms renovation, painting, kindergarten tables and chairs, television, playground and many more as shown in the pictures. Our desire to do more has been awakened and to touch more lives is on course.



Some in-house kids excited with their new classroom



Figure 7: Sets of new tables and chairs readied for the kindergarten classrooms as well as a television set to arouse interest in learning.

20 Euros saves a Life

A happy Little Phiona safe and happily playing with her toys. Strong enough to take on the mantle of life ahead of her.

She was hospitalized from a convulsion attack and was supported through the payment of her hospital cost, with a 20 Euros donation (including the registration of her health insurance and other medical bills). At times, you do think 20 euros cannot do much in a child's life but there and then, little Phiona's life had to be saved with that same amount.

Thankfully, she is healthy and happily playing with her friends. No donations to YLF are small enough, as long as they are aimed directly at saving many children who might unfortunately be in situations like little Phiona's.



Cash Receipt No 0003028
Date: 22/10/2022
Received from: Phiona Nana Y. Amoakoh
The amount of: Two hundred And Seventy Ghana Cedis
Being part/Full payment: Medical Bill
Cash/Cheque No: _____
Ghc: 270.00

St. Joseph's Clinic
ASONA SHEDRA

Cash Receipt No 0003866
Date: 19/10/2022
Received from: Phiona Nana Amoakoh
The amount of: Thirty Ghana Cedis
Being part/Full payment: Labor
Cash/Cheque No: _____
Ghc: 30.00

St. Joseph's Clinic
ASONA SHEDRA

OFFICIAL RECEIPT No 001226
Day 19 Month 10 Year 22
Received from: Phiona Nana Y. Amoakoh
Sum of: Twenty Ghana Cedis
Cedis Pesewas
Payment for: Birdu & PPS
Cheque No. 25.00
Balance GHc: _____
Signature: _____

NHIS
OFFICIAL RECEIPT
Receipt No: AGN20210001195
Date: 20/10/2022 11:25 AM
Ref. from: AMOAKOH PHIONA NANA VIA
Date of Birth: 07-Jan-2021
Category: Children under 5 No. 00 Years: 1
Gender: F
Item: 158867076901
Amount: 8.00
Total: 8.00
Amount Paid: 8.00



Figure 8: Phiona's hospital bill receipts

WOMEN AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Our counselling sessions are organized for women and the youth to help reorient them. This, we believe will help them generate some income to enhance their livelihoods when they are out of school. We are happy to announce to have successfully reached an agreement to partner with Crystal Galaxy College to provide vocational training to our beneficiaries at a reduced cost.

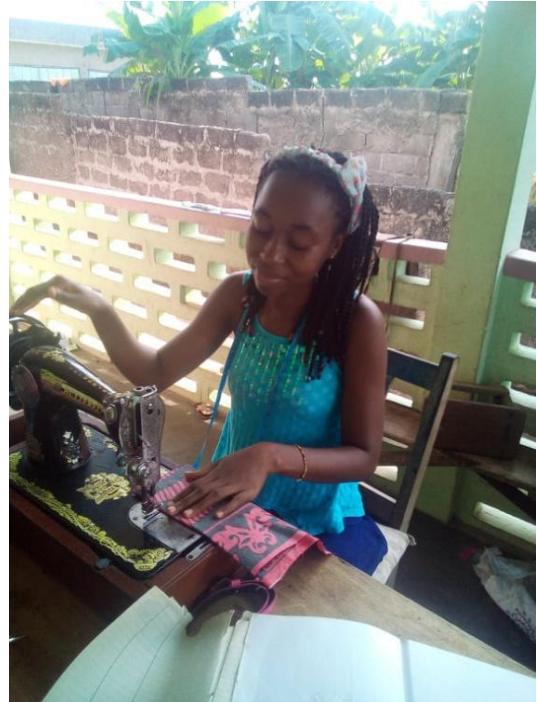


Figure 9: YLF apprenticeship beneficiaries

Through donations received, outstanding fees for successful apprenticeship have been paid. One set of Sewing machines successfully bought and presented for training. Our beneficiaries have benefited from monthly pocket money to support their feeding while training, as a result they do not become vulnerable to men who will take advantage them. This saves them from any distractions hindering their successful training. According to them, they can happily and peacefully concentrate on their skills training and not be victims to men who are waiting to take advantage of their situations.

Gifts (used phones, bags, clothes etc.) sent through us to our beneficiaries and children are duly received with smiles and appreciation. They can now live their lives free from violence and teenage pregnancies simply by trading sex for their needs and such items. Thankfully, they can now experience the global village through the world of internet in their hands and market their petty trading online (i.e whatsApp, Instagram, Facebook etc).



Figure 9: YLF apprenticeship beneficiaries

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT/ FOOD SECURITY

In making agriculture attractive among the youth, we offer various training programs for the communities we do operate in. Agriculture experts are invited to these communities to help them with modern practices to improve yields on their farms. Again, YLF is in the process of developing its own community farming through expert advisers and partners/fund raisers. We have, for some time now been buying directly from farm gates from the little donations we have received from our donors in feeding our kids. We hope to get more donors so we can realize our plan of having our own community farmland. This we believe will become a more sustainable way to take care of the food needs of our beneficiaries as well as supporting the organization in its day to day running through the trading of excesses from the farm.



Figure 10:

Our resource person from the agricultural department of the municipal engaging some of our farmers on practicing good farming methods in other to increase farm yield. This will help increase their yield to feed their families and sell surplus to take care of their households. This will become a life changing opportunity to farmers.



Figure 11:

Our CEO, Mr. Gilbert Germain engaging directly with farmers as he provides them with ready market. Buying directly from the farmers to feed in-house children while the farmers generate extra income for their households.



Figure 12:

Our Motivation: Challenges are everywhere but we look beyond the end results. Going to these villages come with it own adventure. On our way to some villages to visit some of our supporting families and this is what we encountered, but our motivation is deeply linked with making sure the hope of the hopeless is restored.

Thank You for helping us feed a child!



Young and Lonely Foundation in Partnership with St. Germain School Complex.

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The Child, Our Hope for the Future.