



Child Life Line

**Newsletter
Q3 2018**

8 Lateef Onigemo Street, Ifako, Gbagada, Lagos

Statistics for the 3rd Quarter, 2018

Total no of children that visited Gbagada Centre in Q3: 173

No of first time visitors: 56

Total no of visits: 844; Average no of visits per month: 281

No of children referred to other NGOs or to CLL Ibeshe: 9

No of children reunited with family: 17

No of children that received first aid or other health support: 20

Gbagada Trends

Q3 2018 recorded a small drop in the total number of children that visited the drop-in centre compared to the 2nd quarter but a 30.2% increase in first time visits. We hope that the professional services rendered at the Centre are paying off as more children are returned to family caregivers or given refuge at our residential home.

The last month of the third quarter also witnessed **a significant decrease in girls** coming to the drop-in centre compared to earlier months. In July, girls made up 16% of the numbers and by August, this had increased to 18%. However, their numbers declined to 5% of the total in September. The team continues to look at how to encourage more girls to use the Centre and equip them with relevant skills.

NEWS CHILDREN ...



MOVING UP ...

We are pleased that four of the boys at Ibeshe completed Junior Secondary School (JSS) at the end of the academic year in July, and will all be proceeding to the first year of Senior Secondary School (SSS1) in September.

In addition, four boys supported by CLL completed Senior Secondary School (SSS3) in July. Of these four, two were 'outreach' boys living with their families, but whose education is sponsored by CLL, and two were resident at CLL's Ibeshe Home. Three of the boys are seeking admission into higher institutions: two to a polytechnic and one to university. The fourth has not taken JAMB but will take it next year, and in the interim will be encouraged to explore vocational training.

AND ON ...

We are also happy to report that two recent CLL alumni (one having finished his National Youth Service, and the other having completed his National Diploma course) have found employment in the IT sector. We are proud of them, and wish them all the best in their future careers and endeavours!

NEWS CHILDREN ... IBESHE



HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The Children benefited from a rich combination of activities to keep them engaged during the summer break, with events such as a Careers Day (our sincere appreciation to all the volunteers who came to talk about their various careers), an outing to MTN's M.Pulse Planet day at the Landmark Event Centre, a trip to the Lekki Conservation Centre, competitions and games. A team from Bestman Games was invited to teach the children how to play Monopoly, using the Lagos City Monopoly boards. To general delight, the children's team eventually defeated their tutors! They were also invited by the African Cycling Federation to watch the School Cycling challenge at the Teslim Balogun Stadium.

Our thanks to Mrs Alade-Adeyefa who spoke to the children about how they can change their lives for the better through education and supervised the book club activities: the children read and reviewed Chinua Achebe's "Things Fall Apart" and "Think Big" by Ben Carson, wrote poetry, and wrote and presented a drama.



SUCCESS STORIES

*E is a ten years old boy living with his parent in Ofa, Ilorin. He heard about Lagos for the first time when he heard people on his street talking of the city. To satisfy his curiosity, he made up his mind to know what makes the city so amazing and then expressed himself by writing a notification on the wall, “*E goes to Lagos” as he followed an “area uncle” to Lagos. On getting to Oshodi, he lost track of the “area uncle” and that’s how he became stranded and living on the street. He followed some of the street boys to CLL’s Gbagada Centre and a team member spotted him as a child new to the street, that needed to be rescued. He was taken to CLL’s Ibeshe home and, after several counselling sessions, he opened up about how and why he left home. He gave us his home address and contact phone number of his mother. We put a call through to his mother who confirmed they have been looking for him for about a week. The team explained how we found him and what is needed to be done. Before the family representative came to collect him, *E acknowledged that the stories of Lagos he had heard from people on his street in Ilorin did not reflect the reality. He wrote a letter to the Ibeshe Housemaster about how he wanted to go back home to his father and mother. *E has been reunited with his family and his parents have each called to express appreciation to CLL.

NEWS CHILDREN. GBAGADA



St Anne's Old Girls Visit

On the 10th of August, we received a visit from alumni of St Anne's School, Molete, Ibada, led by the chairman of CLL's board of trustees, Mrs. Funke Adekoya, S.A.N. The courtesy visit to CLL was in commemoration of the school's 149th Anniversary. The Old Girls Association expressed their support for the work of CLL in rehabilitating street children, and their particular interest in the rehabilitation of girls. They were received by the Program Manager, Mrs. 'Yemi Aileru, and given a tour of the facility. They spoke to the girls present, gave them encouragement and advice, and indicated their willingness to provide material and other support for programs targeting girls. The Alumni gave donations in cash and in kind.



NEW STAFF

The Team welcomed Mr. Dotun Adesanya, who joined CLL in July as the House Master for CLL's residential home in Ibeshe, Ikorodu.



TRAINING

CLL's Program Manager (PM), Mrs 'Yemi Aileru, Child & Family Development Coordinator (CFDC), Rose Swan, and the Fundraising, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, (FEO) Ibidapo Olofintila attended training on Equality, Diversity, Inclusion, and the Safeguarding of Children, as well as on Fundraising, organised by the British Council, Nigeria.

The training gave insight into how to treat children equally and protect the interests of the child for better inclusion. The fundraising training provided ideas on how to attract new donors and retain existing donors.



NEWS DONORS THIS QUARTER

Child Life Line would like to thank those individuals and firms who have given GENEROUSLY, 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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Mrs Funke Alade-Adeyefa

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Mrs. Victor Adekanye

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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
- Foodstuffs
- Toiletries
- Books (educational or novels)
- Clothing
- Project Financing/Support: Help with road repairs to the track leading to the Ibeshe Home, The new vocational Centre, Ibeshe and a new Head Office.
- Diesel for the generators at Gbagada and Ibeshe
- Volunteers to conduct activities with the children (art, craftwork, music, other learning activities)

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