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Women in CHARITY

Women in Charity (WIC) is a Not-for-Profit Organisation catering for women and children.

From the President's Desk: 90,000 children will die of hunger in Nigeria this Year!

Millions of children around the world are born in to abject poverty. Will they work in markets and mines, or go to school? Will they be trafficked into slavery and prostitution or be free? Will they be child soldiers or students? The answer to these questions depends on society's response to their immediate needs. Furthermore, The Independent newspaper (UK) reported this January that The United Nations Children Agency (UNICEF) projects about 90,000 children will die of hunger in Nigeria alone over the next twelve months. This is the staggering challenge of our time which has informed Women In Charity (WIC)'s work. WIC has mobilized and called its members and sponsors to action over three decades to help alleviate the challenges of these children.

Basic welfare, education and healthcare constitute essential human rights for our children. The children who have these basic human rights are most likely to grow up to be productive members of the greater society. The provision of these basic human rights empowers them to break the horrid cycle of poverty in their various families and to shape a positive future for all. WIC focuses on the provision of these basic human rights among other needs for our children and women. WIC currently operates in Umuahia, Eastern Nigeria where our program has primarily impacted the lives of orphan children and women participating in the program. WIC has membership and Chapters all over the world and our sponsors come from all works of life and all over the world.

This year we are lunching our newsletter to showcase the success WIC achieved over the past three decades. Incidentally, WIC's vision and mission is taking on greater strides this year and in the years ahead. You will see in this issue of our newsletter, the great opportunity for sponsorship to impact the lives of our children and women. You will see our various activities and programs including collaboration with The United Nations (UN) programs. This issue of our newsletter also includes upcoming events and testimonials from our successful children who are



- Mrs. Josephine Anywanwu

now productive members of society. We also introduced our proposed Child Development Center which will provide for vocational, educational and recreational activities for our children and women upon completion. It is hoped that you are encouraged by the successes of Women In Charity (WIC) to join us in partnership and as a sponsor to this great challenge of our time. I also extend our invitation to you as we look forward to seeing you at our annual general meeting this August in Umuahia, Abia State. Thank you and God bless you.

2,560 *Number of scholarships distribution by us till date*

80 *Number of orphans currently under our care*

100% *Committed to improving the lives of women and children*

Editorial | WIC Celebrated UN @ 70 in Lagos



It was all fun and fanfare at 17 Kingsway Road Ikoyi as the Women in Charity, All Nigeria United Nations Students' Association (ANUNSA) and the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) Lagos marked the United Nations 70th anniversary with a variety of activities which included a symposium, children fashion parade and cultural dances. The program which was a continuation of a series of activities marking UN@70 in Nigeria, was held at the Library Auditorium of the UNIC Lagos and attended by over 175 participants including students from universities, high schools, and NGO representatives. Breaking the monotony of speeches were children fashion parade and cultural dances by students of Santa Isabel Montessori schools, Ejigbo Lagos; and a choreographic display by the students of Soleil High School Aguda Lagos.

Inspired by the UN@70 message of the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, the Director of UNIC Lagos, Mr Ronald Kayanja noted that the United Nations could look back on a proud record of working with many partners to dismantle colonialism, defeat deadly diseases, triumph over apartheid, advance international law, keep the peace in troubled areas and articulate a body of treaties to safeguard every person's birth-right to freedom, equality and dignity. Every day, the United Nations makes a positive difference for millions of people: vaccinating children; distributing food aid; sheltering refugees; deploying peacekeepers; protecting the environment; seeking the peaceful resolution of disputes and supporting democratic elections, gender equality, human rights and the rule of law,' Mr Kayanja added.

Speaking on '70 ways the UN is making a difference in Nigeria', the National Information Officer of UNIC Lagos, Mr Oluseyi Soremekun stressed the support of the United Nations system to the government of Nigeria in maintaining peace and security as well as making and consolidating peace in the country. He cited the contributions of the UN to the peaceful 2015 general elections; the support in drafting peace architecture for the country as well as several projects of the UN Counter-terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) which included de-radicalization of youth; countering the appeal of violence amongst youth as well as promoting peace and intercultural dialogue through education. In her remarks, the then President of ANUNSA, Amb. Ukoha Nnenna Kalu disclosed that chapters of ANUNSA in Universities and Polytechnics across the country would still organize events on UN"70 before the end of the year

In her goodwill message the National President of the Women In Charity Deaconess Josephine Anyanwu applauded the efforts of the united nations in fostering peaceful co-existence among nations of the world and women empowerment because an empowered woman makes a good home and good homes brings about good



society. She also explained how the vision of Women In Charity are in line with the UN Vision.

August 2016 was the 25th anniversary of Women In Charity with the Theme: Catch them young and secure a peaceful society. It was a funfair as it was a whole week program. The event which was celebrated at Apumiri Ubakala Umuahia Abia State which is the National Headquarters of Women In Charity. Started with a three days boot camp for the orphaned children where they were taken through different forms of experiential learning and skill acquisition.

Women in charity also celebrated the United Nations International Youth day celebration in August 12th 2016, with the commissioner of Education Abia State Present for the young ones to have a sense of belonging and the representative of the commissioner of women affairs and youths. WIC also honored some distinguished persons who has supported its charity work.
















BOOT CAMP ACTIVITIES








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25 Years of Touching Lives & Service to Humanity







As the main focus of Women In Charity is to locate, enroll and fund the education of orphaned and the less privileged children in good educational institutions and to effectively mentor/ coordinate their general welfare. Annually, Women In Charity invest huge sums of money in school fees, boarding fees and other school expenses for our orphaned children. Women In Charity also empower widows and venerable women with skills and fund for startups. Presently we are funding over 60 orphaned children and young adults whose age ranges from 6 - 26years sponsored by our various chapters. About sixty percent of our children are enrolled in primary/secondary education, while some forty percent 40% are matriculated at various Universities and Polytechnics in Nigeria.

Some of the Young adults have graduated from higher institutions of learning and are gainfully employed in the workforce through our support. We have graduates in law, computer science, business administration, biochemistry and more. Other young adults that prefer vocational study are sent to acquire skills of their choice or learn a trade of which is also doing well in their specialty. Women In Charity organizes sensitization and social change program for rural women as we have discovered that when a woman is empowered the family will be and the society at large will be peaceful.

Our Joy

Women In Charity is proud today because some of our young children have graduated from various Nigerian Universities. Our mission is to produce citizens with undeniable










impact in the society. We provide counseling for the orphaned children and young adults while implementing sustainable development projects. Many of these children are victims of abuse and abandonment. Our basic goal is to help in developing patriotic citizens who will in turn build a flourishing nation and a peaceful world. We believe in enabling dreams. Our advocacy activities over the years have led to the reduction of abuse of young widows by their relatives, in-laws and other family members. This is in line with the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and the recently adopted United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. We strongly believe that these goals can be attained if everyone in their different levels can do their best and not just depending on government. That is why the main focus of Women in Charity is to locate, enroll and fund the education of orphaned children and the less privileged in good educational institutions and also empower widows/ vulnerable women. We also effectively mentor and coordinate their general development and well-being.



From the Education Coordinator's Desk

- Lady Elizabeth Uhuegbu

WAO! Women In Charity is 25 years. It has been 25 years of positive impact, giving back to the Society and empowering the down trodden and giving them a future. Women In Charity started like a mustard seed, with Primary School pupils who, due to no fault of theirs became orphans. WIC picked 3 of them including Victor Ukagwu, Amarachi Iheanacho, Ginikanwa Apugo, Chioma Abali, and Douglas Nwogu as pilot children.They moved steadily from Primary to Secondary School under the close watch of WIC. As a matter of policy,we ensure that all our children are boarders while in Secondary School.

Our Graduates includes:

1. **Victor Ukagwu, a Lawyer, married with a child, working with a fedral establishment.**
2. **Ginikanwa Apugo, a registered nurse, married with two children.**
3. **Amarachi Iheanacho, a graduate of history and international relations, married with two children, have learnt a skill known as ankaracraft and is doing well with it.**
4. **Regina Apugo, a graduate of computer science, married and is looking for job.**
5. **Abali Chioma, graduates of education/accountany is also married and looking for job.**
6. **Esther Egbulonu is a graduate of computer science and is married and looking for job.**

At the last count, Women In Charity has to her credit Nine (9) Graduates, 12 Undergraduates, 23 Secondary School Students, 5 Jambites, 3 Primary School Pupils and 4 artisans. A total of 56 children.

Victor Ukagwu is a law graduate of Abia State University, Amarachi Erugo (Nee Iheanacho) is a graduate of History/ International Relations, University of Nigeria Nsukka. Ginikanwa (Nee Apugo) is a Computer Science graduate of Ebony State University. Regina Offor (Nee Apugo) is an Accounts/Education graduate of Abia State University Uturu. Esther Egbulonu is a Computer Science graduate of Federal Polytechnic Unwana Afikpo. Chinenye Apugo is a graduate of Home Economics from Michael Okpara University of Agriculture Umudike, she is currently serving her fatherland. Chioma Abali is a graduate of Public Administration from Abia State Polytechnic, Aba. Zeal Emmanuel is a graduate of Abia State Polytechnic Aba, he studied Biochemistry and is gainfully employed. Douglas Nwogu is a graduate of Environmental Engineering from Abia State University and just concluded serving his fatherland and is now on job hunt. Ifeanyi Enwerekowe is a graduate of Federal Polytechnic Nekede Owerri, he studied Library/Information Science. He is gainfully employed. Amstrong Iroegbu is an Engineering graduate of Federal Polytechnic Nekede Owerri. He is working with a federal establishment. Glory Ezekiel is a graduate of Abia State University Uturu, she is studied English/ Literature Studies and is awaiting to go for youth service. Enyinnaya Iheanacho is ABSU undergraduate studying Government/Public Admin. Vivian Onwuasoanya is als ABSU undergraduates studying Accountancy. Nkechi Owulezi, Ndubisi Elijah and Smart Uchendu are all ABSU students of Environmental Science, History/International Relations and Mass Communication respectively. James Onwunyiriuwa is an undergraduate of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture Umudike, he is studying Business Administration. Theresa Bartholomew is a Nursing student of school of Nursing Amaekeukwu Owerri. Kelechi Nwoko is an NCE student of Abia State College of Education Technical Arochukwu.

Ifeoma Chidi is an NCE student of Alvan Ikokwu Federal College of Education Owerri. Odinaka Okebugwu is a degree student of Alvan Ikokwu Federal College of Education having obtained an NCE at College of Education Technical Arochukwu, she is married. Great Onyenoro is an ND II student of Federal Polytechnic Unwana Afikpo, he is studying Electrical Engineering. Chinedu Chidi is undergoing Military training with the Army. Twelve (12) girls and twelve (12) boys are in various secondary schools as boarders. Five (5) of the children are Jambites awaiting admission. Three (3) of the children are learning various trades. They include Felix Ogunwa who has completed his trading in welding and has started his own. Ebenezer Elijah has completed secondary education and is learning Alumaco fitting. Ijeoma Nwogbe is learning fashion designing. Junior Ogunwa is learning leather works. Chinyeremaka Ibenye is trading on electronics business and is doing well. Pastor Kingsley Madubuko went through School of Theology and has his own church. We have three (3) children in Primary Schools at LA Umuosu and Amibo Primary Schools.

God has been using Women in Charity members from various branches to achieve this vision. To us all who are putting smiles on the faces of the less privileged, we say well-done.

Happy Silver Jubilee.



Benaficiary's Testimony

- A Grateful Heart

It all started sometimes in 1993 in the moderate city of Kaduna State. I have since arrived from village into my Aunt's home. There was no plan for me other than baby sit children and take care of the house yet, I was a child that needed care in itself. Though I was inexperience but that is what fate had offered. One day, as a nanny I followed my Aunt to an occasion where Umuada Ubakala was born. In that event, these set of women said "we want to do something for our fathers' land and what we have decided to do was to form an organization that will train orphans from Ubakala in school. We will be their mothers". I was in that event but no one except my Aunt knew I was an orphan from Ubakala. Time past and it was as if all hopes were lost. Then, one day a group of these women came, introduced themselves as Umuada Ubakala and interview me on what I want to do. In fact, they said to me "do you want to school or learn a trade? Whatever you decide, we will support you till the end. If you choose to school we will train you to any level you desire". There was pressure on me from my Aunt's husband to learn a trade. He had his reasons but, I wanted to go to school. So I insisted on schooling.

It has been a very long journey but inasmuch as the Umuada Ubakala (WIC) generally was responsible for where I am today, there are individuals who took it personal in relation to me and I will eternally remember and be grateful to them. Today, I am a lawyer by training. I have a wife and a daughter. I also work with the legal department of a reputable organization in Nigeria. My joy knows no bound.

I am very grateful to God for destining it to be so and; to the members of WIC for the vision, for building and transforming lives and making yourselves available as instrument in God's Hand. God bless you and your endeavors.

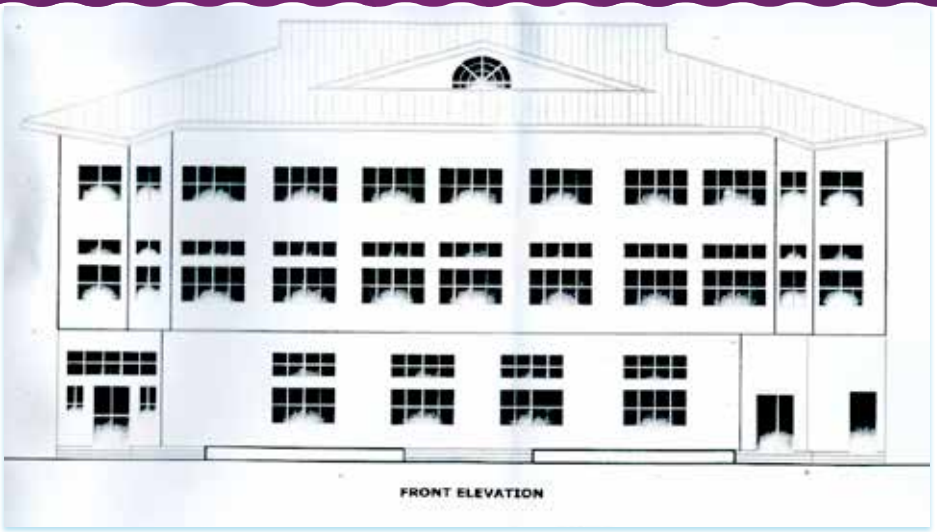
God bless the Women in Charity of Ubakala and God bless the Ubakala land.

VIctor C Ukagwu

Orphaned Children Under The Care Of Women In Charity



Support A Worthy Cause:
Child Development Centre



Women In Charity (WIC) is currently undergoing plans to develop and build a Child Development Center (CDC) for vocational, educational and recreational activities. We will need your support, partnership and sponsorship at various levels as we embark this goal. For over twenty five years, WIC impacted the lives of orphan children and women in its programs with all resources within its reach but we are yet to develop a center where our children and women will call home. Currently we operate in one operations office in Ubakala Umuahia and one corporate office in Lagos. We are currently in the development stage for our CDC which is a multi-storey building facility complete with meeting halls, classrooms, libraries, workshops, computer labs, and equipment that will increase WIC's impact on our children, women and the greater society. The CDC will greatly expand WIC's reach in the community and Nigeria as whole to set a standard for a charity program that is truly selfless. We therefore invite you to learn more about the proposed project and it's funding in order to participate in the sponsorship and realization of the project. Thank you for your generosity and kindness to this WIC's project.

Upcoming Events

- High School Debate Competition
- Skill Acquisition Training For Women And Youths
- Post WIC 25th Anniversary celebration
- Launching For The Child Development And Skill Acquisition Center

Future Projects:
Agriculture & Food Security

Agriculture and food security: Majority of the communities we work with are predominantly farmers therefore Women In Charity is committed to working with the village communities in developing sustainable organic agricultural projects to alleviate dependence on expensive chemical fertilizers bearing in mind that the basic existence of humanity is dependent on food, we are open to partnerships especially with those involved in agro forestry and other initiatives to enrich the soil and improve crop yield organically. Majorly all WIC's agricultural programs is geared towards training and sustaining the widows/vulnerable women as this is the backbone of our works. It is also in the agricultural project that we train the youths and other women on fish/ snail farming, poultry, etc.



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