

# LINKING HANDS FOUNDATION QUARTERLY UPDATE

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## INTRODUCTION

- Linking hands Foundation (LHF) is registered in Nigeria as an Incorporated Trustee (NGO)
- LHF is a "Charity Service Provider", offering projects and activities options to individuals, groups, schools, companies/ organisations to sponsor/ participate in, towards meeting the needs of the less privileged and our society
- LHF is built on the premise that "together we can do much more", by bringing resources together to serve the needs of humanity and society
- Focus areas – Education, Health and Values

## VISION & MISSION

**Vision**  
To prepare today's children to become tomorrow's leaders

**Mission**  
To make positive and lasting impacts on humanity and society

## LINKING HANDS FOUNDATION



## AIMS & OBJECTIVES

To foster a culture among Nigerians that each of us can **make an invaluable difference** in the life of another

To encourage Nigerians to identify positively with our country and **have a "burden to give back"** to society

To promote and support **solid education, sound health and strong values** for all our children

To work with individuals, groups and companies/ organisations to sponsor projects towards **building the country of our dreams**

To be available to society to **help and give** within our capabilities as needs arise

## APPRECIATION

*Dear Friend, Sponsor & Partner,*

*Greetings!*

*Thank you for your trust and support, so that "Together we can do much more", in meeting the needs of the less privileged and our society.*

*With your encouragement and donations, together, we are M.A.D.E! Linking Hands Foundation (LHF) is therefore glad to share with you, our joint endeavours in Q2-2016.*

*Yours sincerely,*

Efe FARINRE (Mrs.)  
Founder, Linking Hands Foundation(LHF)



## **ADOPT-A-BUDDY INITIATIVE: MISSION WITH REWO, A YOUNG LADY WITH A BIG HEART**

Children learn compassion by making friends with (less privileged) children & by this we bridge the gap across "classes of children"  
 17 year old Rewo on her 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to Nigeria, made it a "mission trip", to touch the lives of the underprivileged.

In addition to volunteering with another NGO in Ibadan, Rewo also gave of herself through LHF, as she visited The Ayeni twins at LASUTH, The Nigerian Red Cross Motherless & Abandoned Children's Home, Yaba, Modupe Cole Memorial Child Care & Treatment Home School, Akoka and Living Fountain Orphanage, Oniru. Motivated by Rewo, 11 year old Fara volunteered to be her "mission mentee". They read and taught art to the orphans. Supported by her parents, donations of food items etc. were made to the homes Rewo visited. Rewo also donated her Disney Princess Piggy Bank of many years to LHF!

Thank you, Rewo for being such an inspiration & encouraging us to do much more.





## **CHILDREN'S DAY 2016 OUTREACH: Combined "Adopt-A-Buddy Initiative" & "Share-A-Snack Initiative" program**

- ✓ We gave about 350 children a new reason to smile
  - ✓ In partnership with PEP Stores Nigeria (represented by Mrs. Sola Akinsanmi & Mr. Abu), new clothes, shoes & accessories were given out to the children
  - ✓ Thanks to the kind donations from our friends & sponsors, healthy foods & snacks bags were also handed out to the children.
  - ✓ LHF greatly appreciates all our volunteers & supporters for linking hands with us to give these children a memorable children's day celebration
  - ✓ It was Zachary's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday and we celebrated it at The Vigilant Heart Charitable Society Home
- "Today is the time to raise compassionate leaders of tomorrow"**
- ✓ Our children volunteers had fun practising leadership through service



## **Nigerian Red Cross Motherless & Abandoned Children's Home, Yaba, Lagos**



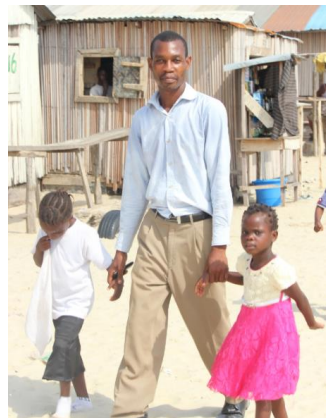




**Top Goodness School, Otodo-Gbame Community, Lekki Phase 1, Lagos**

Mrs. Yinka Ajagbe introduced us to Mr. James, who set up Top Goodness School to break the cycle of Egun people growing up to become domestic helps by giving the children in this Egun settlement the chance of a promising future, through education.

It was quite an "ordeal" getting to Otodo-Gbame, but well worth it; we touched lives, we made people feel worthy and we put joy in the hearts of many.



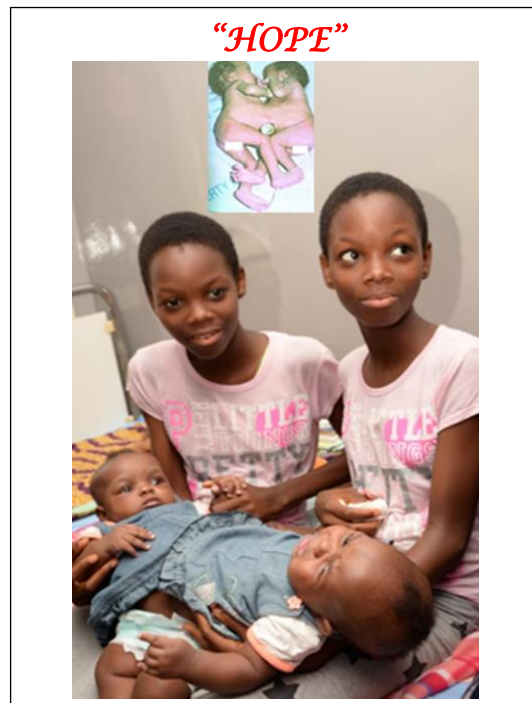




**Vigilant Heart Charitable Society Home, Lekki, Lagos**







*Hi there,*

*There is something about the picture you are looking at that I feel honoured to share with you.*

*At the top is a picture of conjoined twin girls, Favour and Faithful, at birth, in 2003. Just below, you see Favour and Faithful separately, holding in their arms, conjoined twin girls, Miracle and Testimony....and that is our **HOPE**...that one day soon, Miracle and Testimony will also enjoy healthy individual lives, as is deserving of every child.*

*There is still so much more to say about the picture... ....let's keep that and so many other "great stories" we look forward to sharing till "one day soon"....*

*Miracle and Testimony Ayeni of Kogi State origin were born on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 in Enugu and Linking Hands Foundation was introduced to the Ayeni family via a telephone call on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 by a friend of their friend. As part of our "Every-Child-Counts Initiative", LHF made a commitment to help solicit financial and non-financial support for the welfare and medical needs of the twins.*

*Conjoined twins exist in 1 in 200,000 births worldwide. Their surgical separation is highly complex and extremely risky/ life threatening, involving large teams of medical personnel with various relevant expertise, requiring detailed planning and drills/ practice and lasting long hours.*

*Words are insufficient to express our depth of gratitude to every person and every organisation that has linked hands with us in one way or the other to get the twins where they are today. From one phone call to another and to another...from one email to another to another and to another....from one text message to another and to another...these connections, people doing their “bit” have indeed resulted in the “big” we have today and the “big” we **HOPE** for tomorrow....*

*We are glad to inform you that on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2016, Miracle and Testimony, with their parents and 2 year old sister, arrived in the United States of America for the twins' treatment. The “great story” behind this “simple information”, is one you would also like to hear....again, we'll keep that till “one day soon”.*

*The twins still have a lot ahead of them to overcome...When we look back, we can say that God is indeed awesome in the lives of Miracle and Testimony. We have seen Him move on their behalf in ways that are overwhelming and humbling.*

*Our **HOPE** is in the faithfulness of this unfailing God...so when you see a picture of Miracle and Testimony or read an article about them; we encourage you to think of nothing else but **HOPE**.*

*As we hold on to this **HOPE**, we ask that you join us in prayers that indeed the twins will be as they are called; that by God's grace that continues to abound towards them, the testimony of the miracle of their successful separation surgery will be shared all over the world, to God's glory alone.*

*Thank you.*

**Efe FARINRE (Mrs.)  
Founder, Linking Hands Foundation**

**LHF's FOCUS & APPROVED SCHOOLS FOR CHARITY SERVICES**

**EDUCATING-TOMORROW'S LEADERS INITIATIVE**

Children donate used textbooks, school bags etc. to other (less privileged) children

**ALL 116 PRIMARY SCHOOLS** in Ibeju Lekki and Epe LGAs, Lagos State

**ALL 130 SECONDARY SCHOOLS** in Lagos State Education District III (Lagos Island, Eti-Osa, Ibeju-Lekki & Epe Zones)

- Donation of **desks and chairs** to **3 secondary schools** within Lagos State Education District III



This is to further **teach** our **children compassion** as they give to children like themselves, who are unfortunately, less privileged than they are.

**We continue to seek opportunities to run School Supplies Drives**

- **Donation of libraries** to 2 (public) **primary schools in Ibeju-Lekki LGA**



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- Our **goal** is to provide this support at the start of the 2016/ 2017 academic session in **September 2016**
- Please donate towards the **estimated cost of =N=5M (5 Million Naira) for the desks & chairs and 2 libraries**



**URGENT CALL TO ACTION – “IN THE SPIRIT OF ONE NIGERIA”**

- In March, 2016 during our visit to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), in Abuja and Nassarawa State, I was touched by Abigail, at Ado Kasa II in Nassarawa State who would just not stop smiling at me! Despite the evident despair, she still managed to smile. There was also another boy, Moses, whom there was just “something about”. I remember his father saying proudly when he noticed that we were looking at him, “That’s my boy!”
- Neither Abigail nor Moses, still go to school, just like most of the internally displaced children in that community and thousands of internally displaced children across Nigeria
- There are primary and secondary community schools they can walk to...so close, but yet so far....due to many losses and poverty. What is more painful is that these children attended school before the insurgents forced them out of their homes and communities
- These children have suffered too much already. Let’s not let the violence cheat them of their potential in life and rob them of a bright future
- Together, let’s empower these children through education by joining and promoting:

**THE MOSES MOVEMENT & THE ABIGAIL ACTION**

**THE MOSES MOVEMENT**

- **Sponsor an internally displaced child to primary school for 1 year** at a total cost of =N=12,500
- This amount covers **fees (for 3 terms), uniforms, school books, supplies, shoes & bags**

**THE ABIGAIL ACTION**

- **Sponsor an internally displaced child to secondary school for 1 year** at a total cost of =N=20,000
- This amount covers **fees (for 3 terms), uniforms, school books, supplies, shoes & bags**



“Smiley-Abigail”



**Our target is to start supporting the education of internally displaced children from September, 2016**

**PLEASE SPONSOR AS MANY INTERNALLY DISPLACED CHILDREN TO SCHOOL AS YOU CAN**

**BE A LINKING HANDS FOUNDATION PARTNER/ SPONSOR**

**Linking Hands Foundation needs you, so that together, we can make positive and lasting impacts on humanity and society.**

Many times I am overwhelmed by the "so much" there is to do in meeting the needs of the less privileged and our society. I often wonder how it would all be done. Then I remind myself that "Every bit makes up the big". We surely cannot do it all alone, but what we are able to do goes a long way to reduce this huge burden and make a difference in the lives of many.

**Together, let's transform lives, let's make dreams come true, let's put smiles on faces and let's give & restore hope to as many as we can reach.**

**SHARE US**

- Please share Linking Hands Foundation with your friends (as well as schools, companies/ organisations) and ask them to share us too
  - Indeed, the more we are, the "merrier"...
- Kind Reminder:**
- Our partners, sponsors and volunteers are always welcome to join us "on the field" and at formal presentations/ handing over of donations/ completed projects
  - Our partners/ sponsors of projects will have their names as well as ours as the donors
  - We honour the request for anonymity by any partner/ sponsor/ donor

**.....TOGETHER WE CAN DO MUCH MORE.....**

**To volunteer or for additional information/ clarification, please contact us via telephone or email**

- For financial support, please make payments to:  
**Account Name: Linking Hands Foundation**  
**Bank Name: GT Bank**  
**Bank Branch: Adetokunbo Ademola Branch**  
**Victoria Island, Lagos**  
**Account Number: 0210438649**

*Please specify the purpose of your donation or contact us for same*

**SOSONGO ESEUN AKPEMI**  
**UWESE NAGODE MIJIN YEBO**

**THANK YOU**

**DAALU OBULU MSU E**  
**VWE KOBIRUO UNA DO WELL O**  
**MMA ENE DOPE EMIETTE**

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