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OneHopeChildren **BACKGROUND**



“Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business and, in fact, it is nobody's business. What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbors worthy.”

– Thomas Merton

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OUR HISTORY

Fr Felix was born towards the end of the Nigerian Civil War which, for more than half a century, deeply impacted the political and economic paths of the Nigerian nation state. Felix writes “I was too young to remember the last stages of this war, but I do recall the aftermath. These early childhood experiences were the impetus for my present anti-poverty campaign.

When I was about three, I repeatedly asked my father why he had to leave early every morning to return very late each evening to the village where we had moved because of the Nigerian civil war. My father went back to work at the coal mines in 1972, when the mines reopened after the civil war. Each day, he commuted about 24km (14 miles) via public transportation from our village to the coal mines in the creek-valley city of Enugu known as the COAL CITY, the capital city of the state. He had worked in the mines for more than 25 years prior to the civil war, and spent the two years during the war toiling in the farms at home to provide for his family, his unmarried niece, and the family of the sick nephew. A few years after he went back to working in the mines, my father was diagnosed with pneumoconiosis (black lung) disease, most likely as a result of his exposure to the harmful elements in the coal dust.

My father was the only catholic –Christian in our entire village of Amachalla. I guess he must have been influenced by his contact with the early Christian missionaries who were allies of the British mining engineers. One thing I admired most about my father was his genuine Christian spirit. A man of great integrity, he was deeply committed to fairness, justice and peace. My father exuded calm, self-confidence and brought understated elegance to everything he did with others. Even those who did not welcome his religious persuasion or his Christian lifestyle had to admit that his motives and actions were sincere. He was never fearful about speaking his mind and telling the truth. His sincerity and frankness endeared him to many, including a visiting team of Cistercian monks who eventually located their monastery in my hometown, Awhum, in 1974. The Cistercian monks not only became friendly with my father, their community became close to my entire family. Those relationships influenced in part my entrance to the priesthood. However, the bigger influence was my cousin, late Msgr. Anthony Aso whose love for the church and his priesthood remains unmatched by anyone I have ever known.

I spent more time with my father during his illness than my siblings did. Although he was inactive most of my childhood, he made sure we often had our morning and night prayers together, particularly the Rosary. He also made certain that I attended morning masses every day at the monastery, and that I paid the needed attention to my schoolwork. With him being sick and bedridden, the burden of raising six children became the sole responsibility of my mother, who had been a full-time, stay-at-home mom when my father worked in the mines. As my father received only a very meager pension salary, things were tough for our family.

OUR HISTORY

At the age of 10 ten, while in my fourth grade (Primary Four), my father died of complications from the black lung disease, and my family's situation became more precarious, with six children to feed, to clothe and provide tuition and other expenses to keep the family together.

Although my mother did not finish primary school, she was as brilliant as my father, and both of them deeply valued education and wanted all of their six children to get a good education. While their hope was, at best, dimly sustained, it never died. My mother was forced to undertake a multitude of menial jobs and businesses to meet our family's increasing financial obligations of food, shelter, housekeeping and schools fees. Often, despite great sacrifice, my mother didn't have the means to pay my tuition after paying that of my three siblings. As a consequence, I had to stay at home at the beginning of every school year so that my mother could recoup and work for a few weeks to pay my own tuition fees.

While these experiences were not pleasant, I recounted them repeatedly during my formative years in the seminary, and drew solace through an unfaltering reflection on my mother's sustained and incredible hope. I believe it was this hope that prodded her “despite all evidence to the contrary” that her painful struggle –the cost of working more than two jobs at minimal wages to keep her children in schools –promised her and all of us a brighter future.

Reflecting on my parents' hope in the midst of overwhelming difficulties –the abiding hope they kept in their hearts that somehow, someday, their pain and their sacrifices would pay off –set the stage for the initial idea of what came to be known as **OneHopeChildren, Inc**



OneHopeChildren, Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 officially incorporated in 2008 and granted tax exempt status on September 13, 2010. All donations to the foundation are tax deductible

Vision

- **Service:** Constructive forthrightness in all that we do, with a high standard of dedication and professionalism.
- **Excellence:** Commitment to stewardship by following best practices.
- **Integrity:** Pursue and achieve goals by standing up for what is morally right, staying honest, and fulfilling commitments and promises.
- **Growth:** Optimize goals through innovative strategies and shared missions.
- **Teamwork:** Collaborate to achieve excellence through shared goals and shared responsibilities.

Mission

- To give each child a chance of having at least a basic education.
- To identify and accommodate the hopes and dreams of children through research and innovative programs.
- To create and inspire HOPE through meaningful programming.
- To provide every child with the opportunity for quality healthcare.
- To collaborate with the local communities in providing a loving and nurturing environment for every child.
- To partner with the local and state governments, business, educational, medical and religious institutions for the welfare of children.
- To help children and young adults acquire the self-confidence, determination and skills to match the dynamic challenges in the global work, academic, and management landscapes.

OUR GOAL

- Establish a sustainable source for funding scholarships
- To inspire hope
- To build a positive mind set
- To build a sustainable health management system
- Establish citadel of learning



OneHopeChildren's Mission

To be a beacon of hope for the indigent children of Nigeria and the most vulnerable in our communities regardless of their faith and ethnic affiliation. To empower each child by providing them with the opportunity for an education that will ultimately enable them to have a sustainable livelihood and a means to break the dire poverty that has plagued Nigerian families for generations. To meet the basic human needs of our children and their families by providing them with sustainable water sources, quality healthcare, food security and a loving and nurturing environment.

As a registered US 501(c)3 organization, all contributions to OneHopeChildren are fully tax deductible.

Current Causes in Support of the Mission

Education

Provides orphans and poor children with basic education that will enrich their lives and help them break the cycle of poverty.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

WASH provides clean water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions, the scarcity of which drives high mortality rates throughout Nigeria, particularly among children under five years of age.

Healthcare

Medical outreach conducted annually to benefit a significant population of seniors and youth in remote communities.

Food Security

Various agricultural projects to provide healthy, sustainable, and inclusive food systems.

School Youth Awareness

Among many other things, these awareness campaigns counsel youth on living lives of sanctity and holiness, improving self-esteem, building and maintaining positive relationships, the dignity of honest labor as well as the dangers of drugs and gang activity, sexually transmitted diseases, and cultism.

Sports Academy / Taekwondo Training for Self-Defense

Sports programs identify and nurture athletic talent in youths, particularly those from extreme poverty that makes remaining in school impossible and puts them at high-risk for criminal activity and drug abuse.

Taekwondo training is focused on helping young girls and boys discern, deflect, and defend against abuses.

Representative Projects

- ❖ Grow student population
- ❖ Teacher training workshops
- ❖ Equipment and human resources to increase participation in Sports Academy and Taekwondo training
- ❖ Construction of proposed OneHopeChildren's Medical & Research Center
- ❖ OneHopeChildren's Technology Institute
- ❖ Provision of medical care and supplies for those in need
- ❖ Construction of poultry and snail farms and piggeries
- ❖ Acquisition of water trucks and construction of boreholes
- ❖ Rural medical awareness missions and campaigns

Challenges Facing Nigeria's Children

- Nigeria's population is approximately 224 million; 110 million (49%) are children
- More than 50% of children aged 0-17 are poor
 - ~ 68% of children in rural areas are poor
- 60% of children experience some form of violence
 - ~ 25% of girls and 10% of boys have been victims of sexual violence
 - ~ 19 million girls have undergone genital mutilation
- 23 million girls and women were married as children (largest number of child brides in Africa)
- 26% of primary school-aged children are not in school
- 25% of lower secondary school-aged children are not in school
- 75% of children 7-14 years of age cannot read a simple sentence with understanding or solve simple math problems
- 43% of children are not registered at birth
- 2.2 million children are unvaccinated
 - ~ Only 57% are fully immunized against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis
- 10% of children don't make it to their fifth birthday
 - ~ 33% of under-five deaths are in the first 28 days of life
- 33% of children under five are stunted (chronically malnourished or have low height for their age)
 - ~ Second highest rate in the world
- 4.5 million children are affected by conflicts and displacement
- Nigeria is ranked the second highest country in the world for climate risks to children

Source: UNICEF

OneHopeChildren **BOARD MEMBERS & TEAM**



“Carve your name on hearts, not tombstones. A legacy is etched into the minds of others and the stories they share about you.”
— Shannon Alder

MEET OUR TEAM



Gail De Vito
RN, CSJP/A



Rev. Fr. Felix Ugwuozor
Founder and President



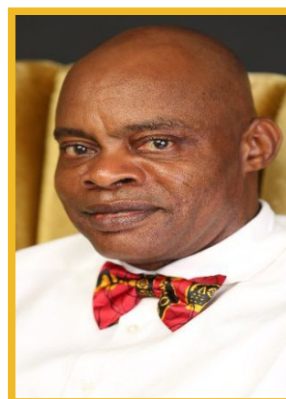
Diane Strasz



Mr. Paul Simpson



Joanne De Paul



Mr. Celestine okanya



Mary Czubakowski





Sport Academy. 1

Taetwando Training. 2

Ultra- Modern Poultry farm. 3

Water trucks for the Community. 4

School youth awareness campaign. 5

Community water bore hole projects. 6

Communities Teacher-Training workshop. 7

Rural medical missions/campaign and awareness. 8

**Construction of ultra-modern Children hospital and research
centre. 9**

**Rehabilitation and management of Adaora and other sick children in
OneHopeChildren.inc care. 10**

Food Security. 11

OneHopeChildren **SPORTS ACADEMY**



One man can be a crucial ingredient on a team, but one man cannot make a team.
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

We at OneHopeChildren.inc believe that through sports, youths are empowered with the competences to explore, learn, invent, and develop.

In the light of the vision and mission of OneHopeChildren.inc as a non-profit generating organization, Our vision is to help the youth to develop their cognitive and social skills in good health and through sports and education.

Using sports as part of our instruments, the organization aims to identify and nurture talent in youths from poverty stricken homes; where young people are forced to drop out of school due to financial constraints and even lack the basic human needs, negatively exposing such youths to crime and drug abuse.



OneHopeChildren **FREE TAEKWONDO TRAINING**

“What you lack in talent can be made up with desire, hustle, and giving 110 percent all the time.” – Don Zimmer



TAEKWONDO: (MARSHAL ARTS) AIMED TOWARD PHYSICAL FITNESS & SELF-DEFENSE FOR GIRLS AND BOYS

Recently, OneHopeChildren foundation inaugurated a Taekwondo-marshal arts training for young girls and boys drawn from schools in Enugu East, West, North and South.

The Taekwondo project is aimed largely to to empower and save our young girls and boys from abuses and make them less vulnerable to all forms of abuse. Simply the objectives are

- 1. To teach children to learn to discern abuses
- 2. To teach children to learn to deflect abuses
- 3. To teach children to learn to defend against abuses

In the recently concluded first phase of out Taekwondo training that lasted for four months, we had 45 children. Mr. Denis Ani, a grand master in marshal arts was hired to teach the children the theories and skills of marshal arts. Thanks to our generous funders. In our upcoming second phase, we hope to expand the number to at least 100 children.



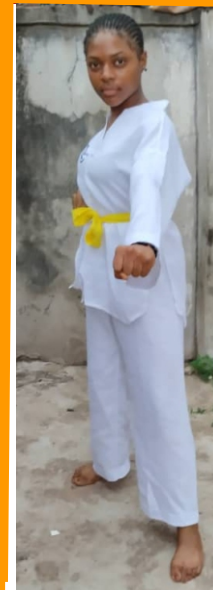




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Ogwuegbu



Eke Chinaza
Maureen



Serena
Aneke



Praise
Okoh



OneHopeChildren

AGRICULTURE-FARM PROJECT



No one has ever become poor by giving.”
— Anne Frank,

Healthy, sustainable and inclusive food systems are critical to achieving our goals. We believe, first, that agricultural development will help us sustain our primary mission to create a better world for the African children through education, healthcare and WASH.

Besides being the most powerful tools to end poverty, it can boost shared prosperity and feed thousands, and it has both social and economic justifications: it can create jobs, create wealth, reduces poverty with special attention to widows and widowers and it can create enterprise for the adults and youths of the community, and empower people.

OneHopeChildren has 2 hectares- almost 5 acres of land for an ultra-modern integrated farm. So far, we have implemented the following projects in our Agriculture- farm scheme

1. Piggery
2. Fishery
3. Grass cutter
4. Snail
5. Crops In the coming year.

our target is to raise \$161, 000 for chicken- Poultry production.



Poultry Farm Financial Breakdown

LAND	purchased
Building	\$92,500
Cages	\$28,500
Feeding Trough	\$12,500
Drinkers	\$12, 500
Wheel Barrows	\$5000
Working capital	\$10,000
Total	\$161,000



Proposed
Ultra- modern
Poultry
Farm





In 2021 global hunger index(GHI), Nigeria ranks 103 out of 116 countries with sufficient data to calculate 2021 GHI. With such score of approximately 28.3, Nigeria has a level of hunger that is serious. More than half of the country lives below the poverty line. This is probably exacerbated by lack of access to safe water, sanitation, high inflation in soaring food commodity prices, and other issues bordering on inter-tribal and/or inter-religious conflicts.

Onehopechildren(OHC) has never lost sight of this problem in its integrated program to create a better world for the African children. As always, OHC stands up in motion to feed and to provide hunger palliatives - as possible as it can for many displaced families, elderly, children and women in need.

During the heat of Covid -19 that pulverized the economy of many nations including Nigeria, OHC partnered with its donors to provide raw food, dairy products, beverages etc to very poor households, displaced families and children. Sure, following the above 2021 Global Hunger Index (GHI) calculations, the evil of hunger persists even in the post Covid -19 era.

The sad reality is that hunger is growing everyday in Nigeria. Beyond 40 percent of Nigerians (Over 86 million) still live on less than \$2 a day. However, our goal is to continue to seek funding and partnership to reduce this sad condition. Recently, OneHopeChildren partnered with **GB Foods** to provide poverty and hunger palliatives -raw foods and condiments to needy families. We thank the donors who support our food security projects and we thank especially GB Foods for their hunger intervention program with OneHopeChildren. In the next coming years OHC wishes to partner with more individuals and groups in its fight against hunger and poverty in Nigeria.

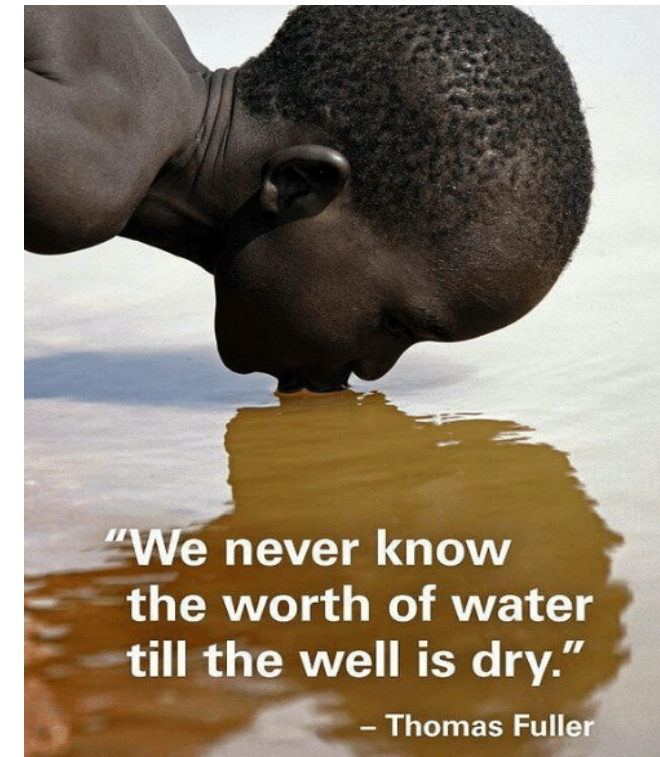


OneHopeChildren,donating food items to the needy



water, Sanitation and hygiene project

OneHopeChildren **WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE SCHEME (WASH)**



NEED ASSESSMENT FOR A WATER TRUCK



THE CHALLENGE

Poor access to clean water and sanitation in most communities in Nigeria remains a major contributing factor to high mortality rates among children under five in most of our communities. The use of contaminated drinking water and poor sanitary conditions result in increased vulnerability to water-borne diseases, including typhoid, cholera, malaria diarrhea which leads to deaths of more than 70,000 children under five annually.

Seventy-three per cent of the diarrhoeal and enteric disease burden is associated with poor access to adequate water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and is disproportionately borne by poorer children. Frequent episodes of WASH related ill-health in children, contribute to absenteeism in school, lack of focus in studies, and malnutrition.

Only 26.5 per cent of the population use improved drinking water sources and sanitation facilities. Also, 23.5 per cent of the population defecate in the open. Clean water, sanitation, and good hygiene practices are essential need for the survival and development of children.

OneHopeChildren has collaborated with the **Strasz Family in Michigan, USA; Water for the Global Community, United State; The Rotary Club of Wyckoff/Midland Park, New Jersey, USA** to provide clean water to children and remote communities in South Eastern Nigeria.

Achieving a reasonable development Goal in at least 5 years requires extraordinary efforts. OneHopeChildren will be required to triple its fund raising or at least allocate 2.5 percent of fund to WASH. The ambition is highest for remote villages where the gap for improved services is 64.1 per cent. Government support is weak, and significant foreign contribution is needed to address the issues at stake.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE For WASH

OneHopeChildren has collaborated with **Strasz family from Michigan, United states** to provide water borehole to Amachalla community

OneHopeChildren has collaborated with **Brian Murray- Water for the Global Community and Rotary Club of Wyckoff/ Midland Park, New Jersey, USA** to provide water borehole, overhead tank and power generator to **Awhum in Udi Local Government area and Obukpa in Nsukka Local Government area both in Enugu state, Nigeria.**

STRENGTHENING OUR WASH PROGRAM

Our goal is to sustain **OneHopeChildren's WASH** scheme. We collaborate with local schools and leaders to implement an approach of integrated and sustainable management of water. Also to ensure a continuity in delivery of clean water and services related to water, sanitation and hygiene in the remotest part of our communities. This year through next year 2022-2023, we seek for partnerships with individuals, companies, churches etc

1. To provide a new water borehole for the 20 communities of Nkanu/ Awgu zone.
2. To purchase Water trucks to distribute water to the villages and communities that are further- 6-7 kilometers away from the central borehole

Below is a sample of our water trucks in the making





Thanks to
Strasz Family ,Michigan,USA.
AMACHALLA WATER PROJECT
2011



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SCHOOL JUVENILE AWARENESS FOR YOUTH



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— Shannon Alder

OneHopeChildren, inc in its efforts to affect Nigerian youths positively organizes twice in a year awareness campaigns on how to maintain sanctity and holiness of life, the dangers of drugs use and abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, Covid 19 and other related virus awareness, dangers of cultism and related gangsterisms, dignity of honest labor, how to improve self-esteem, how to build and maintain positive relationship etc.

It is the goal of OneHopeChildren to guide and direct the youth to the best practices in environmental sustainability and staying ahead of the curve in ICT, science and technology to meet up with international standards of today's living.





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MEDICAL INTERVENTION PROJECT



“Like education, healthcare also needs to be given importance”
– Shiv Nadar

OUR HEALTHCARE PROJECT

Besides education, OneHopeChildren faces the challenges to ensure that more children have easy access to basic healthcare and nutritional services.

According to World Health Organization (WHO) latest data, 77% of healthcare expenses is out of pocket. This implies that Nigerians, specifically children and parents from low income, orphaned and displaced children have extremely no access to basic healthcare.

To address this gap, Onehopechildren organizes a yearly free medical outreach to benefit a significant population of elderly and children in remote communities of Awhum, Okpatu, Ukana, Abor, Ogwuagor etc.

Here are some our achievements and pictures thanks to our donors.

These include our

- Medical intervention on Baby Sylvia whose shunt surgery for hydrocephalus we paid for.
- Our annual medical missions with doctors, nurses and medical students
- Donation of wheel chairs and medical supplies, drugs and equipment to children and adults who are in need of them.

Thanks to our donors!

Our goal in the coming year in addition to continuing our yearly medical outreach is to

1. Pursue a children's medical and research center
2. Seek funding for Adaora



Sylvia



OneHopeChildren Free Medical Mission/Outreach

Drug section extension



Outreach

A cross-section of people waiting for their turns to see a doctor



A closer attention to the woman with Lipoma



A woman with Keloid-like growth is examined by the medical team



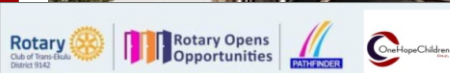
A woman with Keloid-like growth is examined by the medical team



Nurses check blood pressure and sugar levels





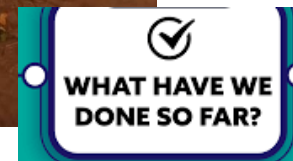


AWHUM WATER PROJECT
UDI, NIGERIA
**WATER FOR
GLOBAL
COMMUNITY**
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
RC. WYCKOFF MIDLAND
PARK, USA.

NOVEMBER 2019



Thanks to Brian Murray -
Water For Global Community in
Partnership with
Rotary Club. WYCKOFF
MIDLAND PARK, USA, 2018-2019
AWHUM, UDI LGA, WATER PROJECT





OBUKPA WATER PROJECT NSUKKA, NIGERIA

WATER FOR GLOBAL COMMUNITY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
RC. WYCKOFF MIDLAND
PARK, USA.

NOVEMBER 2021

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2020-2021

THANK YOU!



**WHAT HAVE WE
DONE SO FAR?**

OBUKPA, NSUKKA LGA, WATER PROJECT 2021



Specimen Model For The Proposed
OneHopeChildren
Children's Medical And Research Center

OneHopeChildren EDUCATION PROJECT



In the heart of Enugu, a city pulsating with life, hope, and resilience, the One Hope Children Foundation has emerged as a beacon of light for a hundred young minds, opening doors to education and shaping destinies.

Founded by the visionary Rev. Fr. Prof. Felix Ugwuozor, this philanthropic organization recently celebrated its 18th anniversary with a momentous announcement – the granting of scholarships to 100 students across primary and secondary schools in the state.

The foundation's journey, as shared by Rev. Fr. Prof. Felix Ugwuozor, traces back 18 years to his own experiences. Having spent 16 years in the United States, he keenly observed the disparities in educational opportunities and felt a calling to make a difference, especially in the lives of children in Nigeria. One Hope Children Foundation was born from the vision to provide each child with the chance of a basic education and to nurture their hopes and dreams through innovative programs.

The scholarship announcement, made on December 21st at Ugwuozor's community, Enugu South Local Government Area, was accompanied by a gathering of former and new beneficiaries and their parents. The event served as a testament to the foundation's commitment to not only providing financial support but also fostering a community where success stories thrive.

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One Hope Children Foundation: Illuminating Pathways to Education in Enugu -Awards scholarship to 100 people in Enugu

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The scholarship distribution was given to about 100 children who are eager to go to school and are intelligent but lack the financial means to go to school. Besides, the new 100 children scholarship awardees, there are about 112 children and young adults in the foundation's scholarship scheme who are in their primary, secondary and university education levels. The event was highlighted by the gift of a post card to each of the scholarship recipients from John & Becky Jordan who are special friends of OneHopeChildren foundation.

The Fr. Ugwuozor's narrative takes us back to the genesis of OneHopeChildren during which his childhood, shaped by the aftermath of the Nigerian Civil War, laid the foundation for his present anti-poverty campaign. His father's dedication to hard work and Christian values, even in the face of adversity, left an indelible mark on him. The struggles of his family, compounded by his father's illness, inspired a deep commitment to ensuring that no child faces similar challenges.

The foundation's mission extends beyond education. It focuses also on achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG) hence through the collaborative efforts with its friends in New Jersey the foundation has provided clean water boreholes to two communities of Awbum Udi Local Government Area, and Obukpa in Nsukka LGA; gives

Taekwondo and youth empowerment programs annually, provides food outreach to widows and those on the margins twice in a year and medical outreach to children, elderly and homebound members of our communities. In the year 2022, the foundation celebrated Christmas with children at Saint Patrick's Children's Hospital in independence layout, and with the elderly at the Old People's Home in Awkunanaw both in Enugu State of Nigeria.

The vision of the foundation is rooted in values of service, excellence, integrity, growth, and teamwork. It is good to point out that OneHopeChildren foundation's commitment is not just about providing financial aid, or other interventions. It is about instilling a sense of hope and empowerment in the hearts of these children and young adults minds.

As Fr. Felix Ugwuozor reflects on his parents' enduring hope amid overwhelming difficulties, he sees the essence of OneHopeChildren Foundation. It is not just about scholarships; it is about kindling a flame of hope that transcends generations. The foundation's goal is not merely to fund scholarships but to inspire hope, build a positive mindset, establish a sustainable health management system, and create citadels of learning.

In a short appreciation speech, Fr. Ugwuozor, the founder of OneHopeChildren who is also a university professor at university of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN) expressed his gratitude to the Almighty God, the author of all good things for sustaining the foundation over the years. He also expressed his gratitude to Msgr. Ron Rozniak, and the parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Ridgewood in New Jersey. He mentioned in particular Paul & Becky Simpson, James & Janice Mazzo, Martin Gutierrez & Kathy Hilburn, John & Becky Jordan, Mr. Terry Meehan, Adrian & Christina Jones, Joan Lalonde, David and Frances Romano, Elaine St Denis, John Edwards, Kristin Harvey, Ed & Monica McCabe, Nelson & Diana Torna, Thomas & Margaret DeVita, Marion Constanza, Ann E. Weaton & Lawrence Mondt, Michael & Nina Conn, Ramon Hache and all the board members of the Ridgewood, YMCA, Frank Del Vecchio, Mitch & Judy Santlofer, Peter & Celeste O'Malley, Steven & Leah Sonnick, Greg & Elizabeth Jasinski, Rosa & Rich Sautner. Also mentioned are his friends from St Elizabeth in Wyckoff, New Jersey and some part of New Jersey: Nanette & Sidney Harris, Sally, Mark, Laura, Philip and Sachiko Calandra, Tom Madigan, Lidia & Danilo Tramontazi, Dolores Caradori, Dr. Geraldine Gibbia, Gail & Michael Devito, Angela & Paul Zapka, Dan & Laurie Kocher, Cynthia & Ceyan Birney, Julia Plunket; Evan &

Cynthia Polihrom, Luke Scoropanos, Liliana Silevi; Dan & Erin Kirchhoff, Mary Czubakowski; Margaret Petkuh, James & Ivette Santoro, James McDermott Jr., Maria & John Jensen, Cynthia O'Brien, Barbara Cheng Kiernan and many other friends not mentioned here for lack of space including members of the Wyckoff/Midland Park Rotary Club.

Fr. Felix expressed his gratitude to these friends for their solidarity and support to the foundation's education scholarship programs and the foundation's Agricultural-farm sustainable projects. It is evident that on 21st December 2023, OneHopeChildren Foundation stands as a testament to the transformative power of education and the unwavering belief that every child deserves a chance to dream, learn, and thrive.

The occasion had in attendance other priests Rev. Fr. Prof. Leonard Ihechukwu the Vice chancellor of PeaceLand University Enugu, Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Aneke, the Director of Communications of Enugu Diocese, Fr. Victor Edeh, other priests, religious, concerned citizens of Enugu State and various Media houses.



"If you train hard, you'll not only be hard, you'll be hard to beat." – Herschel Walker



EDUCATION PROJECT

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela

The number of children in Nigeria who are of school age but are not in school has risen to 10.5 million, the highest rate in the world according to United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) 2022 data.

Still, greater number of these children are those whose parents are deceased and those from low-income and poor families. Among these orphaned children, and those of low-income families, only one in 10 children is in school compared to ten in 10 among the high-income families.

While gender gap may still be real, the challenge remains ensuring equal educational opportunities for both girls and boys irrespective of their social status. A greater challenge is to enroll more children into schools where they can learn the basic English, Mathematics, Reading and the ability to think creatively and critically.

Our believe is that education is great engine of personal development. It's through education that once hitherto a son of a poor coal miner can become a professor of education; that a son of a peasant famer can become a Medical Doctor.

It's through OneHopeChildren's education scheme that a girl who lost both parents in her teen age can become a Medical Radiographer; that a boy who lost his father in the middle school would become a Dental Technologist; that a girl whose both parents are deceased during her primary school can become a graduate of Mass Communication and several other children and young adults with no parents and guardians are in Primary, Middle and High schools, and universities. It's our believe that through education, they will have a glimmer of hope for better future. Thanks to those who support our education scheme

Our hope in the coming year is to expand our education scheme and increase our scholarship pool from 112 to 224.

The following are a few of our numerous beneficiaries from the scholarship and empowerment scheme.



OneHopeChildren Scholarship



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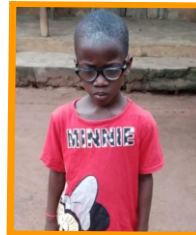
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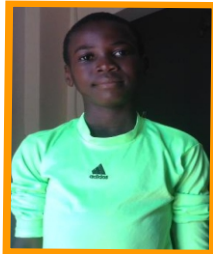
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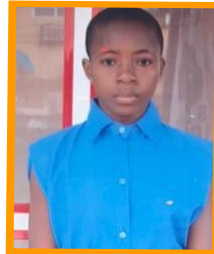
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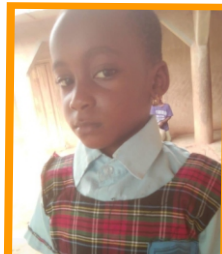
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David



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Aso Joshua
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Praise Eze



Aneke Ifechukwu

SUCCESS STORIES



Maureen Eke
100 level Nursing at Enugu
State University of Science
and Technology



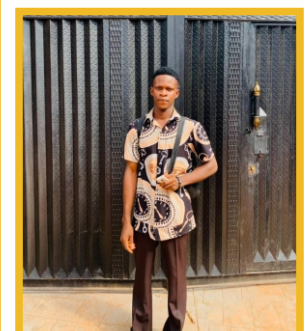
Praise Oko
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Medicine and Surgery
Enugu State University of
Science and Technology.



Lidia Aniugwu
Graduated in Mass
Communication



Sandra Amalu
Graduated Medical
Radiography



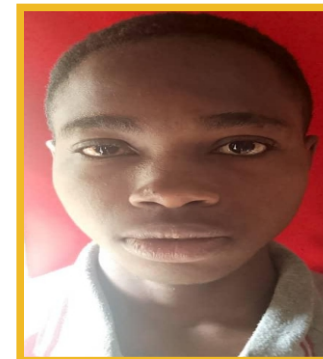
Amalu Favour E
100 level Surveying and Geoinformatics
at Enugu State University of Science
and Technology



Henry Okike
Graduated as a
Dental Therapist



Ozioma Stephanie Igwe
Freshman in the University.
History & International Relations



Emmanuel Ogolibuozo
100 level Architecture student at the
University of Nigeria Enugu Campus UNEC



Sylvia Okoli
200 level University of Nigerian Nsukka,
Medical Radiology

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School Teachers Biannual Training Workshops



OneHopeChildren, Inc as an advocate of qualitative education, not only guide and train children and youth but teachers drawn from schools in various local government in Enugu state of Nigeria OneHopeChildren's biannual quality teacher training provides teachers the opportunity to meet astute professional in different fields of education to expand their knowledge on

1. Education policy analysis
2. Education policy accountability
3. Education policy advocacy .

At these biannual quality teacher training workshop, teachers learn how to

1. improve on data analytical skills,
2. data compilation generation survey,
3. data visualization and
4. data analysis among other things.

The logical consequences of these workshops and training are learning impacts on the children.



A BRIEF DESCRIPTION ON THE 4TH ANNUAL AWHUM EDUCATIONAL COLLOQUIUM.

One Hope Children Foundation in Partnership with Awhum community centre organised the 4th Annual Awhum Educational Colloquium. Awhum Educational Colloquium is an annual academic summit organised in Awhum community and its geared towards the reduction of the Educational deficit that exist in the community secondary school .

The program since it's inception has managed to improve the quality of education in the community secondary school through its donation of academic relief materials, provision of scholarships to excellent students and average students who can't afford school fees.

One hope Children Foundation renewed the communities hope with this program by ;

- 1) Awarding 6 students scholarship for the whole academic session
- 2) Organising a debate tournament to raise the students consciousness on social issues.
- 3) Featuring the second public screening of SOMA; A 5 mins short film about the Education and child marriage of a 13 years old girl in Nigeria. This was followed by a lecture on opportunities and what to make of them.
- 4) Career Seminars where professional career coaches engaged with the students and helped them with goal setting.

Community development is in no small part the work of an Individual but rather the collective effort of all.

The Injustices enforced in Awhum community in form of inaccessible quality education is a threat to global justice. This is why we accept all effort to help provide accessible quality Education to every child in Awhum community.





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"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."
— Mother Theresa

Noreen

Dear Noreen,

We are here to celebrate your life and the measure of its worth In life, we loved you dearly.

In death, we do the same. It broke our heart to lose you You did not go alone For part of us went with you the day God called you home

As much as we might want to question your death. We are consoled that you are in a better place -a place of peace and calm, a place of warm and quiet, a home that's joyful and eternal.

Thank you for your friendship. It's been a privilege to have known you. You were more than a friend, you were like a mother, a mentor, an advisor, and a great ambassador for OneHopeChildren foundation.

You are a woman of Grace

You are a woman of Class

You are a woman of unbound Charity

A mother Theresa of our time.

You always cared;

You meant so much to me;

You meant so much to OneHopeChildren foundation,

You meant so much to all your friends.

You were special and that's simply true.

You brightened up the darkest day; you lightened up a darkened world, and even the greyest sky.

Thank you, Noreen, your friendship was a blessing. You gave us light to see, you brought so much light to our world and after you've gone, the light remains. You gave us wings to fly; you gave us music to sing; you dried our tears.

You touched our soul; you gave us a future; you changed our world. We are happy that you once lived among us; that we met you as a friend

Yes, your body has been buried, but not your soul;

your hands have been buried but not your faith

. Your head has been buried, but not your memory, not your love, not your presence, not your charity, not your generosity, not your philanthropy.. May God Rest Your Soul in Peace.

Adieu, Noreen



Tribute

In Memorium

Noreen F. Feehan



A Tribute to Cynthia Grace Samson-Birney

It is with immense sorrow and a deep sense of loss that we, the OneHopeChildren Foundation, pay tribute to the extraordinary life of our dear friend, Cynthia, who passed away far too soon after a courageous battle with breast cancer.

Cynthia was more than a friend to me and to OneHopeChildren—she was a pillar of strength, a source of inspiration, and a devoted advocate for the children and families we serve. Her selflessness, passion, and unwavering dedication to our mission played a significant role in the growth and success of our foundation. Alongside her devoted husband Ceyan, Cynthia dedicated herself to supporting our mission, offering her resources, her advice, and her time to ensure that countless children could dream, thrive, and their lives transformed through education.

Though Cynthia's time on earth was tragically short, her impact was profound and far-reaching. She was not only a friend, she is someone who exemplified courage, kindness, and a deep love for humanity. Her legacy will forever remain intertwined with the growth and the success of OneHopeChildren Foundation.

Cynthia's passing is a tremendous loss, not only to her beloved husband and two beautiful children but also to all of us who admired her spirit and shared in her passion for creating a better future for others. To her husband, children, and all who loved her, we extend our deepest condolences and want them to know that Cynthia's memory will always be cherished by all of us at OneHopeChildren.

To honor Cynthia's remarkable contributions and ensure her legacy endures, OneHopeChildren Foundation is committed to creating a lasting tribute in her name, precisely an initiative known as **GARDEN OF HOPE**. This will stand as a testament to her life and her profound impact, serving as a source of hope and inspiration for generations to come.

Cynthia's light may no longer shine on this earth, but her love, kindness, and unwavering belief in the potential of every child will continue to illuminate our path. We are forever grateful for her friendship and for the profound difference she made in the lives of so many.

May her soul rest in eternal peace, and may her love, and passion for humanity continues inspire us to carry forward her dreams and her vision for a better world.

With heartfelt gratitude and deepest sorrow,
Fr. Felix Ugwuozor
Founder, OHC



Cynthia Grace Birney

Tribute to Tom Callaghan and Dr. Sophie Pierog

It is with profound gratitude and heavy hearts that we, the OneHopeChildren Foundation, honor the extraordinary lives of Mr. Tom Callaghan and Dr. Sophie Pierog, who departed this world on March 20, 2023, and August 29, 2024, respectively.

Tom and Sophie were far more than generous benefactors to our foundation—they were cherished friends to me personally and to OneHopeChildren family. They were not just remarkable individuals but pillars of kindness, compassion, and selflessness who left an indelible mark on our community. Through their unwavering commitment and generosity, the Callaghan-Pierog Family Foundation profoundly impacted the lives of countless children and families connected to OneHopeChildren Foundation.

Tom and Sophie, with their quiet strength and passionate dedication, embodied the true spirit of giving. Their belief in the power of education as a transformative force inspired them to extend opportunities to children who otherwise might have been left behind. Tom and Sophie with their gentle but resolute spirits, dedicated their life to touching hearts and uplifting others, blending their professional expertise with an unyielding compassion for humanity. Together, they were a force of love and generosity, complementing each other perfectly and embodying what it means to live a life for others.

The contributions of the Callaghan-Pierog Family Foundation to OneHopeChildren Foundation have been nothing short of transformative. Through their generosity, numerous children have been given access to quality education, opportunities for empowerment, and hope for brighter futures. Tom and Sophie believed that every child deserved a chance to dream, grow, and succeed, and they poured their resources and hearts into making that belief a reality.

Their legacy lives on in the lives of the children whose futures they shaped and the communities they strengthened. Their memory will forever inspire us to continue their work, to give selflessly, and to build a world where every child can thrive.

As we celebrate their remarkable lives, we also mourn the loss of two incredible souls who have left an unfillable void. Yet, we take solace in the knowledge that their impact will echo for generations to come, and their legacy of kindness and generosity will continue to inspire.

To the family and loved ones of Tom and Sophie, we extend our deepest condolences. Please know that we are eternally grateful for the privilege of knowing them and for the incredible ways they touched our lives and the lives of so many others.

Though their physical presence is no longer with us, their spirits will forever live on in the values they championed and the lives they changed. We will continue to honor their memory by carrying forward their vision of a brighter, more compassionate world for children.

In recognition of their transformative contributions and the profound impact they made, we at OneHopeChildren Foundation are committed to honoring their memory in a lasting and meaningful way. To this end, we plan to name one of our facilities after Tom and Sophie if the resources permit, ensuring that their legacy of love, generosity, and hope continues to inspire generations to come.

May their beautiful souls rest in perfect peace, and may their legacy continue to inspire us all.

With deepest respect and heartfelt sorrow

Father Felix Ugwuozor
Founder, OneHopeChildren Foundation



Tom & Sophie

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Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

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– We celebrate you **our donors** because you are the real heroes and heroines of our mission. Without you, there is no OneHopeChildren.

We say thank you. Every dollar you gave were utilized to meet the needs for which it was intended. If we write your names on tablet of Gold, it is not enough. However God shall reward you abundantly.

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Christ has no body now but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes,
you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours

+ Teresa of Avila



RESOURCES WE NEED TO DELIVER ON OUR MISSION

1. Funding – Need for our signature projects including but not limited to a modern Multi-level school, A Hospital, A poultry and Water Boreholes. Please request information on any project of your interest.

2. Volunteers – We need volunteers for our medical missions. The volunteers preferred are medical workers such as Physicians, Surgeons, Eye specialists, ENT Consultants, Pharmacists, Nurses, Physiotherapists, Pathologists and Laboratory scientists.

3. Accommodation- Our medical mission team are brought together from different parts of the globe. It is always a huge cost paying for their accommodations while on missions. We welcome individual donation towards paying for one or two health worker for one week. It cost average of \$350 /week/ person. You may not have the time or the training to go on this mission but you can support a volunteer.

4. Flight Tickets for missions – It costs OneHopeChildren about \$2000 to fly to purchase a return ticket from US to Nigeria. We welcome sponsors to provide paid tickets for medical team members.

5. Drugs and Medication – Drugs play pivotal role in the treatment of the patients. Without drugs, no work is done at all after diagnosis. These patients cannot afford the drugs for their illness and diseases and there are also issue of fake drugs were we work. It is therefore of extreme importance that we have drugs before embarking on the mission.

6. Used and New books – We distribute textbooks to our scholars benefiting from OneHopeChildren's scholarship. The books may be from the field of sciences, languages, computer, medicine, Pharmacy, Law, Education, Psychology, Management, Administration and Social Sciences. Used and New books are welcome.



7. Educational and instructional Materials – All types of educational and instructional materials that can help in content delivery in classrooms, laboratories and field work are welcome donations.

8. Used and New Computers – Our scholars need seriously computers for their school work. It is obvious that they cannot afford computers. We are therefore seeking donations of used and new Laptop computers or desktops for onward distribution to students and our partner schools.

9. Used and New clothing's (children's clothes preferred) – These clothing are gathered for the children we see at places we go for medical mission. Some of them actually walk around naked because they have no clothes to wear or they have just two clothes reserved for school and church.

10. Project Vehicles – The project vehicles will help us navigate the rough terrain where we go for medical Mission. Any type of vehicle (car, truck, bus and pickup vans) will go a long way in helping our mission trips.

11. An Ambulance – We have had cases where the medical team had to rush a patient to Hospital due to the seriousness of such case. Due to lack of Ambulance, such patients were transported in a manner that worsened their condition. We are therefore seeking a donation of an Ambulance to support our medical mission.

12. Medical Equipment- wheel chairs, surgical instruments – All forms of medical equipment and instrument is vital for this mission. Both used and new are welcomed.



BLURBS FOR ONEHOPECHILDREN

We are so proud to be part of the OneHopeChildren team. Empowering children through education while creating a sustainable environment (agriculture, arts and a farm) that provides the sustainable income to support additional students every year. **Paul Simpson**

In an environment where hope is lost, OneHopeChildren offers a renewed hope to the very less privileged through education and life skills for the sustainability of families. This is why I am proud to be a member of the board. **Celestine Okanya**

The love of God permeates all boundaries, from the Garden state of New Jersey to Palmetto State of South. Carolina to the Giant of Africa, Nigeria. The children of OneHopeChildren Foundation inextricably participate, share and are lifted up through this love. I am happy to be an ambassador of love for all children, and I am proud to serve as a board member of OneHopeChildren foundation.

Mary Czubakowski

The story and the work of OneHopeChildren, which has at core, the empowerment of children through education, WASH programs, healthcare is dear to our hearts. It's our desire to become part of the solution, and we are so proud to work and stand in solidarity with OHC. **Monica and Ed McCabe**

Under-resourced education system, inadequate healthcare, the need for clean and WASH program are among the many daunting challenges facing many children Africa, Nigeria. From 30,000 feet it can all seem too much to overcome. However, when you take a cursory look at the board and members of OHC team who are tackling these issues with boundless passion and optimism, you know there is hope. You come away confident that by standing behind OHC and supporting this effort you are helping many Nigeria's children to realize their potential and enjoy a better future for themselves and their families. **Eddie McCabe**

The mission, vision of OneHopeChildren is, for the most part, to create a better world for the African children through education. We believe that education is the key to unlocking a brighter future for every child, and with a concerted effort of OHC team and its supporters, the strive is to provide the needed faith, tools, resources and opportunities that every child needs to succeed academically and personally empowering him/her to break the cycle of poverty and build a life full of possibilities. I am honored to lead this journey of hope, transformation and impact, and I am proud to work with an incredible team board members of OHC. **Fr. Felix Ugwuozor**



Thank you

it is difficult to explain how much you mean to OneHopeChildren.
What other people see as pointless, you see as opportunity.
Where others see weakness, you see strenght.
Where others see threats, You see grace.
Where otherpeople are lukewarm, You are warm and impassioned
And, where others are mere reservoirs, You are rivers that know no boundaries.
You believe in your home country; but you also believe in my own country.
You believe in the future of your own native youngsters; and you also believe in the future of the children of Africa

Thank You for your continued support



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