

Casa Foundation Summary Report- 2013 Programs for 2014

Dear Friends & Partners,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2014, a year of great partnerships for empowerment of emerging leaders and community development. Casa Foundation continued with its mandate to improve the living conditions of the needy in our communities. In line with our Mission to alleviate poverty and provide reliefs to the less privileged, Casa Foundation supported various charitable organizations in Canada and Africa through its annual donation events and participated at their various fund raising initiatives.

Highlights of Programs-2013

Canada

Annual Lunch Hour Program - July 31st, 2013 Casa Foundation continued with its Annual Support Program to the Family Life Resource Center - Salvation Army, by providing Food and other basic domestic requirements to meet the needs of Women and Children.

Book Drive Program - 2013 At its first Book Drive Program, Casa Foundation mobilized over 1,200 text books in the field of Literature, Medicine, Mathematics and Law from libraries and other Institutions within Ontario and Alberta, Canada. The books have since been shipped to Africa.

The Books are scheduled for Donation to Universities and Colleges in Ghana including: University of Ghana, Legon and Achimota College. More details available at: <http://www.casafoundation.ca/CasaNews.aspx>

Africa

Mother and Child - 7th December, 2013

The 2013 Health Awareness and Immunization program focused on medical care for Mother and Child in Lagos, Nigeria. The annual program is run in Partnership with Culbeat Foundation, The Red Cross Society of Nigeria and a host of Medical Volunteers.

Over 200 families attend this event annually to receive immunization, free medical consultation and free OTC medication. For more details do click: <http://www.casafoundation.ca/Events/Gallery/tabid/1230/AlbumID/2326-181/Default.aspx>

Friends of Africa-2013 Economic Development Conference

October 4th-5th, 2013 saw professionals and business owners from North America and the US participate at The Friends of Africa (FOA)- Economic Development Conference.

Pre-conference infrastructure development strategy meetings of Public Sector delegates held on the 4th of October 2013 at The Persian, *Westin Prince Toronto* while the Economic Development Sessions on Africa held at the Ball Room of the *Sheraton Hotel And Conference Centre, Toronto*.

At the FOA-2013, the Premier of Ontario, represented by PA Monte Kwinter of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, delivered welcome remarks. The High Commissioner of Nigeria, Consular General of Ghana- HE, Kodjo Mawutor and Consul General of Uganda- HE Navin Chandaria and President Casa Foundation all brought good will remarks from Africa. For FOA Papers: <http://www.casafoundation.ca/FriendsofAfrica/FOA2013.aspx>

Friend of Africa Award- 2013

Dr. Mary Anne Chambers won the **Friend of Africa Award** for 2013. The Awards held at the Ballroom of Sheraton Conference and Hotels on the 5th of October 2013. A leader, Philanthropist, and motivational speaker, Mary- Anne had *personally funded the education of more than 30 students attending Ontario universities and colleges by awarding scholarships to them as at 2011 and continues to sponsor early childhood institutions in Jamaica.*

Betty Makoni was also inducted into the 'FOA Hall of Fame". We congratulate and salute them for their contributions to the empowerment of youths. For more details do click:

<http://www.casafoundation.ca/FriendsofAfrica/FOAHallofFame.aspx>

<http://casafoundation.ca/Events/Videos.aspx> <http://casafoundation.ca/Events/Gallery.aspx>

Programs for 2014

In 2014, we will continue with our annual programs targeted at supporting Shelters and Homes for the needy in various parts of Canada and Africa while empowering Youths and business owners through the seminars, conferences and roundtables designed to develop their capacity to transform businesses.

Youth development: 2014

- We will partner with schools within the GTA for our youth and Entrepreneur Development Program (EDP)
- Our African partnerships will lead to the adoption of colleges where seminars, books and educational materials are distributed for better



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impact and reach.

Family Support and Health: 3rd Quarter, 2014

- Donation of medical equipment to teaching hospitals in Africa will continue to facilitate early detection and treatment of diseases.
- Also in partnership with government and other NGOs, we shall be supporting the child immunization program at these locations with our volunteer medical personnel. Our goal is to reach out to as many families as possible to limit the incidence of communicable diseases.

Annual Donation Events in Canada and Africa: September 2014

Donation to Charitable and Non Profit Organizations will continue to accommodate Existing and New Recipients including:

- Family Life Support Center, Canada
- Salvation Army, Canada
- Dress For Success, Toronto
- Culbeat Foundation Nigeria
- Ekiti Development Foundation, Nigeria
- Book donation to Universities and Colleges in Africa.

Economic Development Conference and Awards: October 2014

The 2014 FOA holds in the fall. We trust that our partners, associates and members are looking forward with anticipation to the great opportunity to network, interact and share experiences at these sessions.

We invite you to partner with us and participate at this exciting annual event, which discusses development initiatives in Africa and recognizes socially conscious organizations and Individuals at the FOA Awards. For further details on past events, click: <http://casafoundation.ca/FriendsofAfrica.aspx>

At Casa Foundation, we have declared 2014 a year of great opportunities to partner for better communities. We thank you for your continued support and for partnering with us in 2013 to accomplish our goals.

We will be most honored to welcome you all to Casa Foundations 2014 events.

God Bless.

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