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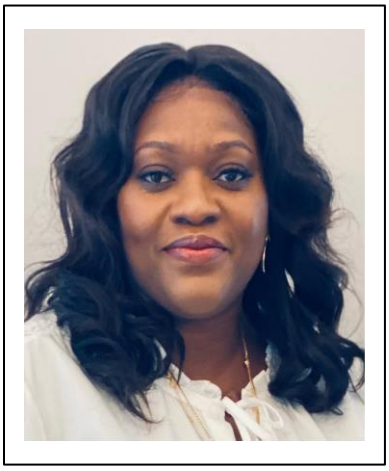
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Letter from the President/CEO



Dear Friends,

The fiscal year 2022 was much more eventful compared to 2021 when we struggled a great deal with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021, our ability to function and provide services was severely impacted and we shut down over 95% of our in-person operations. Our desire to reach out to those in need within our local and international communities was rendered almost impossible. My heart goes out to the numerous loved ones who lost beloved family members to this global threat.

With vaccine and other measures put in place, we were able to resume our services in 2022. Main highlights were our planning meetings; fundraising events; song and play rehearsals; and global meetings including Cameroon, Nigeria, and Morocco offices. The year began with our outreach to the community where we distributed gloves, scarves, and hats to the homeless on our streets. Our 2022 Annual Rendezvous that took place in August saw more than 100 people in attendance, thrilled by the musical performances from Sing4life, Act4life, special artists: Joe Excellent, The Ewedeiro boys, and Pastor Aigbe. Through videos, our international representatives discussed their 2022 projects and made appeals for support to help them reach their goals. Our first in-person and online raffle draw saw numerous donors participating with all eyes on the prestigious prizes.

Our goal for 2023 will be to focus on the following: support for seniors in our communities through our "Our Seniors, Our Heroes" project; support for new immigrants looking for home away from home; seeking support for more in-kind donations of used or gently used clothes, shoes, bags and school supplies to ship to our offices in the developing countries; professional job training in partnership with Knights-train in UK that has offered free training for our nominated participants. We also intend to solidify and stabilize the operations of our new international offices and to plan for our special 2024 global conference.

I believe we have a lot to do in 2023 and as always, our spirit of oneness and desire to give back to our communities will continue to be highly valued.

Finally, my unreserved gratitude to our Board of directors, our executive officers, our members and our volunteers who spent countless hours working to achieve our overarching goal of sponsoring those in need. May our good Lord bless and watch over everyone and our future endeavors.

Thank you.

Oluwasolabomi (Sola) Mary Oguntola (Mrs).

President/CEO

About Us



We Care International is an accredited non-profit organization with head office in Brampton, Ontario, Canada.

Vision

A World where self-actualization is within reach for all.

Mission

Using a three-tiered approach encompassing Charity, Education, and Health, we seek to improve the quality of lives of those disadvantaged within our communities.

Strategic goal

- Provide food, clothing and other basic needs to orphans, widows, and the homeless (Charity - for the needy).
- Empower individuals with skills and education for employment and entrepreneurship (Education - for the youth and new low-income immigrants).
- Offer interventions and initiatives that support the social determinants of health (Health- for seniors, lonely immigrants)



Programs

Community Outreach – local



Early 2022 we targeted the homeless on our streets during the coldest nights of the year in February. Freezing temperatures are really hard to deal with, talk less of the several homeless people on our streets. In collaboration with Saint Elizabeth Health Care, we distributed scarves, gloves, and hats to the homeless. Our future goal here is working in collaboration with local councils in finding suitable homes for the homeless. We reached out to over 50 homeless people in Brampton and Oakville.

Community Outreach - International



We Care Canada received in-kind donations of new or gently used clothes, bags, shoes, and other school supplies which were shipped to Cameroon. Late 2022, similar consignment was shipped to Nigeria to support those in need. We received and continue to receive in-kind donations from generous donors and plan to continue shipping them out. Our volunteers were trained on public presentations so as to be able to reach out to numerous associations and request their support and participation.

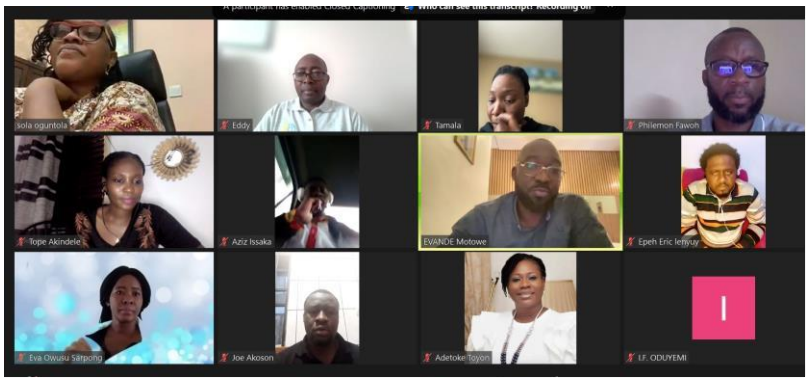


Cameroon: Visit to Save the Children Orphanage



Our Cameroon office led by Country President M. Fawoh Philemon, and members/volunteers visited an orphanage to donate clothes and foodstuff. The staff and children at this orphanage expressed sincere joy upon receiving the gifts and requested for music lessons following an outstanding performance by one of We Care International's ambassador and music Coordinator for Cameroon, Eric Epeh AKA Voice of Africa.

Global Planning Meetings – Zoom



Our team from Cameroon, Nigeria, Morocco and Canada held several strategic meetings to evaluate the progress made as well as share best practices. Cameroon focused mainly on making in-kind donations as well as plan ways of supporting Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) due to on-going conflict in the English-speaking areas of Cameroon. Nigeria on its part focused on Education and planned to work in collaboration with their local Red Cross to support those in need with basic school supplies. Morocco on the other hand focused on providing basic foods needs and clothing to the needy mostly helpless mothers and their babies.





Morocco: Helpless immigrant mothers and children



Late 2022, We Care International – Nigeria visited and made a substantial donation of food products to some orphans through the Nigerian Red Cross Society. Present at this event was We Care International Canada's CEO, Mrs. Oguntola, Nigeria's President Mrs. Temitope, and other members and volunteers.

We Care International – Nigeria



Nigerian Red cross society in Makoko, Yaba, Lagos, Nigeria was setup to support motherless and abandoned babies/children. We care Nigeria closed the year 2022 by supporting the Nigerian Red cross society in providing food items and toiletries to the home. There were a handful of children in the home but we are not allowed disclose their identity to avoid stigmatization.

Fundraising – Annual rendezvous



2022 Annual rendezvous was a great success. Our volunteers served close to 100 guests in attendance from our mocktail hour to various performances by our own Sing4life and Act4life, as well as guest artists: Joe Excellent and The Ewedeiro brothers. After falling behind significantly with our donations, 2022 saw a big improvement in financial donations both from freewill and raffle draw. Participation in the raffle draw was opened to both in-person and online with donors registered from UK, USA, Nigeria, and across various provinces across Canada. We shall focus on improving our online presence so as to continue to benefit from both local and global support.



Sing4life performing songs at 2022 Annual rendezvous



Act4life performing a play

We want to thank our members, volunteers, and donors for their generous donations towards our projects.

2023 Highlights

We look forward to 2023 and will plan to achieve the following:

- Charitable status application
- Digitalization project
- Senior's project
- Education training with Knights Train
- Local & Global meetings
- Sing4life/Act4life Rehearsal
- 2023 Annual Rendezvous
- 2024 Global conference planning
- Patrons/Patronesses platform established
- Network/partnership with other organizations with similar goals
- Recruit and train more volunteers

Thank you, from our team

Sola Oguntola	CEO/President (Board member)
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Glovis Ngala	Director/Board member Peter
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Nganji	Director/Board Chair Philemon
Fawoh	Country President, Cameroon
Temitope Akindele	Country President, Nigeria
Aristide Evande	Country President, Morocco
Patience Wianda	Member - Canada
Irene Nganji	Member - Canada
Roopa Punnen	Member – Canada
Suzanne Killah	Prayer Coordinator, Volunteer
Felix Ngwang	Volunteer - Canada
Ev. Agatha Achare	Volunteer - Canada
Bih Chante	Volunteer - Canada
Gbemisola Oduyemi	Volunteer - Canada
Eyong Mpey Atem Epse Chukwudi	Volunteer – Canada
Najmi Irfan	Member
Catherine Irfan	Member
Members/Volunteers	Cameroon office
Members/Volunteers	Nigeria office
Members/Volunteers	Morocco office
Other volunteers	Canada office