

HIGHLIGHTS

- Report on First Quarter Activities for 2009
- Forthcoming Fundraising Dinner Dance
- Proposed participatory Learning project
- August 2009 Academic Boot camp Project
- 2009 Annual Symposium

Centre Staff



Centre Coordinator and Finance Assistant



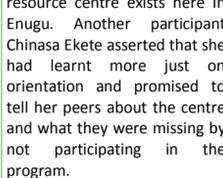
Centre Manager

TAKING STOCK OF THE FIRST QUARTER & FORGING ON IN THE SECOND

The first quarter has been exciting. The program "Catch them Young" was completed in February. This is a project set out for girls of primary and secondary schools only. It is aimed at training them on how to make use of computer properly and to impart in them the requisite skills and knowledge to function effectively in the 21st century and also to receive educational counseling on how to pass their Exams and how to recognize opportunities and utilize them. They were also instructed on how to seize the rare opportunity being offered to them on a platter of gold by the president of the centre, Prof Christiana Okechukwu, whom out of the

magnanimity of her heart decided to alleviate the difficulties they faced by assisting them to get remedial education. The project began with the Program officer, Mr. Nwannebuike Okeke and the Administrative Assistant Miss Chizoba Ofoegbu creating awareness among area schools. Initially, most of the schools thought that the project was not real because they could not believe that anybody in Enugu could just register 20 young people free and train them in computer usage. But after further explanations about the premier focus of ISRC, they became enthusiastic. The staff also went to houses to create awareness of the importance of computer

knowledge in the ability for youths to participate in the 21st Century global village. Parents became enthusiastic and encouraged their young



The Centre which is to empower indigent women and young people to realize their potentials and to be empowered to be able to earn livable wages by providing them with educational counseling and resources. He also told them the importance of being computer literate and the need to be serious with the program and conduct themselves properly and be focused. One of the participants Mercy Okafor noted that she did not know that such monumental resource centre exists here in Enugu. Another participant Chinasa Ekeke asserted that she had learnt more just on orientation and promised to tell her peers about the centre and what they were missing by not participating in the program.

SEARCHING FOR GRANTS

We are beginning to see a glimmer of light in our search for grants. Global Funds for Women has indicated its interest and its willingness to extend its support to our Centre to enable the Centre install VSAT for fast internet access to the Centre. We

have continued to apply to other funding institutions. Hopefully this year will yield results. We continue to appeal to our supporter to turn out in numbers for our Fundraising Dinner dance in June.

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Proposed Virtual Village Square Participatory Learning Project

In September, our Virtual Village Square Project will involve out-of-school, disadvantaged young adults in Nigerian villages with a larger audience, especially the Nigerian youths abroad, using folklore and oral histories as a springboard for deeper conversations about 21st century issues impacting their lives such as civic engagement, employment, education, health, and the economy. Presently, we are building the necessary technology platform and the skills among the target population in Enugu, Nigeria. Lack of information and prejudices are the great divide: we aim to use technological tools and a common language, English, to bridge the divide. Inwelle Centre youths will

digitally capture visual images and recordings of a dozen oral stories and under the guidance of expert facilitators, lead the discussion on given social issues.

To support a youth to participate in the Virtual Village square costs \$100.00.

August 2009 Academic

Boot Camp: Call For

This is a call for youths aged 17—23 who wish to be part of Inwelle Centre Participatory Learning Academic Boot Camp that will run August 1-30.

Eligibility:

Prospective participant must be taking SS3/School Cert/JAMB Exams for the 2009-2010 year, aged 17 –23

excelling in at least 1 academic subject

Willing to commit to the entire month willing to trade talent in academic subject .

Interested?

For information, Call 08037519965 and ask for

Chizoba Nwannebuike Stella, or

Happiness

First Quarter Completed Activities January-March, 2009

After the orientation Miss Chizoba Ofoegbu started lecturing them on computer appreciation; the definition of computer, types of computer, classifications of computer and component of computer. The children understood very well because they were taught computer theory in school. The young girls were general computer knowledge, word processing using MS. Word and keyboarding by the Centre staff and "Project Success" graduands.

Miss Chizoba Ofoegbu, one of the stars of 2007 Project Success group, educated them on the "the Right and Responsibility of Children to their parents and society

under the Child Right Act of 2003, which was presented by Barrister. Margaret Nwagbo,

Chairperson of FIDA, Anambra State Branch, during the 2008 annual symposium on Youth Education and Democracy. Miss Ofoegbu

was able to explain to them the child right act which is a national law that makes provision for the rights of the child and acknowledges that a child

has a right to express his/ her opinion and have their opinions heard and acted upon. She also told them that a child is a person who has not attained the age of 18years. She read out and explained to them the rights and responsibilities

of a child and protection of the child right. And they were told that any violated rights that were violated have its own penalty. She told them that every child has the right of survival and development. After that, the manager of ISRC Mr. Val Onwuegbusia talked to them on the topic:

"Developing the minds of the youth for the future". He advised them to prepare their mind for future developing and to work hard as Prof Christiana Okechukwu who equally was not born with a silver spoon in her mouth but with hard work achieved her aim. They were told in other for them to become active participant in the society and in their future they should pay attention



Girls from primary 6 to JSS or even up to SS2 will be taught the basic use of the computer.



The Assistant Librarian & The Executive



The Program Manager



The Admin Assistant

IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO KNOW; ONE MUST ACT TO HUMANIZE THE WORLD

2009 Fundraising Dinner Dance



Fundraising 2008 Dinner Dance Pictures



VENUE: ROCKVILLE SENIOR CENTER: 1150 Carnation Drive
Rockville, Maryland 20850
DATE: JUNE 27, 2009

Tickets: Individuals: \$60.00
Table for ten \$550.00
Seniors and Students \$30.00
Donations are tax deductible.

Please, make checks out to Inwelle Resource Center and mail to 1026 Welsh Drive, Rockville, MD 20852

DIRECTIONS:

From 270S Take Exit 6A
Head Straight into Nelson St.
Make left of Aster St
The 3rd turning on your left is Carnation.

From Montgomery College

Take Mannakee St.
Make a right on Nelson
Make a Right on Aster
Make a right on Carnation
From 270 N: Take Exit 6A, Take Nelson
From 355 Rockville Pike:
Make a Left on Mannakkee and Follow Directions Given.

On 355 From Gaithersburg:
Make a Right on College Parkway or Mannakkee and right on Nelson

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This year, to minimize cost, we have sent the invitation via email. We will be fundraising to carry out a participatory learning Academic Boot camp project in August. The recipient of the project will be 20 young boys and girls transitioning from school certificate exam to gaining admission into higher institutions. To this effect, we appeal for your help in raising at least \$5,000.00 this fundraising year to enable us house and feed these youths for the entire month of August during which these young people will be required to trade talents in their strong academic subjects - teaching each other what they know in preparation for JAMB and School Cert exams. They will also be taught computer skills in preparation for their first year institution.

Call for Proposal 2009 Annual Symposium

Theme: Preventing & Coping with Teenage Pregnancy in the 21st Century Nigeria.

Inwelle Third Annual Symposium will take place on December -- 2009 at the Inwelle centre Obiesie Hall at 10 a.m.

DONATING TO INWELLE CENTRE PROJECTS? Send checks to Inwelle Resource Centre USA, 1026 Welsh Drive Rockville, MD 20852 Resource Centre, 5 Inwelle Avenue, Amorji Nike, P.O. Box 4008, Enugu, Nigeria.

Catch-them Young Project
This will run all year long. Every month, 20 young girls from primary 6 to JS3 or even up to SS2 will be taught the basic use of the computer. **To sponsor a child costs \$10.00.**

Inwelle Virtual Village Square Project
This targets indigent youths aged 18–21 who will be trained in higher computer skills to enable them participate in a virtual participatory environment. They will be

required to log onto the virtual village square and engage in academic and life enhancing discussions with peers. To sponsor a participant costs \$100.00.

August Academic Boot Camp.





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Go With The Best:

CENTRE VISION:
 Inwelle Centre seeks to create a world in which indigent youths can acquire the necessary skill that will enable them to take charge of their future. This we do by combining life skills, job skills and remedial education as a tool for making them employable and self-employable.

CENTRE MISSION:
 The Centre 's mission is to alleviate the difficulty faced by indigent youths, who want to improve their lot, by assisting them to get the remedial education needed to enter a higher institution and by helping them acquire computer and job skills that will enable them work and earn money to be able to go to school at the same time.

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BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT SUCCESS PROGRAM

Our project Success Program is on-going. This project targets young girls aged 16—19 specifically who are given computer training and counseling sessions for one month at a time.

We target three groups of girls, estimated at about 6,000.00 in the Enugu area and the surrounding states at any given time. The first group comprises girls who, because they got pregnant out of wedlock, have given up hope of going back to school. The general belief is that such girls would have to abandon all thoughts of higher education since they now have another human being to feed. Some of these are very brilliant girls with high potentials whose one mistake has consigned them to the rubbish heap. The second group

are the "good girls" who because they are from indigent homes, sleep around with "sugar daddies" so as to get money to support their education and get out of poverty. The third group are girls who married early but are unfortunate to have lost their husbands. I was once among this group. The girls in this group find themselves widowed at a young age in a society that has no social amenities in place to help them. The two options most of these girls/women have are either to work low paying jobs, date men to get money to augment their meager resources or get further education to make themselves marketable enough to get well-paying jobs and increase their

earning power. The impediment to the first option is that even though these girls get rich men, that source of income is usually short-lived, for these men just support them for sometime and move on to the next vulnerable female or even move on to these women's daughters. The second option, getting a higher education, is usually an uphill task since without money it is almost unattainable. The Centre wants to help in making this second option somewhat attainable hence it



These girls with counseling, skills, and resources.

A typical Project Success group