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## INWELLE STUDY AND RESOURCE CENTRE 2009 Annual Report

**BROADENING THE HORIZON**



**ONE MUST BE WORTHY OF ONE'S EDUCATION, FOR GIVING THE IMMENSE POWER OF EDUCATION TO AN UNETHICAL PERSON IS LIKE GIVING THE OBEJILI KNIFE TO A MAD PERSON: PROF. CHRISTIANA OKECHUKWU, PH.D., FOUNDING PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INWELLE STUDY AND RESOURCE CENTRE, ENUGU, NIGERIA.**



## The Founding President's Message



### Dear friends & supporters:

Thank you all for being part of our exciting and fruitful 2009. I also thank you on behalf of the youths at the Centre whose lives you have helped to enhance. We could not have had this much fruitful and exciting year without your support. We were able to install our VSAT. We were able to hold a life enhancing Participatory Learning Boot Camp. We were able to carry out our Catch -them –Young Project. We had our symposium on “Preventing and Coping With Teenage Pregnancy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Nigeria. See pictures on pages — to — of this annual report. Every year, we have continued to make a bigger difference than we made in the previous year. 2009 is no exception. We have been able to train 120 young people to become computer literate. We housed and fed twenty youths during the boot camp. A great number of our boot camp participants have been emboldened by their experiences at the boot Camp. Some have been admitted into the area universities as they were able to pass the individual university exam that was conducted to validate their JAMB scores. Some have become technologically savvy enough to operate our digital cameras. This year, we did not pay other people for the video coverage of our symposium. Our August boot Camp participants covered the event. They took photos and videotaped the event. One of our August Boot Camp participants also presented at the symposium – a sign of great things to come as we keep

forging on in empowering the youths to realize their potentials.

Global fund for Women supported us this year. We say Kudos to them. We will do you proud. With the economic crunch the way it is, we are grateful that you were able to help us. Your help enabled us to have internet connection at the Centre. We are still appealing to our various Inwelle Friends to keep on believing in our projects and supporting us so that we can execute even greater projects in 2010. Our focus for 2010 is the place of youths in a democratic process and preventing violence against women. We still hope to embark on our virtual village square project if we are funded.

Once again, thanks for making 2009 a fruitful year.

Sincerely,

**Cokechukwu**

**Prof. Christiana Okechukwu, Ph.D.,  
Founding President and Executive  
Director, Inwelle Study & Resource  
Centre, Enugu, Nigeria.**

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



**Mrs. Rose Egbuche**

**Mrs. Vera Nwafor**



**Prof. Christiana  
Okechukwu, Ph.D.**



**Mrs. Patience Umeubosika**

**CENTRE EXECUTIVES**  
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**MRS. ROSE EGBUCHE**  
**PROJECT DIRECTOR:**  
**MRS. VERA NWAFOR**  
**ACCOUNT MANAGER:**  
**MRS. PATIENCE UMEUBOSIKA**  
**VOLUNTEER**

## IN THEIR OWN VOICES



At the boot camp, I learnt how to operate computer i.e opening accounts in yahoo mail and gmail. I also learnt the horticulture practice. I learnt how to write good essay, respecting the use of commas and the rules of concord. I learnt how to arrange books in a library, how to take care of dogs, how to make use of verbs. I enjoyed the telling of tales at evenings, fetching of firewood, fetching water with people that were almost strangers and made friends with them. We cooked together, cracked jokes and read together at nights. In addition to all I have written, I also learnt how to type fast, designing calendars and cards on computer, arranging of receipts and recording data in Microsoft access.

My experience has helped me a lot since then. I have been able to teach my younger ones to operate computers. I can now make friends as I did when I was at the camp. I have planted flowers in my home from the horticulture I learnt. I can work in an office now and also in a library. I am now time and security conscious as I learnt while I was at the camp. I can now speak out boldly in public; I have taught my younger siblings how to write essays as I learnt in camp. In fact, there are so many other things that I would have written but to cut the long stories short, the boot camp is truly a place to be. Thank Inwelle Centre.

**Kosy Nwajuaku**



**No one can stop me now. I have learnt how to write essays on topics. Before, I used to be afraid of writing essays."**

**Chisom Jonathan**



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## ABOUT US

- Year of Incorporation: 2005
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- Nature of Business:  
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# FACILITIES:

## The Library

**"I am only one, but I am still one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. I will not refuse to do something I can do."  
Helen Keller**



# FACILITIES:

## The Internet Networked Computer Rooms



**CENTRE VISION:** We envision a world in which indigent women and youths can go to a centre and find it equipped to aid them in their academic task as well as equip them with skills to earn livable wages. Thus Inwelle Centre is equipped with a library, reading rooms, and computer rooms. The Centre also engages in activities that will encourage older scholars to return and mentor budding scholars. Inwelle Centre, Enugu, is just a start, for with time, other Centres will be created in other under-served areas of the country. We at the Centre believe that empowering the youths will ensure the youths' ability to compete favorably in the global village and their being equipped to refrain from indulging in nefarious activities that riddle the society.

**CENTRE MISSION:** The main mission of the Centre is to empower indigent women and youths to become active participants in defining their future. The Centre seeks to accomplish this by making educational resources such as books, computer networked research rooms, reading rooms furnished with tables and chairs, and word processing facility available to these people at the lowest cost possible.

The Centre also designs skills acquisition projects for youths. The issues we wish to address are lack of educational resources for youths, especially females, and the ability for these youths to lift themselves out of poverty. Our activities are focused on strategies that will change the way these youths view acquisition of educational resources and financing their education, as it eliminates some of the obstacles that stand in their way of acquiring educational resources.



**IMAGE FROM OUR PAST PROJECT**

The Centre also helps in alleviating poverty by giving these students skills for sustaining themselves while seeking education. The Centre will train these youths to be computer literate—word processing, surfing the net—to give them skills for working part time either on their own or for some businesses and banks, and learning how to search for information on the net for writing their academic papers. As time goes by, the centre will also embark on vocational skills acquisition for these youths. The Centre's top priorities in the next two years are to embark on computer mass literacy campaign and to design skills acquisition projects for the youths, especially indigent females.



**Volunteering & Internship**

Volunteers are accepted in our numerous projects.

- Science experts for school children science projects
- Artists for budding artists projects
- Reading and writing teachers for undergraduate participants research projects
- Administrators for training our Centre staff
- Humanities Experts for giving seminars and workshop to youth participants
- Computer expert for helping to train participants
- Counselors for our workshops
- Project supervisors
- Other volunteers in any field of endeavour that will enhance the life of our participants are welcome. Typical areas are painting, gardening, landscaping, driving, renovation, secretarial, teaching, adult literacy, cooking, planting, etc.

**We accept interns in all fields.**

• **Fields:**

Agriculture, Communication Technology, Computer Science, Information Technology, Graphic Design, Music, Theatre, Drama, Dance, Creative Writing, Arts and Craft, History, Marketing, Advertisement, Public Relations, etc.

• **Qualification:** Interest in lending a helping hand.

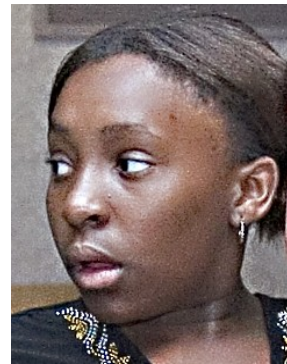
• **Experience:** None required.

• **Provision:**

We provide bed and breakfast within the Centre's facility. Interns provide their own lunch and diner. Well-equipped kitchens and toilet facilities are provided at the Centre's guest wing.



**IMAGES FROM OUR PAST PROJECTS**



Centre 2009 Volunteers

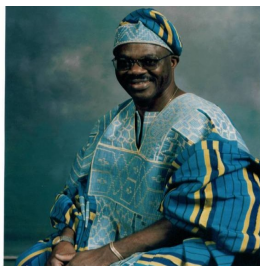


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## Catch-them-Young Mass Computer Literacy Campaign Project 2009 Participants

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 ones to register.

During their orientation, The Centre Manager, Mr. Onwuegbuzia, told the participants the mission of 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.



## Catch-them-Young Mass Computer Literacy Campaign Project 2009 Participants

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 child 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 to their teacher in the class, go through what they have learnt for the day, do their assignment and keep away from bad friends. The program was successful and enjoyable. to their teacher in the class, go through what they have learnt for the day, do their assignment and keep away from bad friends. The program was successful and enjoyable.

# 2009 Boot Camp Fund Raising Dinner Dance





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The Boot  
Camp Fund-  
raising  
Dinner  
Dance in  
June was a  
blast.



Brenda Braham & Patrick Makina  
Chinwe Anwuzia  
Obum  
Paul and Ladys Lux  
Anthony Okonkwo  
Victor Elumogo  
Dr. Allotey  
Marion Pitcher  
Douglas Pitcher  
Evelyn Gobson  
Mr. Frank Gibson  
Mercedes Keene  
Mr. Bill Keene  
Appleby-Caroll Colleen  
Judith Kroll  
Marlana Portolano  
Marlana's daughter  
Joseph Nwoye  
Merlinda Nwoye  
Leonard Ozoemena  
Kofo  
Abimbola Sogunro  
Gloria Chuku  
Haye Levietta  
Kroll Judith  
Ninsta Kanate  
Sandra Marke  
Sandra's Guest  
Obika Ikpeze  
John Nwogu

Roseli Ejzenberg and Saul Goldberg  
Miriam Carter  
Gloria Baron  
Carvajal  
Samson Chim Mgbaja  
Mrs Mae Mgbaja  
Carval Javier  
Natale Andrea  
Ametode Kokouvi  
Adjoua Kouame  
Nsongou Washington  
Nsongou Susan  
Christiana Nnamani  
Medina Maria  
Atsu Mable  
Akpan Nefertiti  
Conde Madeline  
Barbara Mumford  
Marie Roche  
Ferdie Roche  
Vanessa Okechukwu  
Jordan Berry  
Thoko Langa  
Nana Langa  
Ms Benedeth Nwoye  
Ms. Uchenna Nwoye  
Ms. Chioma Nwoye  
Chisom Chuku  
Carol Douglas  
Uju  
Uju junior



### Ijeoma

I will like to extend all the skills I learnt from the bootcamp to my brothers and sisters in my village. This one month has really changed me. I made friends with people from many towns I have not visited before.



### Mary

I can now speak in public without being shy. I now have the self-esteem to talk to my peers and to speak in public. This boot camp has inspired me. I believe that I can work hard with the help of my mentor to achieve whatever I want to achieve.



**New Addition To The Centre: outdoor reading spaces for those times when electricity is out or the heat is unbearable inside.**

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## The Voice of Inwelle Centre Visitor

had the opportunity and privilege to visit the Inwelle Study and Resource Centre Enugu in August 2008. I was able to interview one of the instructors and a participant of the computer training course in session during my visit. My two interviewees gave their personal appraisal of the centre and the benefits they have derived from its training courses. I was particularly impressed by the number of computers in the computer room where the lesson was going on. Every participant had a computer to work on and follow the instructions of the teacher while the lesson was in progress. There were other computers waiting to be installed in the adjoining computer rooms.

Then I toured the different sections of the well equipped library and marvelled at the abundance of books which were neatly arranged on the many book stands that adorned the quiet reading rooms.

At the same time construction work was in progress downstairs and Dr. Christiana Okechukwu, the CEO of the resource centre was very busy supervising a worker who was laying floor tiles in the garage and installing the railings of the stairway that led upstairs. The atmosphere was just typical of the urgency of the mission the founder of the centre. You got the something was going on everywhere look. Even the Rotweilers in their

poised to get into action to assist the security guards. My general impression is that the Inwelle Resource and Study Centre is one of the positive and immediate responses to face up to the challenges of the growing malaise in Nigeria's education system today. The unrestrained proliferation of very expensive "private schools" for upper and middle class families has left the indigent youth drifting along with other unprivileged peers in the lacklustre dumping grounds known as public schools where state governments do nothing but ensure a massive turnout of half-baked illiterates every year.



**Mrs. Ngozi Onuh,  
Grenoble, France**

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Such a centre as IRSC helps to prevent the indigent youth from becoming an adult without adequate inculcation of a proper sense of responsibility and positive societal values. One outstanding and unique attribute of the centre is that it offers FREE remedial and other training courses to its beneficiaries through well structured sponsorships. Again the centre prepares

the youth through participatory learning and intensive vocational courses to qualify them for middle manpower jobs which will enable them earn some money while pursuing higher academic objectives.

Such centres as IRSC should be given public recognition and encouraged by state governments through subventions and through the provision of some academic infrastructure. Mrs. Ngozi Onuh



**August Academic Boot Camp is for youths aged 17–23 who wish to be part of Inwelle Centre Participatory Learning Academic Project that usually runs August 1-30. To sponsor a participant costs \$100.00. We plead for public spirited individuals to send indigent youths in their villages to the August boot camp in order to build their youths potentials for becoming empowered adults. A community that ignores indigence of youths among them is sitting on a keg of gun powder.**







**“Surely the earth can be saved by all the people who insist on love.”**



**Alice Walker**



# *Success with an Attitude*

**This group of participants have been empowered to succeed. They have learnt to empower each other too. They have learnt the power of collaboration in carrying out projects successfully. Like one of them said during the boot camp. "our lives will not be the same again. I can now reach the world through my facebook and other social networking avenues on the internet. Taking exams into higher institutions will no longer be terrifying. Like one of them said "the subjects have been simplified for us. The teachers used our everyday experiences to teach us the subjects that have been frightening us. We will not cease to broadcast the excellent experience the boot camp has given us. Thank you the supporters and organizers of Inwelle Centre Boot camp."**



# *Success with an Attitude*



**No amount of power interruption could stop this group. They sat outside and worked collaboratively on their projects.**



## PROVIDING STRUCTURED OPPORTUNITIES

The VOICE OF INWELLE CENTRE  
SUPPORTER OF THE YEAR MR. IFEANYI  
ONAH, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, ENUGU,  
NIGERIA

**I**n the three years (2007 to date)

that I have known Professor Christina Okechukwu as the founder and Director of Inwelle Study and Resource Centre, she has provided hopeful opportunities for many Nigerian youths through a systematically conducted skill acquisition trainings since the inception of the Centre. Her

Mr. Ifeanyi Onah talking to  
boot camp participants



well developed visions are backed up by actions bringing them to realities. Her determination to salvage the youths from ravaging social and economic challenges has brought her to bear in the success story of many Nigerian youths. Personally, she is seen as a model who hardly believes in failure in whatever course she takes up in the interest of the people. Her manner of approach to mission considered impossible and her success recorded at each instance have so

many Nigerian youths believe in themselves. She has employed her creative ingenuity to introduce and train the young

girls and boys in life changing, inspiring, and survival alternatives., using life transforming training workshops and seminars which include "Nigerian Women and the Struggle for Visibility" in 2007, "Youth Education and Democracy" in 2008, "Preventing and Coping with Teenage Pregnancy in the 21st century Nigeria", Computer literacy for teachers and students, Participatory Academic Boot Camp, etc. In 2009.

## Mr. Ifeanyi Onah talking to boot camp participants



Although she is based in the United States of America, she is more popular than home-based philanthropists, having touched the lives of so many families positively through the training of many youths in vocational

skills. Prof Okechukwu has established a functional resource centre with the volume of books and ICT equipment that surpasses many seen in higher institutions in the city. This resource centre has provided gateway to many Nigerian youths some of whom have graduated and many others in the universities across the country. Professor Okechukwu's ethical personality speaks volume. She seems to have spent the greater part of her academic life researching on the best form of reshaping a staggered society. Having

identified the youths as endangered specie and her prompted rapid response

approach have provided a spring board towards breeding a generation of people that can think "others" first before "self". While others invest in materialism, she spends all her resources on humanity. I see a true Nigerianness in her. Professor Christiana Okechukwu has exhibited her people-orientedness and total dedication to salvage humanity in carrying out her yearly Boot Camp for youths. **Mr. Ifeanyi Onah**



# Empowerment the Inwelle Centre Way

# Youths BOOT CAMP ACTIVITIES





**2009 Academic Boot Camp  
August 1-30**



**Global Fund For  
Women  
Supported  
Inwelle Centre**

**2009 Academic Boot Camp**



**Peace is empowering youths to succeed (Prof. Christiana Okechukwu, Ph.D.)**

## Highlights



Prof. Christiana Okechukwu, Ph.D. standing beside a disabled participant.

**New Centre Staff:**  
Kosisochukwu  
Nwajuaku



**SECURITY**



**We got our VSAT. Thank you Global Fund For Women and Inwelle Friends.**

August 2009 was a landmark for Inwelle Centre. **Global Fund for Women** supported the Centre's efforts to install VSAT for fast internet access to the Centre. The Centre was able to realize \$3,200.00 from the Fund raising Dinner Dance in June. Our supporters turned out in numbers. Give three happy cheers to Global Funds and our Inwelle Friendship supporters Heep! HeepI! Heep!!! Hurrah!!! We have continued to apply to other funding institutions. We had to scale down on the VSAT with the hope of upgrading as we get more funding. Instead of C.Band, we acquired Ku.Band. Instead of a dedicated Bandwidth, we acquired the lowest level of shared Bandwidth. The result is that we are forced to connect not more than 8 computers at a time, else will run the risk of operating on extremely slow paced internet surfing experience. We are also finding it difficult to pay for the monthly Bandwidth cost. Hopefully, someone or some organizations will come to our aid to enable us keep the Centre internet running.

The August Academic Boot Camp was a blast — a lifetime experience as the participants said. Please see the pictures that follow. Also, please view the

participants' CNN iReport by typing this link: <http://www.ireport.com/people/Inwellecentr>

**Prof. Christiana Okechukwu, Ph.D.**  
**Executive Director**



We had English classes.



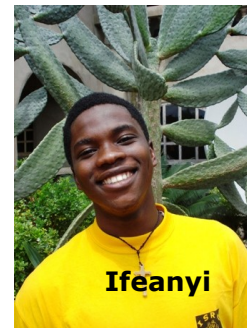
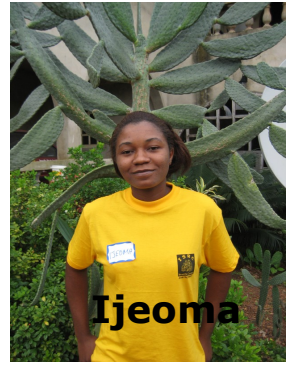
We had Maths, Physics, and Chemistry classes



We had Biology classes



# 2009 Academic Boot Camp Participants



**Give them a chance to grow, for tomorrow belongs to them**  
(Prof. Christiana Okechukwu, Ph.D.)

## IN THEIR OWN VOICES

**Selah Writes:** First of, Inwelle Centre is situated away from the center of town, so it gives a bit of a rural feel and invites the youths to concentrate on the "Inwelle World" during their stay. Also, the size of the compound and the unique construction of the buildings, which resemble a medieval castle, have a great air of age and wisdom to them. Of course, there are constant power interruptions, but this doesn't stop learning...though it may require a quick relocation outside during the day, or candles at night.

The Boot Camp youths are all very energetic, enthusiastic and fun, and generally stay on task very well - of course, Prof never hesitates to bring people back in line! Also, Inwelle Centre has BOOKS! Thousands of them, lining nearly all the rooms. Overall, it's an amazing accomplishment to have set up the Centre from scratch, literally from an empty piece of land, and Prof. Christiana Okechukwu's vision, energy and creativity will continue to drive Inwelle Centre to greater heights - thanks for the opportunity to come and teach and experience Inwelle.

**Selah Abrams, CNN Atlanta, USA**



### Chizoba writes:

As a former 2007 Project Success Participant I had the pleasure to conduct the Catch-them-young project of March 2009. It was an enhancing experience to apply what I learnt during the project and at the symposium that followed. I was able to teach the younger children Computer Appreciation and word processing. I was also able to educate 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,



**Abumchukwu:**

**I learnt a lot at the Boot Camp. At least now I can type documents in Microsoft Word. I can browse the internet, check my email and discuss on the facebook.**

**I thank God for the opportunity given to me to be part of this boot camp. I pray that the almighty God will grant the sponsors of this boot camp long life and prosperity.**



**Alice:** I have learnt how to write well in English. I have learnt to use Microsoft Word to write. Thank you Inwelle Centre. It has

**been a very fruitful month of learning many science subjects and mathematics too.**



**Chioma Obi:** It's really been wonderful participating in the Boot camp. I have learnt to be time conscious. I have learnt to iReport. That has helped me in building self-confidence because now I know that I can speak to the world. Thank you Inwelle Centre for giving me the opportunity to be part of a great programme

Democracy. I 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. I also told them that a child is a person who has not attained the age of 18years. I read out and explained to them the rights and responsibilities of a child and protection of the child right. And I told them that any child rights that were

I told them that in order for them to become active participants in the society and in their future, they should pay attention to their teacher in the class, go through what they have learnt for the day, do their assignment and keep away from bad friends. We all enjoyed the program.

Ms. **Chizoba Ofoegbu**

## 2009 SYMPOSIUM: PREVENTING AND COPING WITH TEENAGE PREGNANCY IN THE 21ST CENTURY NIGERIA



### A Boot Camp Participant Receiving her certificate



The papers for the symposium centred on the issue of teenage pregnancy, its effect on the girl, the boy/man that got the teenager pregnant, the parents of both parties, and the community. Many young indigent girls transitioning from adolescence to adulthood are vulnerable to early marriage with its propensity to violence against them because of societal prescriptions or sometimes because of the circumstances of their birth.

Once indigent girls get pregnant, the next thing is to pressure them into marriage, not counting the cost. After such marriage, these young girls endure untold hardships, emotional trauma, humiliation, and even death while trying to lift themselves out of poverty. Marrying off young girls that got pregnant is an age-old risky undertaking that is ingrained in

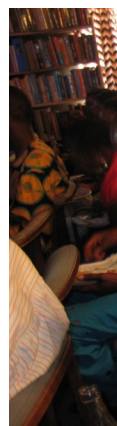
the social ethos. Our third annual symposium which is on the theme of Preventing and Coping With Teenage Pregnancy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Nigeria is the springboard for our next year projects.



**Prof. Christiana  
Okechukwu, Ph.D.**

The goal of the symposium is to empower girls at a young age to avoid the trap of marrying early as a quick fix for avoiding the social stigma of having gotten pregnant and to educate them on issues surrounding teenage pregnancy. We provided a forum for exchanging ideas and identifying meaningful

ways to proactively address the problems of teenage pregnancy, using local resources. The papers presented addressed the issues facing those who got pregnant prematurely, those who are vulnerable to getting pregnant in their teen years, the parents and the entire community whose duty it is to nurture these girls and direct them in the path that will enable them shun the enticement that is the root cause of getting pregnant, and be psychologically and emotionally prepared to support teenage mothers and not force them into marriages, especially loveless marriages.





**Dr Kennedy Mba  
Presenting at the  
symposium**

**Mr. Desmond Ekeke Presenting  
at the symposium**



**Mrs. Rose Egbuche  
Presenting at the  
symposium**



**ABOVE:**

**Chief Barrister B.S. Njubigbo  
congratulating a Boot Camp  
Participant as she receives  
her Certificate**

# 2009 Sympo-



**An  
absorbed  
audience**





# MS. CHISOM JONATHAN STAR BOOT CAMP PARTICIPANT PRESENTS AT THE 2009 SYMPOSIUM



**Miss Chisom Jonathan presenting on "How Parents in Enugu State Can Prevent and Cope With Teenage Pregnancy"**

**Helping The Poor:** The rich ones among us must be ready to help the poor in any way they like for example by building many schools and making the fees affordable so that the poor can afford to go to school. The brilliant girls must be given scholarships. This will enable them to focus on their studies and make others to study hard as well in order to also get scholarships. Some young girls are outside there ruining themselves by going out with older men just because they don't have someone to help them. Since they can't go to school or join others in the society, they go out there to sell their bodies just to belong.

**Organizing A Programme for The Poor Parents, Especially The Mothers:** The topic of the program will focus on minimizing how they produce children. Some youths are are many in their family and since they are many, their parent can't afford to maintain them.

**Knowing That We Are All Equal:** We are equal in the eyes of God. The rich ones today do not allow their children to get married to the poor ones just because they think that the poor world is different from the rich world. If the rich is allowed to get married to the poor, life in general will improve for poor girls.

#### **Being Able To Think:**

The teenagers should learn to think before they get into situations that will lead them to become pregnant. Those that did not know should make friends with those that know or find a peer/mentor that will be encouraging them. Some teenagers have vision, ambition and target but the problem is how to realize their dream. If they find friends that know better than they or find a mentor that will help them to get to their target, the journey will be easier and faster.

#### **Coping With Teenage Pregnancy**

#### **Organizing Programmes For Pregnant Teenagers:**

If we organize a program for them, those that are pregnant will know that we still love them and care for them and will not abandon them. In this program, we should teach them how to start something doing in six to seven months after having heir baby.

**Miss Chisom Jonathan, Boot Camp, 2009**



# INWELLE CENTRE KUDOS

Selah Abrams on coming to Inwelle Centre from Atlanta, USA, for the first time Exclaims:

"Inwelle Centre has BOOKS! Thousands of them, lining nearly all the rooms. Overall, it's an amazing accomplishment to have set up the Centre from scratch, literally from an empty piece of land, and Prof's vision will continue to drive Inwelle Centre to greater heights."

**Chief Barrister Mrs. Oby Nwankwo (CIRDOCC) on coming to the closing ceremony at the 2008 Boot Camp exclaims:**

**"Christiana, you inspire me a lot. I know I have tried to achieve, what I have seen at the Centre is amazing. Initially, I thought that Christiana was taking on too much. But I can now see that she is equal to the task. Christie, you are a lesson to everyone. I am very very impressed."**

**Chioma Obi's mother writes:**

"The Inwelle Centre boot camp offered Chioma a wonderful exposure and an invaluable boost for future challenges. Just shortly after the training, she participated in a regional competition organized by an international organization and she came second. The training imbued her with flaming enthusiasm and high spirit for high achievements and challenging positive contributions to the society and unquantifiable inspiration and confidence in her ability to be a success in life. We wish her zeal ever grows and never dampens this precious

**Mrs. Ojukwu, The proprietor of Precious Child School, Independence Layout Enugu says:**

"I am amazed at what is happening at Inwelle Study and Resource Centre, Enugu. I am amazed at the amount of knowledge and skills imparted on the youths at the boot camp. My daughters will definitely participate in the next boot camp. This is a good thing happening to youths in Enugu area."

# STAY CONNECTED:

## We Want To Hear From You

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

### Call for Proposal 2010 Annual Symposium Theme: Nigeria Is 50: What About The Youths?

**Inwelle Fourth Annual Symposium will take place on December 16, 2010 at the Inwelle Centre Obiesie Hall at 10 a.m.**

Our Virtual village Square Project, which will start September 2010, will involve out-of-school, disadvantaged youths in Nigeria with a larger audience, especially the Nigerian youths abroad, using folklore and oral histories as a springboard for deeper conversations about 21<sup>st</sup> century issues impacting their lives such as civic engagement, employment, education, health, and the economy. In 2009, we started building the necessary technology platform and the skills among the target population in Enugu, Nigeria, who will host and facilitate the virtual village square

Our Virtual Village Square project centers on the premise that lack of information and prejudices are the great divide among Nigerian youths. During the virtual village square project, we aim to use technological tools and a common language, English, to bridge this 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.**

### Eligibility:

Prospective participant must be

- taking SS3/School Cert/ JAMB Exams for the 2010 -2011 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 OR Stella

# STAY CONNECTED:

## We Want To Hear From You

- **Catch-them Young Project**

This will run all year long. Every month, 20 youths 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 Learning 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.** This is for youths aged 17–23 who wish to be part of Inwelle Centre Participatory Learning Academic Boot Camp that usually runs August 1-30. To sponsor a participant costs \$100.00.

Have you secured a job after our training?

Have you gained admission into a higher institution?

Do you need further training?

Do you need to continue using our facilities?

Have you been using our facilities?

Do you want to tell us or tell others about our programme?

Do you want become a friend of Inwelle Centre by donating to our programmes?

Do you want to volunteer your services to the Centre?

Write us and tell us that you want to stay connected. Give us your email or write us and subscribe to our free newsletter in order to receive emails of benefits, services, and future events.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2009

<b>INCOME LINE:</b>	<b>NAIRA</b>
Centre Generated Fund	67,850.00
Donations and Fundraising	641,620.00
Grants Received	1,120,000.00
Rent Donated by Okechukwu	600,000.00
Total sent by Okechukwu for salaries, wages etc	1,400,000.00
Accommodation & Hotel Expenses Donated by Okechukwu	542,360.00
<b>Travels Donated by Okechukwu</b>	
Local	101,200.00
International	647,500.00
In-Kind Income	
Volunteers (in-kind contribution)	360,000.00
Travel Ticket	280,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,760,530.00</b>



**Newest Inwelle Centre Members: Chinenye, Onyinye and Dubem**

**EXPENDITURE LINE****NAIRA**

Salaries	535,100.00
Wages for casual workers	68,610.00
Security	76,825.00
Impress	29,460.00
Rent	600,000.00
Transportation	14,280.00
Communication	60,236.00
Accommodation & Hotel Expenses	542,360.00
Equipment and Other Purchases	343,200.20
Repairs & Maintenance	12,000.00
Volunteers	360,000.00
<b>TRAVELS</b>	
Local	101,200.00
International	647,500.00
Bank Charges	9,118.90
<b>PROJECTS</b>	
Catch-them-Young	78,490.00
Mass Computer Literacy	80,700.00
Dinner Dance Fundraising	317,422.00
Boot Camp	1,752,349.20
Symposium	114,910.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,743,761.80</b>

The Executive Director, Prof. Christiana Okechukwu visited RISEGO: Developing Social Entrepreneurs Organization at Rochester, New York .

**Photo:** Chief Obika Ikpeze, Prof Christiana Okechukwu, Ph.D., and David Dey, President & CEO of RISEGO, Rochester



## In His Own Voice

The 2009 Academic Boot Camp at Inwelle Study and Resource Centre affected my life in a very good way. I have been applying what I learnt to my everyday school activity. The 2009 Academic Youth Boot Camp was a life changing experience. I learnt so many things. We were taught various aspects subjects like English, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, horticulture, and African Studies. Our teachers were great; they had to start from the basic knowledge and led us into subject studies required to pass our exams. They made us to understand the subjects properly and carried everybody along, most especially in the area of African studies. They made us understand the root of Africa, how our forefathers came to be, how they lived & their way of life which is a rare knowledge for us to acquire. Furthermore we were given computer literacy classes like computer Appreciation, Internet Explorer, Microsoft Word processing, digital camera and digital video recording and uploading, iReporting, and social networking. These were not easily affordable services but were made available with the help of Inwelle Study and Resource Centre. We were taught how to plant flowers. The 2009 Academic Youth Boot Camp has affected my life positively as it boosted my self confidence in the way I understand and interact with people. It taught me to be less naïve and to be more confident in my self. Also it made me a better person, helped me in understanding my talents and potentials and how I can affect the society positively. It taught me the need to have a mentor to guide me in my career. I got career counseling. With that all I have learnt from the 2009 Academic Youth Boot Camp at Inwelle Study and Resource Centre, I can now cultivate my own garden, understand and interact more with people, make use of the internet fluently., and more importantly face the future with hope, knowing that I have it in my hands to develop myself.



## Obinna Umeh



**Ajie Onwuegbuzia**



**Happiness**



**Michael**



**Kosy**



**Stella**



**Chizoba**

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AJIE VALENTINE ONWUEGBUZIA

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MS. HAPPINESS NNAJI

### **LIBRARIAN:**

MS STELLA UMEH

### **PROGRAMME OFFICER:**

MICHEAL OKEKE

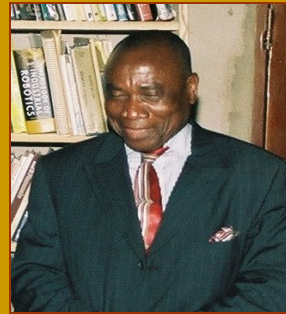
### **SECURITY:**

MS. KOSY NWAJUKU



## 2009 Supporters of The Year

Chinwe Okeke



Chris Okeke



Ifeoma Gbulie



Anne & Eugene Jeffers



Eunice Mahone



Oby Nwankwo



John Allotey



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## The Group That Made it Happen in 2009



### Our Vision

Inwelle Centre seeks to create a world in which indigent youths and women 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.

### Our Mission

The Centre's mission is to alleviate the difficulty faced by indigent youths and women, 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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