NNEKA YOUTH FOUNDATION

10TH ANNIVERSARY

OUR IMPACT
2012 - 2022





"TRANSFORMING AFRICA ONE CHILD AT A TIME"

Nneka
Youth Foundation

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"Smarter to raise healthy children than to repair damaged adults"

INTRODUTION

Nneka Youth Foundation is a Non-Governmental Organization established in the year 2012 with a special focus on the development of girls, women and giving necessary guidance, support to children in the underserved communities. It is our conviction that the transformation in the thinking of our future leaders will inevitably lead to a positive transformation of our nation.

Over the years, there has been a disastrous cycle of teenage pregnancy that has set a huge stumbling block in the path of any worthwhile achievement by the rural folk. This is because they never get the opportunity to fully develop themselves before they begin to have children which often leads them into early marriage or parenthood.

Since our inception in 2012, Nneka Youth Foundation's mission has been to empower the youth to keep them in school to prevent children marriage and foster gender equality in rural deprived communities in Ghana. We are dedicated to addressing the root problem by supporting women and girls out of school to make their lives better and also by providing education and educational logistics support to young people in the communities that are lagging behind in personal and community based development.

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OUR PROGRAMS



The organization operates nine different programs. Some programs focus on seminars and training or workshops to teach businesses and other stakeholders how to contribute to community development. Others work on teacher training or speed mentoring to help students, teachers and community leaders collaborate to improve education. There are also student tuition and school needs sponsorship programs, book drives, library and ICT programs, youth development programs, psycosocial awareness programs, vocational skill trainings and financial literacy programs.

Nneka Youth Foundationn Mentors more than 84,000 Youth






GAP

SUMMER CAMP

- More than 84,000 Youth, 400plus Communities, 27 Districts, and 4 Regions in Ghana have been mentored to become responsible adults in the future. The children drawn from all the regions participate in the summer camps organized by the Nneka Youth Foundation. The camps aimed at curbing social vices in the rural communities especially teenage pregnancy (which is a major problem in these areas) and to spur the youngsters on in dreaming big and working towards the achievement oftheir dreams. Our "World Changers Camps" play a vital role in developing positive mindsets among rural youth. All sessions are held at our very own Youth Development Centre at Ve Agbome in the Afadjato South District in the Volta Region of Ghana. Our camps bring together youth from over 400 communities for a month-long, residential camp that runs over 4 streams of 6 days each. The camps are carefully and tactically structured with embedded seminars, clinics, breakout sessions, ICT trainings, arts and vocational skills training handled by seasoned resource persons from varying professional backgrounds who engage the youth on various specialist topics.

OBJECTIVES

- To reduce teenage pregnancy among school children.
- To increase enrolment of students particularly girls in Senior High.
- To reduce drop-outs as a result of drug abuse, teenage pregnancy and other vices.
- To improve on examination results particularly BECE,



To give the necessary guidance and support to children in the rural communities in an attempt to curb social vices and bring them to a point of believing that, they too can be world changers.



Our vision is to nurture generations of lifelong learners, leaders, and doers in the classroom and beyond. Education doesn't just build careers, it builds character. Ghana's future depends on engaged citizens.

Pictures from the Camp

















INPACT STORY

My name is Dotse Lawrenda Akpene. A level 400 Economics student at Central University. I gained admission into Central University under scholarship from this foundation. It was a new opening for me because I may not have made it this far in my educational ladder without support from Nneka Youth Foundation. I came into contact wh Nneka Youth Foundation in 2012 as a camper.Over the years I have been impacted in various ways. I became a volunteer contributing my service in any way possible. Nneka Youth Foundation aimed at engaging the younger generation to be active lifelong learners and thinking about future possibilities. The foundation has been financing my education since 2016 up to date, which I am grateful for. I edged all who are willing to support the Foundation to do so because they are doing a good work.





4 NEW YORK

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THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016

Cecilia Fianka of the Nneka Youth Foundation in Ghana was presented with an award and Jolie Jones, right, spoke. BESS ADLER

New York hosts Child 10 awards honoring leaders in fight against abuse, trafficking of children



INPACT STORY

Samuel Kudzo Dogbatse is my name, a Level 200 ICT student from the University Of Education, Winneba. I knew of Nneka Youth Foundation in 2014 and I came as a camper. By the help of Nneka Youth Foundation, I completed SHS with the Hope of furthering my education. Now I am in the university and hoping for the greatest ahead. As a way of thinking about others and impacting and serving the Organization, I am a volunteer who helps in every aspect where our services are needed. I work in the media team as a graphic designer. Nneka Youth Foundation is a magnificent organization with the aim of empowering the youth, teenagers, women and the underserve communities.

Thanks to Nneka Youth Foundation for the good work they began in my life and the life of others. We seek for more supports from everyone with the willing heart to put smiles on the face of all children.

Empowering our Implementation Partners

Nneka is key proponent of capacity building and human capital development. We are very keen on empowering our implementation partners to effectively deliver measurable change. This empowerment is delivered through professionally tailored workshopsthat target various categories of stakeholders. Our workshops are practical and employ cutting edge methods as well as motivational tools. Stakeholders have benefitted from these workshops. Our Speed mentorship brings together all stakeholders including children, parents, Teachers and community leaders to educate them on their rights of a child and responsibilities of parents and teachers towards their children. We also address issues and concerns that hinder the educational progress of children in various communities.





1500

Stakeholders including children, parents, teachers and community leaders were educated



Teacher Training

Nneka Youth foundation recognizes the tremendous impact that teachers have in the lives of their students. We actively partner with certified and experienced organizations and individuals to better understand day-to- day challenges of teaching and also introduce innovative and improved training techniques necessary to engage and empower students of all ages.



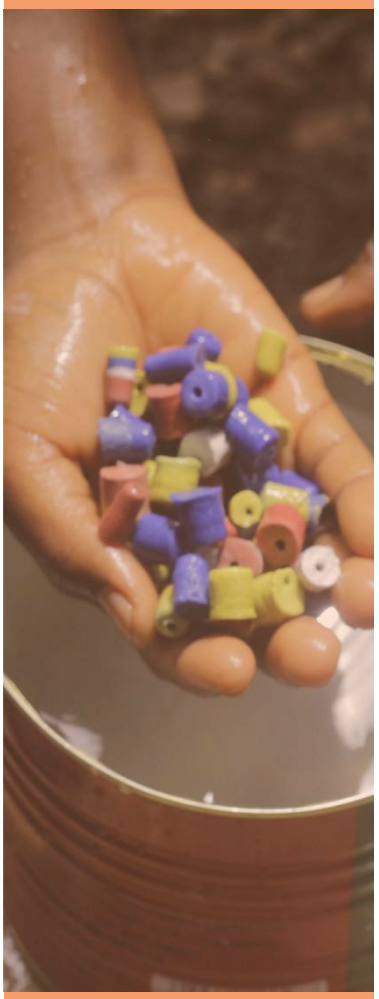
Nneka Palm Oil Woman Empowerment Reorientation Scheme

N-POWERS introduces a mechanized way of palm oil extraction to ease the burden of women in rural communities. This it saves them a great deal of time and relieves them of stress and gives them room for other engagements. The palm oil processing center is located at Ve Gbodome and this allows women from neighboring communities having access to the place. This project seeks to provide a sustainable livelihood for women to be able to cater for their children's education.

Vocational Entrepreneurial Pathway

(VEP-Ghana)

As measures to contribute to the SDG goal 1, 4, 5, 8, 10. Nneka Youth Foundation introduce the VEP-Ghana which is aimed at empowering, equipping and mentoring teenage mothers and girls out of school from rural and deprived communities. These young mothers are taken through various vocational skills training, life skills training, business management support training,and Psychosocial Support. Over 700 females have been trained in Soap making, beads production & Designing, Batik Tie & Dye Designing and Cassava Flour Production and Processing into Pastries. Some of these girls are supported with seed funding to start their businesses. We aim to empower over 8000 teenage mothers and girls with skills, continual support to enable them to create sustainable income streams for themselves andtheir families through vocational training and entrepreneurship in the next 10 years. To minimize the marginalization of teenage mothers/ pregnant adolescent, to enhance the economic empowerment ofgirls in rural communities and to provide a definite pathway to enable them gain vocational and economic empowerment.



Pictures From The VEP Programs

















IMPACT STORY

I dropped out of school as a resultof teenage pregnancy. I enrolled in Nneka Vocational Entrepreneurial Pathway training where I realized the potential togo back to school. I was reintegrated into Junior High school which I successfully completed. I believe I could continue my education to the Senior High School. I also just completed a refresher course in Nneka Vocational Pathway and has been given startupinputs to start my own business to take care of myself and the baby as I wait for my result to go to Secondary school. I am now inSHS 1 offering Home Economics.

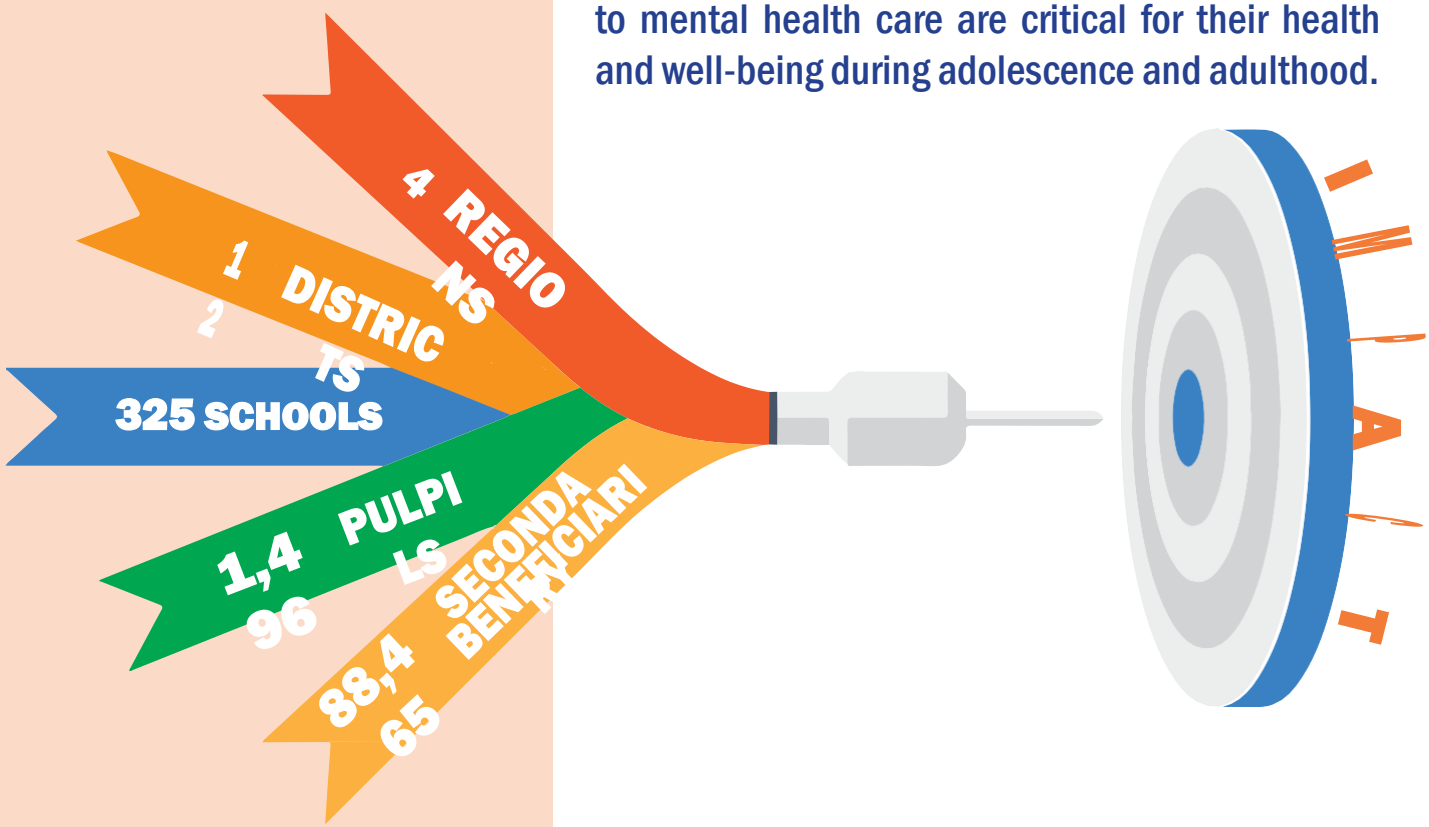
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Nneka Youth Foundation Embarks on Mental Health Awareness Campaign to PROMOTE Psychosocial Awareness Among Youth For Improved Learning Outcomes.



Due to the lack of awareness on mental health among the youth, Nneka Youth Foundation decided to embark on awareness campaign to make youth ambassadors and advocates in order to improve understanding and increase access to counseling, as well as to promote mental health and wellbeing among Ghanaian youth who frequently suffer in silence, the effort is intended to lessen the ignorance of the signs and presenceof poor mental wellbeing, especially among the young.

Psychosocial health comprised of four major component, which include Physical, emotional, and social changes, including exposure to poverty, abuse, violence, can make adolescents vulnerable to mental health problems. Protecting adolescents from adversity, promoting socio-emotional learning and psychological well-being, and ensuring access to mental health care are critical for their health and well-being during adolescence and adulthood.



IMPACT STORY

Indeed “smarter to raise healthy children than to repair damaged adults”. Growing up in a community where drug and other social vices were the order of the day is not a good thing for a determined child to experience, but that’s exactly what many children goes through and my early days story as a child. I grew up in a community in the Afadjato South District in the volta Region.Nneka has been a major force of transformation in my life,both education and social life. I always feel not accepted due some challenges faced growing up as a child in my community. But my encounter with the Nneka Youth Foundation and listening to those who had been through my situation while growing up but never let circumstances limit them, I then realized how fortunate I’m am and how I can soar through and become something special for my community and my family.My dream has been to become a usefultransformational force in my community.

I started volunteering with the organization since 2012 after participating in the maiden two weeks-long camp. I became a general volunteer since and help in coordinating volunteers and organizing students/campers from all the over 400 underserved communities, 27 Districts in the 4 regions we operate in. The organization supported me to go back to Senior High School to Rewrite my English and Mathematics after I couldn’t do well during WASSCE.I was supported to go to University to study Procurement and Supply Chain Management.I completed in 2020 and was employed as the Operations and administrative manager. With a grateful heart I will like to use this opportunity to Thank Nneka Youth Foundation and each andeveryone who is reaching out to the organization to transform Africa one child at time. I say Ayekoo!



EMMANUEL SENEADZA

Building Children's Passion for Sports and Extra Curricular Activities



The Nneka After School Sports program seeks to build children's passion for sports and extra curricula activities. It has been observed that schools in rural communities in which we work are lacking in both recreational facilities and equipment to promote physical education among school children. This is to say that regular extra curricula activities are nonexistent in such places and young people become vulnerable to social problems like teenage pregnancy and drug abuse caused by idleness. Sport is another way to meaningfully engage young people. Weaim to encourage these children through sports so they can develop a sense of achievement and shun early pregnancy and marriage, drugs, alcohol and crime. This program is designed to provide a favorable environment that will engage children in play and sports thus helping them release tension after school, boost their self-confidence and inculcate values such as groupaccomplishment, solidarity and fairness.

We have taken into consideration the fact that this age group (6-18 years) loves fun group activities and can only do this freely during after school hours. Our aim is to enhance group accomplishmentand to promote healthy living and physical development in children in rural communities. Our long term goal is to



improvequalityoflifethroughsports.







NNEKA SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT

Our scholarship program identifies promising students at risk of dropping out of school and covers the cost of tuition and school needs to allow these students to realize the dreams and aspiration they hope for. Over 250 students have benefited from this program at basic, secondary and tertiary levels.





IMPACT SORRY

I come from a family of 9 children of which I am the last born but the first to make it to Senior High School (SHS). AfterJunior High School, I stayed home for a year without goingto school even though I was placed in one of the renowned Senior High Schools in Ghana. My parents could not afford my school fees due to economic hardship. Nneka Youth Foundation identified me during one of their programs and included me on a Scholarship scheme where my full tuition and upkeep was catered for.

My academic performance was so encouraging and I won many awards in school like “The Best Agricultural Science Student.’ When I was in SHS 2, Nneka Youth Foundation registered me to write the West African Examination Council (WAEC) Private Exams and my results were very promising. Again, I sat for my final Exams, West Africa Senior Secondary Certificate Examination (WASSCE) and I excelled with aggregate 16. It’s my dream to become an Agricultural biologist.

I gain admission in Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology studing Agribusiness and in my final year. I want to use this opportunity to thank Nneka Youth Foundation for the Support given me.

RIDE TO SCHOOL PROJECT

Over 100 school children from 24 communities in the Afadjato South District have received bicycles from the Nneka Yout Foundation to mark the **INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY** 12th June.
The project was done in partnership with
The Village Bicycle Project, an organization that has Collaborated with Nneka Youth Foundation since 2014 to support hundreds of children who walk long distances to school daily. The bicycle project is to reduce the stress and the challenges the school children face daily as they commute to school.







IMPACT STORY

My name is Melody Taga from Aflawu, I attend school at Ve Hoeme Agbome JHS. I walk about 1 hour and 15minutes to school everyday. Some times when I get to school, I get tired and sometime even sleep in class. Now I have a bicycle which I got through Nneka Youth Foundation Ride to School Project. Now I gets to school faster to study. Thank to Nneke Youth Foudation. My dream is to become a doctor in the future.

COVID-19 AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



Nneka Youth Foundation has over the last 8 years promoted development and health care initiatives across rural Ghana. In the wake of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, Ghana has seen a steady spread of this disease in the country.

We therefore launched a sensitization drive on the 8th of April, 2020 in support of the Districts 'Health and Assemblies across some of the communities and villages we work in with our able volunteers including those in the health sectors, education and tertiary students. The awareness campaign was mainly to; educate households on the deadly COVID-19 pandemic and its effect and also with a health care volunteers to take them through the necessary measures on how to protect themselves, stay safe and practice social and physical distancing. Make them aware of how this deadly pandemic spreads and how they should be conscious, teaching them precautionary measures, making nose mask with handkerchiefs and Making of Tippy Taps for hand washing. We put up visible signs/posters to keep them in check at all times and also to guide them.



902 households

63 communities

15 volunteers on the ground.

5 districts

IMPACT STORY

I am Dakudzi Mavis, a level 400 student from the University For Development Studies reading Bsc. Agriculture Technology. I came into contact with Nneka Youth Foundation in the year 2013 at the summer camp which is organized yearly. I was then identified as the boldest student on the camp and was picked up by Madam Cecilia Fiaka (Mama Nneka) who helped me financially and morally through academics and conduct respectively. By the help of Nneka, I'm a student who is about to graduate. As means of contributing my quota to the foundation, I am an active volunteer who is always up and doing with almost all activities that is organized by Nneka Youth Foundation. I work in the administrative part and also helped mobilize children during the pandemic in 2020 to teach and impart both classroom and outdoor knowledge such as ICT, sports and craft. Nneka Youth Foundation is an amazing foundation who's concern is always been, "smarter to raise young children than to repair damaged adults". Nneka has given hope to teenage mothers, orphans, less privileged and the deprived.

PUTTING A SMILE ON THR FACE OF CHILDREN

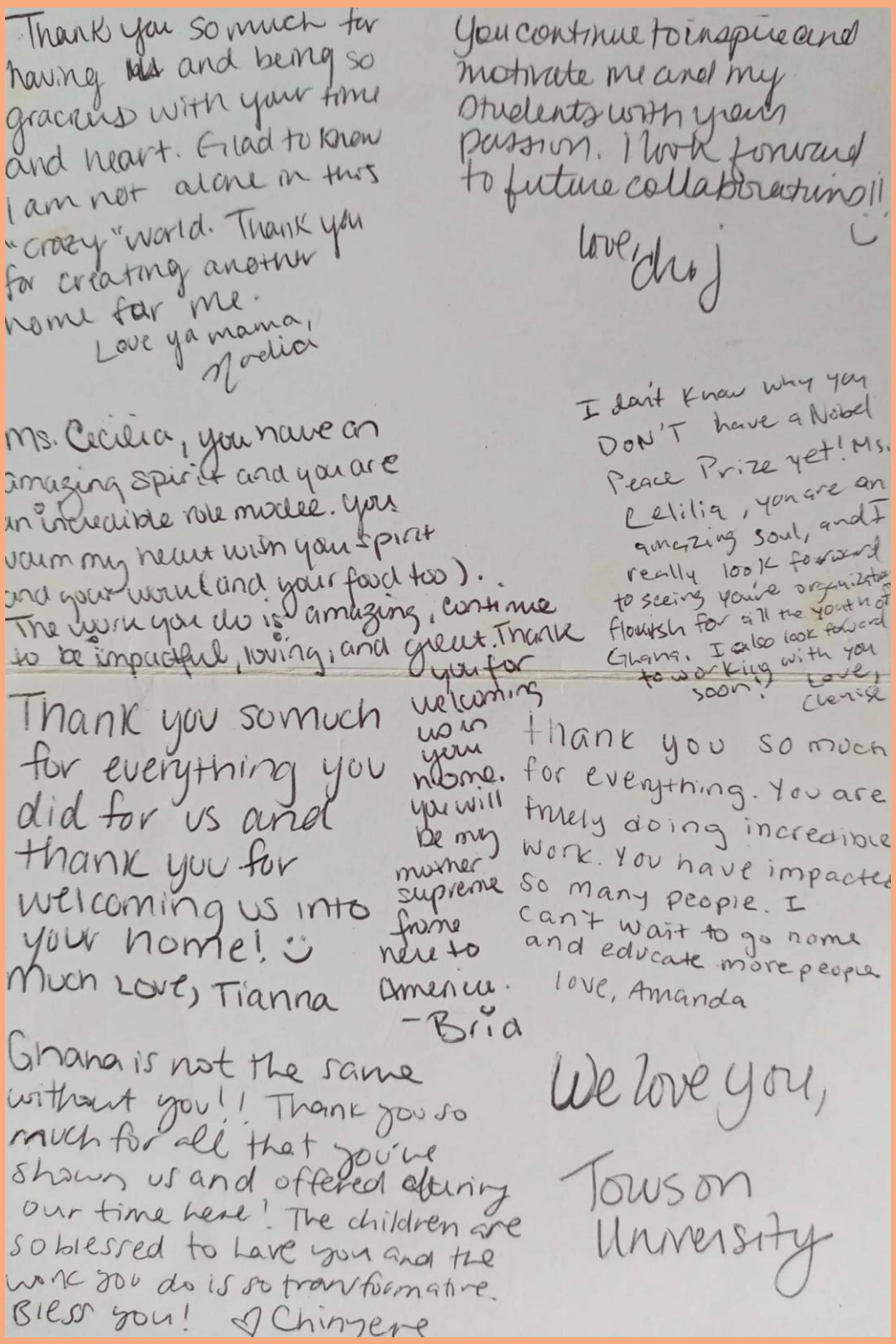
Nneka Christmas Party seeks to foster a communal identityof celebrating and consolidating gains during the yuletide. This initiative, which has become an integral part of NYF hasreached out to more than 84000 children since 2012. The event is always characterised by fun, excitement and profound fraternisation. It is also an opportunity for beneficiaries from various levels of education to receive the Nneka Education Logistics Support (NELS), an initiative to support children with educational materials and interact with sponsors of the initiative. Nneka Christmas Party saw thousands and over beneficiaries feted,fed, gifted with clothes, School inputs and greatly entertained. This is made possible through the support the Foundation received from various individuals and organisations. According to Mrs Rita Addo the manager of GOIL TEMA ZONE there couldn't have beena better Christmas celebration than putting a smile on the face ofa child who needs it most. Christmas party have been graced by some dignitaries of the constituencies and the districts, like the Members of Parliament, District Chief Executives, District Directors of Education, Girl Child Education Directors, Traditional Chiefs and Queen mothers and Assemblymen amongst others. The most significant point they all stressed is how the youth should focus on their education, especially the girls, and the choices they should make, to keep in school to avoid trouble, especially teenage pregnancy. Nneka Youth Foundation seeks to take this initiative a notch Higherand impact even more lives.

IMPACT STORY

I have had the pleasure of working with Nneka Youth Foundation since 2014 as a Volunteer. Since then, I have been an eyewitness to the impact the Foundation has made in the lives of the youth through the Foundation's events and activities, such as the Christmas Party, Entrepreneurship Workshops, and the annual Summer Camp. The Annual Camp is one particular event that I wish growing up, I had the opportunity to participate in such an event due to the rich experience it exposes the participants to in terms of academic activities, social-emotional skill development, talent naturing, environmental awareness, and of course, moral life development inclusive. I remember the great speakers who interacted with the students during the Camp. The topics varied from career development to self-awareness to positive use of social media, climate change, business idea creation, among others. I listen with gladness when some of the children who have been part of my Creative Writing Class – one of the lesson departments during each Camp – call me and read some of the stories or poems they have written after participating in the class. I also recall a boy from the 2018 Camp who participated in the Mock Parliamentary Sitting and now has so much interest in politics and hopes to become an MP one day. He acted as an MP for one of the constituencies and debated so well on a sanitation issue on the floor of the Mock Parliament. And there was one JHS 1 girl in my Creative Writing Class in 2017 who confided in me about being in an amorous relationship with a man far older than her; and she wanted to quit the relationship, but the man kept threatening her. I had to engage the girl's parents and we were able to help the girl out of the relationship. These are examples of the amazing impacts the Foundation brought on the life of the participants over the years. This is not just about the children, but we, the Volunteers as well. Personally, I have established a good network with some volunteers, which has mutually benefited them and me. My public speaking was whet by engaging the children during the Camp, and I learned a lot from the presentations that other guest speakers gave during camps. Ouch! I nearly forgot. When I was a teacher, most of the interesting icebreakers I used to make my class lively were learned from events by the Foundation. There was certainly no dull moment at their events – always edutaining. I am happy to have been part of the Nneka Youth Foundation family and equally happy about the success stories of the Foundation. It has been ten years of dedication and commitment to 'build stronger children than repairing broken adults' – even amid COVID-19, where the physical distancing protocol halted many programmes and activities by organizations and institutions. The Foundation found an innovative way to reach out to the children without putting them at risk of COVI-19. You look at the scale of impact the Foundation has made with limited resources over the past ten years,



Thank you letter from a student in Touson University



Thank you so much for having us and being so gracious with your time and heart. Glad to know I am not alone in this "crazy" world. Thank you for creating another home for me.
Love ya mama,
Noelia

You continue to inspire and motivate me and my students with your passion. I look forward to future collaborations!!
love, Chij

Ms. Cecilia, you have an amazing spirit and you are an incredible role model. You warm my heart with your spirit and your work and your food too). The work you do is amazing, continue to be impactful, loving, and great. Thank you for welcoming us in your home. You will be my mother supreme from here to America.
-Bria

I don't know why you DON'T have a Nobel Peace Prize yet! Ms. Celilia, you are an amazing soul, and I really look forward to seeing you're organization flourish for all the youth of Ghana. I also look forward to working with you soon!
Love, Cleriss

Thank you so much for everything you did for us and thank you for welcoming us into your home! ☺
Much Love, Tianna

Thank you so much for everything. You are truely doing incredible work. You have impacted so many people. I can't wait to go home and educate more people
love, Amanda

Ghana is not the same without you!! Thank you so much for all that you've shown us and offered during our time here! The children are so blessed to have you and the work you do is so transformative. Bless you! ♡ Chinyere

We love you,

Touson University

IMPACT STORY

As a volunteer, you're to empty yourself for the betterment of others, that's what being avolunteer at Nneka Youth Foundation stands for. People volunteer for many motives and always mix altruismand self-service. From cooking, serving food, cleaning the dishes, sleeping on the floor with the children and teaching. AtNneka, a volunteer is defined as having unselfish regard, and behavior of caring for others without expecting a reward for it.My years with Nneka have been nothing short of wonderful and will stay like that for me. I came in as a loner andfound for myself, love, brothers & sisters, family and purpose. The experience gained, cannot be measured,I have developed as a person in my relationship with dealing with people from diverse cultural backgrounds. Cecilia allowed me to be responsible for others and myactions. The impact, affection, is so felt that you can't deny it. It is my greatest hope to continue on this path, connecting, sharing and opening the door for others. Nneka Youth Foundation will be a home for many ofus. Long after we grieved, long after we breathe, long after we're gone, for it will leave all that she is in the hands of History and it will be her legacy and our legacy.



Hon. Ramsey Prince-Benson YMP
Nneka Volunteer

PROGRAM RESULT IN SHORT

10
Years of Existance

Over **91**
volunteers

4
Regions in Ghana

27
Districts

400
Communities

84,000
Youth and women Impacted in the communities rached

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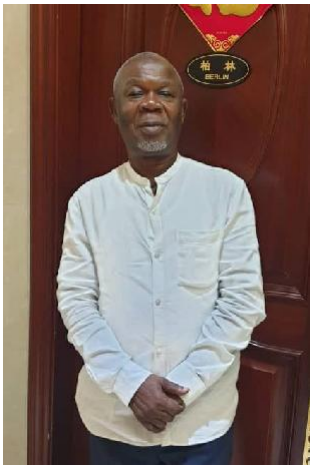
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