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# HALF-YEAR NEWSLETTER

# THE ARK FOUNDATION, GHANA



## COMPASSION: THE SOLUTION TO DISTRESS

*Matthew 9:36 "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."*

Although remarkable global events such as the corona virus (COVID-19) pandemic and the Russia-Ukrainian conflict and its rippling effect on global economies have impacted negatively the economic and social make-up of the world, the gracious and compassionate heart of God has not failed us. He has sustained and provided for our needs regardless of the world prevailing circumstances.

To our generous givers; we could not have traversed half of 2022 without your support. Your thoughtful benevolent deeds notwithstanding the global challenges have enabled us to continue to provide comfort to the distressed, restored crushed dignities, and carved smiles onto sad faces of survivors particularly women and children. We are grateful and we pray for God's blessings upon your lives and the works of your hands.

## STATISTICS FROM THE CRISIS CENTRE AND SHELTER

- Seventy-five (75) cases received (Jan to Jul 2022)
- Eighteen (18) were referred for shelter services.
- Out of the eighteen (18) cases admitted into the shelter, twelve (12) have been successfully discharged and resettled.

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## A GLIMPSE OF LIFE AT THE SHELTER

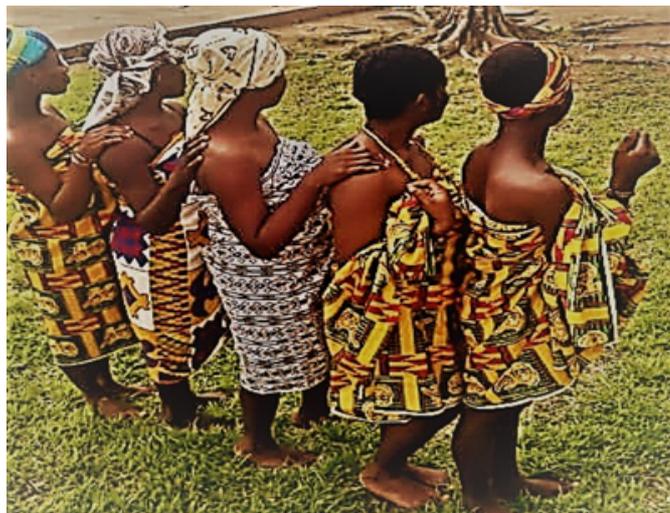
We strive to make clients feel at home, safe and happy. It is not a place of confinement, but a place rehabilitation and empowerment. Social activities have been strategized for this purpose. The activities range from recreational, birthday celebrations of clients, cultural to educational ones.

As The Ark wants to groom, nurture, and strengthen survivors for life after the Shelter, they are regularly engaged in craft and skills training such as soap making, bead-work, pastry making, sports, and fun activities. We organize training to cater to survivors psychological, spiritual, and financial needs.

## PHOTO GALLERY OF ACTIVITIES AT THE SHELTER



Young women engaged in sack race as part of their weekly fun-activities



Young women in traditional attire performing a traditional dance



Ankara Bangles from clients



Clients taken through the process of making Ankara Bangles

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Good evening... I was speaking with my mother today and we were discussing how much your intervention blessed us... Thank you very much and may God bless you more and more.

***Adwoa** (not her real name) was discharged from the shelter in 2020. She was rescued and admitted into the shelter with her two-year-old daughter immediately after the lock-down was lifted. She was supported to secure accommodation and to re-establish her hair salon business after resettlement)*

Good evening ma, please how are you. My husband and I say thank you to you and your team for always supporting us and others, may the good heart you have for people here on earth produce results for you all in HEAVEN one day. God bless you all and I will keep you updated.

***Afi** (not her real name) is mother of a child with disability. Afi was supported by The Ark financially to cater for the numerous hospital bills of her daughter. She lost her source of income as a result of the frequent visits to the hospital. Afi was supported with some start-up capital to establish a small business to cater for her needs and that of her daughter).*

*Testimonies from Clients of The Ark*

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## OUR FOUNDATION OF GIVERS (FOGs)

A big "THANK YOU" goes to our esteemed Foundation of Givers (FOG) for your commitment to our purpose. Your consistent provision of support has greatly assisted us in sustaining the drive to our vision and mission of creating empowering and safe spaces for survivors of gender-based violence. A total amount of GHC 70,000 was received between the period of January to June 2022 from our FOG's, benevolent individuals, groups, churches, and organizations.

Additionally, we received in-kind donations of learning and play materials, clothes, diapers, toiletries, foodstuff, household items, etc. from individuals, para-church groups, groups notably the Absa Ladie's Network, Manet Chapel Women's Fellowship (Accra Ridge Church), Adepa, Madam Christina Essiem and family, etc. The Ark also acknowledges the remarkable support of Ghc120,000 from an organization that wishes to remain anonymous, as well as support from ICGC Liberty Temple, and ICGC Holy Ghost Temple to acquire our much-needed vehicle for the Shelter. All your contributions and support are duly acknowledged and profoundly appreciated.

## COMMUNITY GIVEBACK

For the first half of the year, clothing was donated to the residents of four communities namely; Trebba, Kpobikope, Kuntunse, and Nyabema in the Ga West Municipality of the Greater Accra Region. The distribution of donated items was supervised by some members of the Young Urban Women's Movement, a community-based-young-women-advocates group, who are alumni and network partners of The Ark.

## How you can make Cash Donations to The Ark

- MTN Mobile Money:  
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## RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

In a bid to find other avenues of mobilizing resources to support the survivors at our Shelter The Ark came up with the idea of opening an online social media thrift shop on Instagram (sleek thrifts) and organizing a Mother's day Shelter Fundraiser on the 7th of May 2022. The fundraising event was organized in partnership with Vodafone Foundation, Joyfm (Multimedia Group), and Stanbic Bank. Some survivors offered to share their success stories at the function which was quite an emotional moment for the audience as they listened to a recount of their harrowing experiences and how The Ark stepped in to provide the much-needed support.

The event was also graced with the presence of the South African High Commissioner to Ghana, Her Excellency Mrs. Grace Mason. We were also privileged to have a few dignified guests such as Madam Owusua Kyeremeh (Director of DOVVSU), Rev. Amaris Perbi (Head of Vodafone Ghana Foundation) Madam Naa Ashie-Okai (HR of Vodafone Ghana) in attendance. There was a poetry recital from Nakeeyat the Poet. There were music & dance, food & drinks and lots of merry-making. There was an exhibition of clothing and beaded bags and accessories. We also received kind donations from our lovely friends.

We appreciate you for making your time and resources available to us. GOD BLESS YOU!

## VOLUNTEERS

A total of 8 volunteers assisted with various categories of work at the Head office and Shelter. Our volunteers were from the International Program's Office, University of Ghana, Webster University, and walk-in individuals with the passion to give back to society through volunteering. We value your time and efforts, and we look forward to stronger collaboration in the coming months!!

## PARTNERSHIPS

- Webster University
- International Program's Office, University of Ghana
- Joy FM (Multimedia Group)
- Absa Women's Network (Absa Bank)
- Vodafone Ghana Foundation
- Stanbic Bank, Ghana
- Delta Paper Limited

We say "THANK YOU" for supporting us at the point of our need. We are truly grateful!

# PHOTO GALLERY FROM THE MOTHER'S DAY SHELTER FUNDRAISER



South African High Commissioner engaging in the balloon fundraiser game



Invited Guests on the High Table



South African High Commissioner presenting a donation



South African High Commissioner purchasing items on sale



Delta Paper (Flora Tissues) presenting a donation



Vodafone HR manager purchasing items on sale



Ladies from the Accra Ridge Church, Manet Chapel presenting a donation



Adepa presenting a donation on her birthday



Absa Ladies presenting a cheque donation



We say *Ayeeko* to our Executive Director for this well-deserved achievement