



# THE NEWSLETTER

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We strive to give disability “a Human face” in Uganda.

Learning with improved technology

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Children learning with iPads with assistance from teachers and volunteers.

- » Learning with iPads
- » Enhancement of sensory Stimulation
- » Participation in community based rehabilitation Programs and awareness creation
- » Participation in the sports gala
- » Sharing of success story by Jaja Allen

**L**earning with iPads has made a difference in children with special needs at Angel's Center. Josh Redmond from Australia donated 5 iPads which have helped these children to explore their potentials and capabilities. Most of these children have been able to learn many educative items such as preschool kids' nursery rhymes, preschool fruits learning like banana, apples and pineapples, education, ABC animals and Tom adventures among others with great assistance from their teachers.

As a result, this has helped children with Autism and Down syndrome to improve on concentration, have interest in learning and most especially they improve on cognitive development.



In the month of April, Angel's Center received visitors from the UK. Cathy and Angela who spent 3 days at the center. Their support involved equipping the therapy and sensory room. The stimulation equipment have improved the attention span of children especially Autism children.



Our physiotherapist in the therapy with children.



The Director Rosemary carrying out a stimulation session with one of our children called Tendo.



Children and staff members with Cathy Lyndon from UK who donated stimulation and play equipment to Angel's Center.



# Support Ambrose To have a Home



## Documentation of stories for Children with Special needs

During term 1 holiday, we conducted a home visits or community based rehabilitation in 6 homes of our children. The home visits involved capturing of stories and shooting small video clips of children and their caregivers. One of them was in Kiyuni Kyankwanzi where one of children Ambrose Bikingi comes from. Ambrose a 6 year old boy diagnosed with Celebral Pulse is from a vulnerable family that needs to be fully supported and empowered in order to get out of despair condition. The aim of the CBR was to create more awareness about disability and promote the rights of people with disability especially children.



Ambrose with his family



Ambrose



Ambrose with the Angel Center Team and his parents

## Community based Rehabilitation in Kiyuni Kyankwanzi



# Transformation story of Allen Komugisa

“I am a special grandmother.”



This is a story of Kibira Naome aged 56years, the grandmother of Allen Komugisa. They stay in Bujjuko, Kyebando, Nansana in Wakiso district. She started by narrating her story to Angel's Center staff that Allen was abandoned by both parents. Allen started staying with the grandmother right from birth because the mother was still a student and Allen's grandmother wanted her granddaughter to continue with studies. She was born normal in Mulago hospital. At the age of 2 months, Allen got malaria and was admitted in Mulago Hospital for 4 months. "Being given a wrong medication brought a brain damage in Allen's life, Grandmother exclaimed". From then, Allen got a delayed development. She could not crawl, and stand in different development milestones like other children. After realizing that Allen could not crawl, stand and walk, the grandmother had to take her back to Mulago Hospital for physiotherapy. "Allen started seating at 8 months and walking at 4 years her grandmother explains".

In 2014, Allen joined Angel's Center where she has attained most of early learning development milestones such as Activities of daily living , self-help

skills for instance she assists with bathing, going to the latrines without adults' supervision and her social interaction has greatly improved compared to previous time.

The grandmother has observed many changes in Allen for example she now understands people, she is a very clean girl and likes bathing every time. Allen's grandmother is very thankful to Angel's Center director and staff for their commitment towards the children with mental disability. Angel's Center staff has a very good team work towards



# Netherlands Trip

In the month of June, the director, board Chairman and project officer traveled to Netherlands for a 3 weeks training in Poultry farming. The purpose of the trip was to learn the best practises of Poultry farming as commercial venture as well as to establish a happy chicken farm in Uganda, where children with special needs together with their Parents come and learn. happy chicken farm Uganda will be used as a platform to fight stigma and unemployment among persons with disability.

The training included the following topics;

- » Poultry industry and classification of chicken
- » Selection of stock
- » Shelter engineering & poultry equipment
- » Poultry nutrition, brooding & chick management.
- » Poultry diseases & health cover
- » Marketing of eggs and other poultry products.
- » Record keeping & financial management

## Sports Gala

Angel's Center participated in the 4th National sports gala for Persons with Disabilities. Our children were actively involved in various activities such as awareness matching, singing and dancing. Different children presented different items including skits, poems, dramas and fashion modeling among many others. The sports gala has increasingly created awareness in most communities and social Assimilation has also increased amongst Persons with Disability hence reducing stigma.

### Photos of the awareness match



Photos showing our visit to the poultry farm with Frank De Ronde our host and Gert.



Angels center presenting a song

# Next plans

- » Commencement of inclusive education training of teachers.
- » Documentaries for child sponsorships.
- » Staff capacity building.
- » Follow up in mainstream schools.
- » Community Based Rehabilitation.
- » Parents' quarterly meeting.

## Announcement

We congratulate Ambrose Assimwe upon his graduation in Physiotherapy at Makerere University- Mulago Hospital. Ambrose is a Physiotherapist at Angel's Center.

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