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Dear Readers, We are privileged to share with you our end of year newsletter. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of children with special needs in Uganda. We stand out to break the silence of disability in communities through increasing access to education, community rehabilitation and restoring broken families. This year's overall theme has been building strong families to cope up with raising children with special needs. In this newsletter we highlight the achievements of the center in 2014. Together we acknowledge that "Every Child Matters"







Anneke using the physical- prompting strategy to work with children at Angel's center

What has been achieved?

• Early learning for children with special needs: Angel'scenterhasbeenadvantaged to use the knowledge exchange learning with the support of international volunteers. Adapted Behavioral Analysis Strategy (ABA) has been adapted to teach children and we have registered success and behavioral change among the children.

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• Intergrated therapy:

Angel's center employees integrated therapy which includes; hydrotherapy, physiotherapy, occupational, speech and music. And this is aimed at improving sensory, motorical, congnitive and Physical development of children.





• Giving back to the community and delights:

The Standard Chartered Bank held a corporate social responsibility festival delights in giving back and Angel's center indentified as a beneficially for the year. Inadditon there was awareness creation through community cleaning.





Staff Capacity Building:

Staff participated in a refresher training which aimed at improving personal reflection and having good quality skills in handling children with special needs. The training was facilitated by our Volunteers (DJ, LENAH and Anneke). The training mainly focused on physiotherapy and special Education.



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TRANSFORMATION STORY FOR KAYEMBA.



ayemba Edirisa is ten years old boy with mild mental learning challenges. He is the first child in the family and stays with the mother who cannot provide the son's medical and social needs. Ever since Kayemba started receiving occupational therapy and early learning services at Angel's center, we have seen him greatly improve from the learning environment. He has improved attention span and concentration. He likes learning new skills and very kind to the peers. Though he still has speech difficulties, he can now read days of the week, A-Z and month of the years. Kayemba can now write his name properly on paper and other words for instance names of different animals like cat, dog, cow, goat, monkey etc. Edirisa being supported in a learning environment; we believe and hope that Kayemba will become productive and independent in future.



Abryl in Belgium for general checkup.



Toys donated to the center by Anneke one of the volunteers



Florence being supported in shading



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WORKPLAN FOR 2015.

1. Strengthening the Early Learning Center.

Through advocacy for inclusive education, Angel's center intends to pilot a few schools for inclusive for children with special needs. This will provide opportunities to learn about and accept individual differences, lessening the impact of harassment and bullying.

Angel's center intends to train children practical, and vocational skills that will equip children with new skills and have better future. Such activities will include making crafts capentary, repairing small objects, Beadding, candle making and cards.

- 2. Community rehabilitation programs will be provided to asses and understand the children and home environment. Parents will also be provided with special instructions which will involve creating learning environment and activities that help children's development.
- 3. Resource mobilization. Angel's center plan to strengthen on the local fundraising through contacting companies, universities, organizations and Government. This is done to enable us sustain the organization and operate our activities.

CHALLENGES

Irregular attendance of children to access services at the center due to the following;

Transport;out of 25 children who access services at the center, 11 are un able to come to the center daily due to their weak muscles in the limbs and neck to firmly hold themselves for safety, poor transportation facilities have led to reduced accessibility of these children to the center.

Viral infections; since most of our children have weak immune systems they are mostly affected by the infections like influenza, cough, diarreogh and malaria. this hinders their attendance at the center.

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