



News Letter

We are excited to again share with you our latest newsletter in 2015. This eighth edition surely shows the milestones Angel's center has made since inception. Please do not miss out on our new shuttle for the children, exciting activities of early learning, integrated therapy sessions and many interesting events. Watch the space!!!!

New arrival: Angel's Center receives the first ever shuttle donated to the project by Miiva One Man.



"Every Child Matters"



The Executive Director Angel's center Madam Rosemary with their Son Abryl



Award winners:

Every year, March, 21, World Down Syndrome Day (WSDSD) is celebrated. This includes the awarding of those whose voluntary, professional or scientific

activities have strengthened or enriched the lives of people with Down syndrome or contributed to scientific advancement related to Down syndrome.

This year, Rosemary Nambooze was nominated in the voluntary and professional category for her outstanding contribution towards the strengthening and enriching the lives of people with Down syndrome. "I have been invited by the International office to attend the official awarding ceremony at the 12th World Down Syndrome Congress in Chennai, India in August this year, where I will be handed over my award." Rosemary says she is extremely honored for such an important award but she admits that, somewhere deep inside, she saw it coming one day. She however added that such award could not have been achieved without the inspiration she has received from her husband, staff of Angles center for children with special needs and her partners more especially in Belgium and UK for whom she has deep respect, and from whom she has derived the strength to challenge herself and perform better at every stage.

We are grateful to World Mission Help(Wereld Missie Hulp) Belgium who have provided us with early learning furniture including wheelchairs, CP chairs, children chairs, teachers' chairs, Children dinning/feeding tables and chairs.



Children in class sitting on their chairs. On the left hand, is teacher Alice.



This picture shows children sitting on CP chairs, wheelchairs and teachers also sitting on their chairs.

Provision of integrated therapy services

We have sustained the different kinds of therapies at the center and all children are receiving occupational therapy with a focus of identifying environmental barriers to individuality and involvement in daily activities. Children have been supported through various interventions including adapting the environment, modification of tasks and teaching skill with a purpose of increasing participation and performance of daily activities. Nevertheless, other children have benefited from Speech and Language therapy. Oral motor skills have been addressed for proper structure, function, speech and sound production to children. Emphasis has been intended to improve coordination, strength, movement and placement of the lip seal, tongue and cheeks. Thank you the city of Antwerp for continuously sustaining this cause!!!!



This picture shows the speech and language therapist assessing a child during a home visit.

Home visits

Home visits were carried out in eight homes. The aim of home visits was to assess the home environment of the children and to provide improved opportunity for educating and training family members on how to handle their children. Home visit questionnaires and observation were used as guiding tools in assessing home environment. Therapist elaborated and explained the kind and level of intervention given to individual child. More so, parents were given chance to raise any concerns about their children.



The therapist interviewing a parent during a home visit.



The therapist explaining an outcome evaluation report of a child to a parent.

A transformation story from Faustine's father during a home visit.
"Special child, special parent"

This is a story from Mugerwa Regan aged 36 years a resident of Mageere, Gayaza, and Wakiso district. Regan is a father to Faustine Nampeera. She is one of children at the Angel's Center. Faustine is now 5 years old diagnosed with delayed development.(mild learning challenges). "Faustine is a special child to us as her parents." said Regan. We have learnt a lot from Faustine as a family right from her birth, he exclaimed. "By the time we had Faustine, we were still in a small two roomed house, he said". It was a normal delivery at 1:00pm; Faustine was born in Case hospital, Kampala. She cried a lot after birth and had to stay in the hospital for more 3 days. "We have watched Faustine develop slowly by slowly and indeed she has had delayed milestones, He said". Faustine started sitting at 8months and 2 weeks and walking at 2years and 7 months.

Faustine's health has been disturbing all throughout; every two to three months we are in hospital. "One day, we were about to lose Faustine due to pneumonia." They went to Kololo Hospital found no paediatrician on duty and were referred to St. Catherine Hospital (children's



Faustine and Elisa the former volunteer from Germany



hospital) and they were admitted for 5 days. “We had lost hope in Faustine”, he said. In addition to that condition, at 3 years Faustine swallowed a cell of toy phone. It was another hectic period we experienced, he said. They rushed to the hospital for quick help and thought she was to be operated, but fortunately the operation did not take place only that the doctor told them to give her a lot of fluids and it was excreted out through the feces. The cell brought us to the attention of sieving Faustine’s excreta (feces), he exclaimed. We observed the cell come out of her body after 3 days when it had unpeeled itself and the color of the feces was green.

Regan said that they had negative talks and stigma from the neighborhood and the whole community about Faustine being a special needs child. For instance, when we go to church or other social gatherings, children run away from her not wanting to play with her.

With the special intervention and integrated therapy services provided to Faustine at Angel’s Center, today we appreciate what she is, he said. She is quite naturally happy, interesting and has slowly progressed. For example she has improved on feeding and has reduced saliva drooling from her mouth. She has improved automatic utterances especially in singing.

Lastly, Faustine has made her family be bond together. It has brought them together meaning that every family member is concerned about Faustine’s situation by taking action in case of a serious problem.



Dad Faustine next to him is Faustine with her aunt and staff from Angel’s center.

Celebrations at the center.

We have held various celebrations at the center including birthday party for Faustine, Hannah sweets to children, farewell party for two volunteers and co-circular activities like game such as chair dancing and bottle filling, music and sports. Children have been trained in making cards.

Trainings and capacity building

- The Director attended a half day workshop on online fundraising organized by Global giving USA in Kampala. The workshop equipped participants in mapping and expanding networks, engaging and maintaining donor relationships, developing and implementing a fundraising strategy.

- The Director also attended a 2 day workshop on resource mobilization and strategic partnership organized by MAARIFA CONSULT at Kampala.

The training equipped participants with an overview of resource mobilization, ethical issues, principles, roles and challenges and highlighted the qualities of a good fundraiser.

It reviewed the Uganda NGO regulation and fundraising legal environment, building organization credibility and keys to sustainable NGO funding.

The workshop also equipped participants with ways of strengthening partnership and collaboration in resource mobilization, advocacy and lobbying for support, strategies for meeting the donor/financier/requirements and expectations.

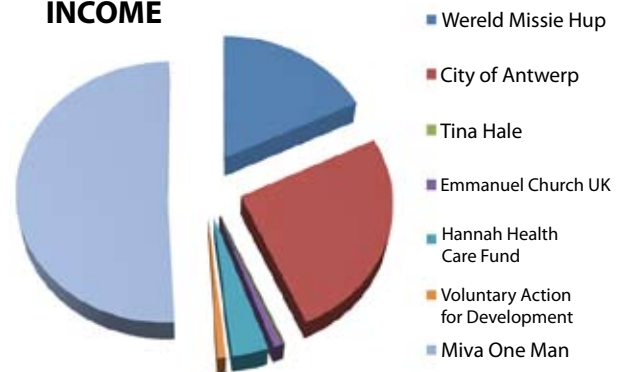
- The administrator attended 2 day workshop on Child protection organized by Children at Risk Network (CRANE). The workshop equipped participants on discovering God’s perspective on children. (Exploring the bible) Jeremiah 1:5, reviewed the rights of a child in child friendly language of the UN Convention, how to create a child Abuse Form and identify a child abuse form. It highlighted on how to form a child protection policy.

- The administrator also attended a 2 day training organized by Opportunity Bank at Sports View Hotel in Kampala. The training equipped participants with the following concepts;

- * Book keeping and financial statements.
- * Managing revenues and expenses.
- * Budgeting and forecasting/cash flow management.
- * Customer –driven marketing.
- * Low cost marketing strategies.
- * Promoting gender equality.
- * Leadership change management.

A reflection of Angel’s center support from our friends and partners

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We are grateful to all the friends and partners who have entrusted us with their money.

What next? (Action plan)

- * Develop child protection safety policy for Angel’s Center.
- * Coordinate and participate in 3rd annual sports gala for children with special needs.
- * Formulate and design a fundraising strategy.
- * Identify schools viable for inclusive education.

“Mwebale nnyo”

Which means, Thank you very much!!!!

Our physical location

- The center is located at Nansana along Hoima road, block 203 next to Nexus Hotel.
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