



# TABITHA HOME

## NEWSLETTER

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### Founder's desk



Febisola Okorokv

Greetings to all our friends, partners, well wishers, donors, and the entire community for their constant and relentless supports in various capacities in the last few years. I recognize staff and volunteers of the organization as well, with their efforts; we have improved in every way and marching on to achieving our goals for the organization.

Our Vision for Tabitha Home continues to be '**making children smile again**'.

We have improved on our inputs and outputs and at the moment partner with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), as a result, we have enhanced our contribution to the social development of our environment and nation at large. We run time to time projects either on daily, weekly, monthly or periodically which serve as outcomes for our strategic priorities.

We are convinced that our resilience will push us further and we will certainly have more results as we work towards the achievement of our goal(s).

Thank you.

### Strategic priorities of Tabitha Home

- **Child development** which focuses on the total well being of the children, to achieve this we focus on Formal education, Access to medical care, Nutrition, Emotional well being, and physical growth.
- **Social Integration** which focuses on the beneficiaries' contribution to the society and their view of how they fit into the society without discrimination. This priority gives them opportunity to participate in social competitions, Art and craft events, accessing parks and strategic places of history within the community. The capacities for the beneficiaries are also built through consistent trainings in various aspects both within and outside the premises of Tabitha Home.

- **Sustainable entrepreneurship** focuses on business areas that are age appropriate for the children. With support from volunteers and summer training programmes, this priority has its strong foundation. Our children are skilled in Soap making, Arts and craft, Fashion, Musical instrumental, Catering, Barbing, Hair making as well as Beading.

These three (3) priorities are our day to day focus that allows us groom the children in the right direction.

**Staff Meetings (Weekly):** The 'behind the scene' of the output of our project holds at our weekly staff meeting. A place where we deliberate, plan, report and evaluate our work.

### **Structure (How we operate)**

- **Administration/staff of Tabitha Home**

The children are indirectly overseen by the Project Coordinator who works hand in hand with Home Administrator, Deputy Administrator and the Care Givers who attend to their person- centered care daily. The planning and implementation of the sustainability approach towards Tabitha Home is done by Administrative departments, this include the Coordinating, Monitoring&Evaluation, Accountability and Learning, Finance, Logistics and Procurement, Health & Safety and IT departments. The academics of the children are monitored and their performances enhanced by the employed coaching teachers in specific subject areas.



**Tabitha Home Staff**

- **Volunteers**

Tabitha Home has various volunteers in different capacities devoting their time and energy to serving the children. Our volunteers are either professionals in the society or students, they attend to their skills improvement, academic performances and spiritual upliftment.

#### **SUPPORTS**

Tabitha Home offers an all round support for the children from safeguarding, shelter, nutrition, clothing, access to education, psychosocial therapy and access to medical care, which are defined by our priorities.

- **Nutritional supports**

Tabitha Home provides Nutritional supports to children under our care ensuring balanced diet necessary for their growth and development. The consistent availability of good meals has been made possible through consistent donations in food items and cash donations.

- **Medical supports**

We have volunteer medical officers over the years that directly care for the children or connect us to other health care centres who can give medical care to the children when needed, either at a cost or with disounted concession.

- **Educational support**

The children of Tabitha Home all attended various private schools on different levels ranging from Nursery, Secondary and University. We help build their capacities giving them access to quality education. We further assist with their academic productivity through after school resource teachers or volunteer tutors and staff.

## KIDS CLUB

Kids club is one of our social development programme which holds every Friday within the premises of Tabitha home. It s a period of relaxation for the children where they bring out the creativity in them, learn social skills, gain knowledge as well as a period in which volunteers assist in bringing out their innovative sides. The children also are granted exposure through social programmes within and outside of Oyo State organized by the government, cooperate organizations or religious institution. They are exposed to various skills from bag making to artistry work, musical skills, soap making, beads making, hair making, fashion designs and agricultural practices.

## BUILDING PROJECT:

Tabitha Home commenced the development of a permanent building, Located at No 5 Shittu Street Joyce B Ring road. The goal is to secure a permanent place that can accommodate 100 Orphans and Vulnerable Children and 10 care givers at a time . It is also an avenue to create a skill acquisition environment for sustainable skills for the beneficiary children.



## SOCIAL/EDUCATIONAL PARTICIPATION AWARDS:

Tabitha Children have recently received the following awards;

- Spelling Bee and pageantry award of excellence in February 2018
- Participation Leadership and life skills training, November 2019
- Plasmate cum Excellentia explorer training in November 10, 2018
- Oratory and quiz competition, ASOHON May, 2019
- Lighthouse spelling bee competition, June 2019



## TABITHA HOME CHILDREN'S TESTIMONALS

I was born in an impoverished family in Oyo state. I had encountered various abuses from molestation to lack of education, emotional abuse and child labour. I began to hawk goods for survival at a very tender age to support my aunt's family, having to walk long distance, pass through dangerous locations which include slums filled with hoodlums. I could go days without making money as a result would not eat. I was once beaten to stupor having stolen a loaf of bread and drink to feed; I was rescued by good people and referred for proper shelter in a supported housing facility in Ibadan, TABITHA HOME.

I was taken into the home as a depressed, unkempt, hungry, uneducated and low self-esteemed child at the age of eleven. With proper therapy. I began my education and overcame depression and discovered my ability to write poem and adages, Tabitha Home, Mrs. Okonkwo and the entire staff have been a blessing unto me.

**Tabitha Home Girl Child**

**15 years (Less Privileged)**

I came into Tabitha Home in the year 2018. Since my arrival, I would say my life has totally changed for good; I am now closer to God and I can exercise some life skills like cooking, dancing, leading teams, critical thinking and making art work. Also, I have better academic performance and good handwriting.

Furthermore, I have not fallen sick since I arrived; I have been healthier because I have been taken good care of. The staff members are good and they have good relationship with us (the children). I used to get angry easily but they taught me how to calm myself through breathing exercise.

In Tabitha Home, I have learnt things that have made me great even at this age. I have been able to discover myself, my purpose and my strengths. I have been given the opportunity to be a great trumpet player, a mathematician, a makeup artiste and a dancer.

I love and cherish Tabitha Home for all the care and love showered on me and the other children. My life has been influenced positively in all sides and I am ready to carry on with the legacy of changing the world for good.

**Tabitha Home Male Child**

**14 years (Full Orphan)**

# PICTURE GALLERY



Tabitha Home Children with the Executive Governor of Oyo state. His Excellency, Engr. Oluseyi Makinde at the M4PC event at Jogor Center, Ibadan.



Tabitha Home French Club



Photography session with a volunteer



Aunty Lanre Initiative's Orphanage Tour at Tabitha Home



Tabitha Home Kids having a confectionary session



Tabitha Home Kids harvesting on their farm



Aerobics session with Orayfit at Tabitha Home



Fashion Designing class with a volunteer.



Tabitha Home Kid's Club

## PARTNERS TESTIMONIALS

**M**y name is Kaothar Agbaje, the Lead Consultant Sunflower Home Essentials an interior design outfit based in Ibadan, Oyo state.

I have known Mrs Febisola Okonkwo the CEO of Tabitha home for several years. I have known her to be quite passionate in seeing to the well-being of the less privileged and vulnerable children.

This Passion is seen in the home and reflected in the staffs of the home. The children are well taken care of in a beautiful, comfortable and conducive environment. The children are very confident and they have won several competitions at state level.

I have been partnering and volunteering with Tabitha home in my own small way for the past three years. I can say categorically that every time I visit, there is always a noticeable improvement.

**Kaothar Agbaje**

**Lead Consultant, Sunflower Home Essentials.**

I write in respect of Tabitha Home, a care home that has come to be known for its excellence in caring for the vulnerable in our society. Tabitha Home has distinguished itself in how they have been transparent over the years and the environment in which they have raised the children in their care. I am always so proud to see the children grow and how well they do in academic and extracurricular activities.

Great job Tabitha Home and all the carers, workers and volunteers involved in the lives of the children.

**Ronke Giwa Onafuwa**

**Splash Fm 105.5fm**

## TABITHA HOME ANTHEM

We are the children of Tabitha Home  
We are one big happy family

Tabitha Home, Tabitha Home  
Our Great Home

Home of care and love  
Home of peace and untiy  
Home of hospitality

Tabitha Home, Tabitha Home  
Our Great Home

We hail Africa  
We hail Nigeria  
We hail our founder and all our teachers  
who work wonderfully to brighten our future

Tabitha Home, Tabitha Home  
Our Great Home

Glory be to God for making this  
mission which is to accomplish the  
vision of one love for all to come to  
reality

Tabitha Home, Tabitha Home  
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# CREATIVE

# Artwork

BY TABITHA HOME CHILDREN





## Sustainable Development Goals (SDG):

*This is the way of the future in development work. Nigeria happens to be one of the 193 member state of the United Nations. The SDGs are 17 in number and they are to be achieved by the year 2030. Through Tabitha Home, Goals 1, 4, of the SDGs are supported.*

# Crossword Puzzle

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### Words

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Say  
Set

By Tabitha home 16years old boy child

## Appreciation (Our donors/partners/stakeholders)

Tabitha Home appreciates the following for their continuous support and contributions towards our various project.

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a Bus

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