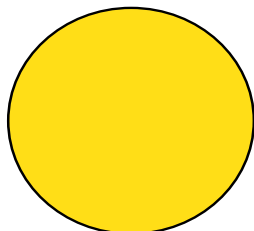




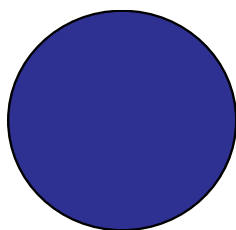
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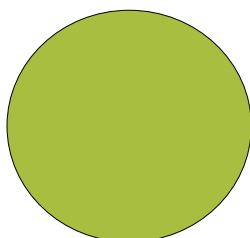
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WW & Rose Woodworth



WW & Rose lived in Ardmore Oklahoma, and were hardworking and thrifty Christians. In their early days

W.W. saved money to purchase the lumberyard where he worked and later bought two others. He hired a manager for the lumberyards and went to work in the bank. A few years later he sold the lumberyards and bought the bank. From banking he expanded into cattle and oil and gas.

W.W. was the son of a Methodist minister and he and Rose had a deep commitment to the outreach mission of the church and a vital interest in education. These concerns of the Woodworth's have been honored through the grants that have been approved by the Woodworth Committee of the Oklahoma Annual Conference.

My Heart's Appeal is fortunate...and thankful...to have received grants in consecutive years totaling more than \$60,000 approved by the Woodworth committee for its international missions. The proceeds have gone directly into the foundational programs of vocational training and respite care.

So, what is an example of a project that \$60,000 purchased in our foundational programs? The construction of classrooms in the Connie Thrash McGoodwin Vocational Training Hub, where we will continue serving teenage and adult persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Liberia, West Africa.

With grateful sentiments we announced the vocational building in Liberia to be named, **WW & Rose Woodworth Building**.

Giving Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Save the Date: Join the United Methodist global mission and outreach opportunities on Nov. 27th [UMC#GivingTuesday](https://www.facebook.com/UMCGivingTuesday) and through the holiday seasonal giving period and help My Heart's Appeal (MHA) fulfill its goal towards raising \$17,500, the cost of a 60 KVA generator in Liberia. Donated computers for its literacy lab, air conditioning, and ensuring electricity for its newly built facility, requires a generator to support the necessary load. Gifts to missions transform the giver and the recipient.

My Heart's Appeal, Inc. is an Advance Special Mission Project #3022086 of the United Methodist Global Missions and supported by United Methodist Church of the Servant in Oklahoma City. UMC Members can contribute through their local United Methodist Churches; join non-members and contribute by mail, or online to **The Advance** where 100% of your contributions goes to MHA's project. Visit <http://myheartsappeal.org/> for more information.



*Lovetie Major, M.ED
MHA CEO*



Al & Jere Litchenburg



DRTC was honored to receive the Journal Record's 2018 Beacon Award in its Nonprofits Serving Nonprofits category. DRTC has helped My Heart's Appeal in its mission to provide similar services in Liberia.

CEO's Reflections...

At My Heart's Appeal Center - Liberia (MHAC), we welcome persons with disabilities and their families, provide opportunities, promote respect, encourage kindness and build self-esteem. We endeavor to reach the depth of people's hearts, where human skills fail. Stimulating the most hidden resources, they produce results that appear unbelievable, even to the eyes of those who sponsored them. When trained, they can be hardworking, reliable employees. Supported employment strategies allow them access to new job opportunities for competitive employment.

Out of heartbreak and commitment, MHAC, have created an opportunity for teenage children and adults with Down syndrome or other intellectual and developmental disabilities to enroll in classes in the form of literacy, life and vocational skills at the Connie Thrash McGoodwin Vocational Training Hub in Monrovia, Liberia. The calendar parallels that of the public school system in Liberia. Providing such parameters of normalcy will assist the community in liberating the worth of every citizen to be productive when given the opportunity. What we need is teacher salaries support and tuition sponsorship categories for students... reasonable, but well beyond the ability of most of the families to afford. These opportunities are truly liberating!

My Heart's Appeal is not alone in its efforts Public transportation is scarce in Liberia and people rely on taxis, motorcycles, or crowded buses. For the populace we serve at MHA, this a challenge. Three years ago listening in a Sunday school class as I spoke of our transportation need, Al & Jere Litchenburg of Oklahoma City stepped out in faith and offered to make a generous donation towards purchasing one bus. Their gift indeed served as an inspirational witness and instrumental in encouraging Dale Rogers Training Center-Oklahoma (DRTC) to join in the effort to assist.

At MHA annual Benefit Dinner 2014; then board president, Cheryl Moore and board member Bob Hale stated that, "Part of the Dale Rogers' mission is to help educate the public about people with disabilities in the U.S. and around the world. DRTC then donated four vehicles: a pickup, 2-11/14 seaters' wheelchair passenger buses and a box truck to MHA for sustainable needs.

Now, three years later on this "journey of faith", the vehicles are ready to be shipped to Liberia. Over \$13,000.00 gift of hope and inspiration by the Litchenburg's, a \$2,500.00 matching grant by United Methodist Church of the Servant Mission Council, DRTC and personal contributions from Jim and Connie McGoodwin ensuring the vehicles are travel worthy, all enabled MHA to ship the vehicles Summer, 2018.



Dr. Arthur Richardson, MHA Chairman Emeritus As I See It...



In my early years, my family had a Victory Garden...a project made necessary with shortages during the Second World War. It was a part we played in the war effort. While soldiers fought and died to liberate Europe and the Pacific, we felt we were doing our part so Victory would be ours.

At My Heart's Appeal, we are confronting forces that oppress and belittle our students. They are not free from bullying and name calling. They and their families are not free from social restrictions that keep them from school and learning to work productively. Stigma and stereotyping restrict them from pursuing their own interests and abilities.

Plans for our campus include a large area for their own Liberty Garden. Think of the jobs as well as the food that they will learn to produce for themselves. Think of the income that will support their own scholarships. Think of the liberating power to grow their autonomy and establish self-determination. Imagine a family being liberated from ridicule and a daughter liberated from ignorance.

The national motto of Liberia was influenced by the experience of former slaves in America whose freedom returned them to their African roots: **"It is the love of Liberty that brought us here."** Indeed, purchasing and cultivating the land are acts of liberating our people at MHA.

My Heart's Appeals' CEO meets Prof. Ansu D. Sonii, Sr. Minister of Education, Liberia; MHA received donations from May Born United for Kindness Organization; Sarah Morrison, President of Friends of Liberia visited MHA to check on well restoration progress report from a grant received; MHA received visitors from United Nations Development Programme as part of its activities in Liberia.





North Oklahoma City Rotary Club

received a District Grant 2016-2017. Dale Rogers Training Center ACT Committee & Happy Trail Civitan Club members, helped raised funds for the District Grant match for donation to MHA, Al & Nancy Williams Bakery & Coffee Shop for sustainability. Items delivered May, 2018.



7th Annual Benefit Dinner

MHA is presently self-funded and does not have a funding source yet. We have on our website several planned awareness and fundraising events to help further our goals and objectives. Make plans to come out and hear our story. MHA is planning a sponsored dinner as a dialogue with partners and supporters to discuss the need to help our target population. Featured at this event will be recognition of partners in support of our programs and other community enterprises. The event is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2019 at the United Methodist Church of the Servant Community Hall, Oklahoma City from 6:00-8:00 pm. Event sponsors and donation items for raffle drawings welcomed!



Save the Date

February 7, 2019

6th Annual Benefit Dinner - USA



SW District of Texas Annual Conference, 2018 Thanksgiving Ingathering



Last fall, the SW District of the Texas United Methodist Annual Conference hosted Thanksgiving Ingathering at Faith United Methodist Church, Richmond, Texas. The gathering brought in cash and gifts-in-kind for 5 missions (3 local, 1 domestic and 1 international.)

Thanksgiving Ingathering's mission is to celebrate local, regional and worldwide missions that address hunger, poverty, education and disaster relief as a way of growing their relationship with Jesus Christ.

First held in the Iowa Annual Conference, the attendance exceeded 300 laity and clergy and raised \$44, 882! Then, in 2000, the total passed the \$1 million mark and has averaged that amount each year since. We are pleased to announce that **My Heart's Appeal** has again been invited to participate in this event November 17 2018 from 9am to 2pm. For more information visit www.thanksgivingingathering.org or Contact Dr. Arthur Richardson ibmi@sbcglobal.net.

MHA Bigma's Care Place Talent Show March, 2018



6th World Down Syndrome Day Celebrated in Liberia, 2018





Please join My Heart's Appeal **Annual Program Virtual Tea Party Sponsorship Drive**. Plan on being a Partner or Sponsor if you are not already one; and help support our programs... As we begin the 2018-2019 school year in Liberia, West Africa.

- Bigma's Care Place Respite Program (BMC)
- Connie Thrash McGoodwin Vocational Training Hub for teens and adults with intellectual disabilities - (CTM-Hub)
- Operations:
 - Teacher Salaries □ Administration □ Transportation
 - Power Generator □ School Furnishings

Save the Date: The Month of [August 1-31, 2018](#).



Tea Party Instructions (It's a Virtual Event)

Sit at any place of your convenience in August, 2018; choose your sponsored tea cup and a bag of a flavored tea and pour the amount you want to contribute to MHA Programs Sponsorship Tea Party.



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Bigma's Care Place
\$10. a Month
\$30. Quarterly
\$120. Yearly

CTM-Vocational Hub
\$50. Monthly
\$125. Quarterly
\$500. Yearly

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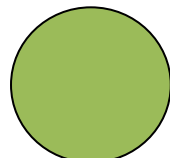
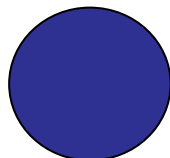
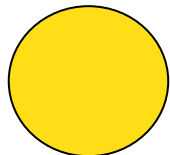
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Alfred Y. Telewoda Sr. Education Endowment Fund

Alfred, a strong advocate for education encouraged all of his children to attain the highest education opportunities afforded to them. He was a devoted husband and family man. He maintained his family and instilled work ethics and love amongst his children. He encouraged all of them to be their brothers' keeper. Titema, the second of the last of the children was born with Down syndrome and an intellectual disability.

She was denied education, because Liberia does not have institutions to fulfil her needs. This bothered Alfred, but being a fighter himself, did not gave up on the education of Titema. He had a dream that one day that opportunity would avail itself and all of his children would be given the chance to live out their God-given talent. Alfred departed this earth December 4, 2004. His legacy lives on. The establishment of the Alfred Y. Telewoda Sr. Education Endowment Fund, will ensure that everyone can be productive, because they would have been given a chance.

The Alfred Telewoda Endowment Fund is managed by <http://okumf.org/>, The Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation. The Endowment Fund draws only from interest, never on principal. In this way we hope to provide every person, and principally our target group, the protection of understanding a little about their prospect...that there will always be My Heart's Appeal, Inc. (MHA).

Gifts take many forms including appreciated assets such as stock, naming Alfred Telewoda Endowment Fund as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement account, a bequest through one's will or trust, or by making a direct cash contribution <https://okumf.org/services/online-giving/>; Account 2360 Alfred Telewoda Endowment Fund.