

Big Ma's Care Place

Cost: \$10.00 a Month per Client/ \$120.00 a Year
(Two meals, a Snack, and Transportation provided by MHA)

Times — Every Last Saturday 9am - 3pm

Schedule

07:30 - 08:30 -----Scheduled Pick-up
09:00 - 09:30-----Breakfast
09:30 - 09:45-----Check-ins
09:45 - 11:45 -----Session I
11:45 - 12:30-----Lunch
12:30 - 02:30-----Session II
02:30 - 03:00-----Snack
03:30 - 04:30-----Scheduled Drop-off



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Bigma looks at granddaughter Lovetie's Kodak Polaroid picture

This program is free to parents and allows those who have children with special needs a Saturday to themselves while their children — including siblings - are treated to six hours of one-to-one care and attention. The day for children includes crafts, indoor and outdoor play, and a general gathering meeting for story time and music. Volunteers are carefully selected, screened and equipped.

Bigma's Care Place was named after Mrs. Susannah Beatrice Verdier and modelled after United Methodist Church of the Servant- Hannah's Promise Ministry in Oklahoma City, U.S.A.

Susannah was born March 19, 1907 to Mr. and Mrs. Edmore and Susannah Verdier of Harper Cape Palmas, Maryland County; Liberia, West Africa. Her parents noticed from an early age that their daughter Susannah had a special love for children and they were always attracted to her. The children looked up to her as their special friend.

Through the years of going to school, working and marriage, her love and interest in children never changed. With seven children of her own, she was always there for her friends when they needed her.



Bigma with grandchildren Liberia, 1982

Her grandchildren were also her best friends and they appreciated her as such. She loved and cherished them dearly, especially Titema who was born Down syndrome. They all affectionately called her "Bigma" and so did many of her friends up to her death at 78; July 16, 1985.

Susannah's love and friendship with children was certainly a special gift from God. One of her daughters has worked with children in Sunday schools for the past 53 years and her granddaughter, Lovetie Major, Founder and CEO of My Heart's Appeal, Inc. has taught in elementary and secondary schools for over the past 25 years. This gift of love to Susannah has flowed through three generations. It is our prayer that volunteers who would work with the families at Bigma's Care Place – Respite Care, will do their best to keep the legacy of love for children alive.