

"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year,

'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'

And he replied,

'Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to your better than light, and safer than a known way.'"

—from Gate of the Year, *or* God Knows *by Minnie Louise Haskins*

MY HE T'S APPEAL, INC. EVERYONE CAN BE PRODUCTIVE

My Heart's Appeal, Inc. (MHA) was founded with a love for every person and a dream to develop quality training and employment for teenage and adult persons with disabilities in West Africa. All we do comes from the mission to make sure **EVERYONE CAN BE PRODUCTIVE**.

What is the **Alfred Telewoda Endowment Fund?**

Named after Alfred Y. Telewoda Sr., the fund aims to ensure there will always be My Heart's Appeal, Inc. (MHA) to enrich the lives of those persons with disabilities in West Africa. There has always been the unheard appeal of the hearts of teenagers and adults living with disadvantages. MHA exists to answer those pleas.

Telewoda was a strong advocate for education and encouraged each of his children to be their brothers' keeper. His second-to-last child, Titema, was born with Down syndrome and an intellectual disability. She was denied education because Liberia does not have institutions to cater to her needs. Being a fighter, he did not give up on her education. He had a dream that one day that opportunity would avail itself and all of his children would be given a chance to live out their God-given talent. The establishment of the Alfred Telewoda Endowment Fund will ensure that everyone can be productive, because they would have been given a chance.

How does the **Telewoda Fund operate?**

The Alfred Y. Telewoda Sr. Education Endowment Fund is managed by the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation. The Fund draws only interest, never on principal.

Earnings from the principal are used to improve programs, grant scholarships, begin new programs or advance services. The endowment panel of the Board of Directors has the responsibility for administration of these funds subject to the general Board. Precise records are maintained to ensure proper book-keeping of both principle and income.

How can I give to support the fund?

Gifts take many forms including appreciated assets such as stock, naming Alfred Telewoda Endowmend 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. **MORE INFO ON BACK PANEL.**

MY HEVRT'S APPEAL, INC.

My Heart's Appeal, Inc. (MHA) was founded in Maryland (USA), 1996, as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to meet the special education and training needs for people with disabilities who live in Liberia, West Africa. The organization was inaugurated in 2001 and has defined its target population as the mild, moderate or severe intellectually disabled. MHA is now incorporated in the United States in Maryland and Oklahoma, and in the Republic of Liberia, West Africa. MHA has in its future to include other West African countries as well. MHA's future goal is to lay a solid foundation in West Africa.

What is **Our Mission?**

Our goal is to facilitate the establishment of quality training and employment to teenage and adult persons with disabilities in West Africa. We welcome persons with disabilities and their families, provide opportunities, promote respect, encourage kindness, and build self-esteem.

l've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. –Maya Angelou



Giving to the Telewoda Fund can be done online!

https://okumf.org/services/online-giving/

In the "For the benefit of:" box, include: Account 2360 - Alfred Telewoda Endowment Fund

http://myheartsappeal.org/contribute/

In the memo, include: For the benefit of the Alfred Telewoda Endowment Fund



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