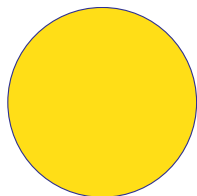




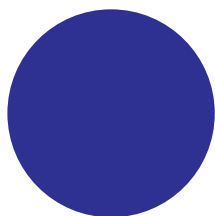
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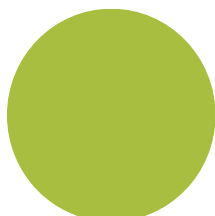


## Special Interest Articles:

- MHA Programs Offered
- W. W. & Rose Woodworth Estates
- Endowment Fund



## Playground Highlight:



June, 2022  
Special Edition



## A Different Narrative!

MHA is 90% ahead, because of you!

September 2021, we poured out our hearts to you and shared some of our challenges we encountered when our roof leaked in Liberia. The building needed major repairs: change of entire roof, electricals and replacement furnishings.

We have come to say a big thank you to everyone, including those who contributed through **The Advance** (online or mail) and our other social giving partners for helping us navigate through difficult times.

Our 10% is to guarantee funding for an academic year. We need 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!

## Christmas in July...

A delayed celebration is set to bring smiles to our children during the July 26 Independence Day 2022 celebration. The source of funding comes from past donated packages given for the children. Due to the ongoing building repairs, all MHA activities had been suspended.

MHA received three separate donations packages: 1) a recipient of \$100. USD a Christmas Rainbow Fund given late December 2021, by the Da-Ve Troko Eden Project (CIC), a non-profit organization. 2) A \$100. USD contribution from an anonymous donor given through the parent of Derrick, one of our clients, late January 2022. 3) The Liberia National Lottery Authority gesture to charity is intended to supplement the Government of Liberia's Pro Poor agenda to support charitable and social services activities. MHA donation covered bags of 25KG Parboiled Rice, 3-gallon container of Vegetable Oil, Cartoon of Vita Cube and amongst others.



## CEO's Reflections...



Lovetie Major, M.ED  
MHA CEO



I write to personally thank all of our faithful unswerving partners who have continued to entrust MHA with your time, talent and treasures. My neighbours Harriot, Matt, Nathalie and the Taylor lawn services, our work in Liberia would not have come to fruition without your unwavering continuing support.

As promised, I have been away from the US and been in Liberia for the last six months ensuring all of our resources are used appropriately. I will be returning on or before the end of June.

We have a thrifty budget for workmanship and therefore have had to cut down our staff and consolidate expenses. The handful of contractors we have are very good, skilful and willing to take what we have to bargain, but we are last on their list for reaching our set deadlines. They start our work, leave for days, come back after we nag them and the circle repeats itself. I am now an uncertified, painter, carpenter and whatever it takes to get us ahead.

It has been a rewarding experience seeing the building walls come alive with the promising notions of our halls again being full with children and adults. MHA Programs offer to include: Vocational training, Special Needs Day Program, an Early Children Education and Computer Programs.

Our coffee shop doors are opened in some capacity now; to help generate funds for teacher salaries. MHA will continue to thrive to be a vehicle by which unlimited potential will be realized.

With irregular rationing of power by the local electric company to darkness for periods up to a week. I endured my share of heatwave during the entire dry season in Liberia. My experience being on the ground confirmed that MHA indeed need not one, but two generators to balance the machine's life span. Interchanging during periods of the day will be the potent thing to do.

We look to the future to explore an opened question... Is solar panel an alternate back-up plan option? It is available in Liberia and also overseas and can be bought and shipped, as applicable. We will keep our options opened as we pray for future partners.

Thanks for giving as you are able. Your direct contributions through [The Advance](#) on our website contribution page has made it easy to monitor and track our giving since we are out of the country. Our thankful volunteers fill in the gap while we are away. We appreciate those of you who have chosen the [online option](#).



20 KVA Generator



Donut Machine

## MHA Early Childhood Education Program



Most of our target group (0 mos. - 4 yrs.) are not allowed in daycare, nursery or pre-school because of their apparent disability. Children who will take part in our early childhood programs will have improved social skills and do better in school when allowed.

The children will be divided into three groups in separate inclusive classrooms and learn essential life skills that will stay with them. Most importantly, we look to giving children a place where they can have fun in a safe and loving environment.

## Special Needs Day Program

Special Needs Day Program is designed specifically for children (5 yrs. - 14 yrs.) with Down syndrome and other intellectual disabilities, most of whom have never been to school. Individuals will participate in a variety of relevant and interesting activities throughout the day (8am-1pm). The program will focus on exercise, maximizing independence, life skills, leisure activities, and community field trips.

The program will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday and housed in the Love, Meyer and Leonard Community Hall.







## Connie Thrash McGoodwin Vocational Training Hub (CTM-Hub)

### Handicraft/Floral Design



Our six - nine months vocational training is an instructional inclusive trade program with four areas of focus: pastry, tailoring, woodworks and handicraft/floral design. Our vocational training education prepares students for specific careers, disregarding traditional, unrelated academic subjects, which guarantees instant employment.

The program focuses mainly on work activities with the emphasis on preparing most individuals for eventual community employment. Individuals may have a plan which combines both supported employment and vocational services.

## Pfister & Walker MHA Bulletin Board Project

Thanks to Piper Pfister and Jill Walker of Oklahoma City for sponsoring the purchase of eight 48 x 36 dry erase and bulletin boards for the classrooms.



## Love Meyer Playground



It has been eight years of belief, spanning from September, 2014. MHA received its first official Love Meyer Family Foundation contribution in 2015. You have stepped in and filled in the gaps wherever was needed, and at times when we wondered how we would get over!



## Banfield Family Foundation Computer Lab



Thanks to the Banfield Family Foundation for the continuous annual support since 2018 in helping MHA become self-sustainable. The lab will be a source of community partnership in creating a pathway for a computer school and literacy programs.





## Office of V P for Institutional Advancement



### Amy's Favorite Doll



*Dr. Arthur Richardson*

One special Birthday, little Amy unwrapped a beautiful golden-haired doll given to her by her grandmother. "It's such a pretty doll," Amy squealed with delight, hugging her new doll. "Oh, thank you, Grandma!"

Amy played with her new doll most of the next day, but toward the end of the day, she put down her golden-haired doll and sought out one of her old dolls. Amy cradled the tattered and dilapidated old in her arms. Its hair had come off; one eye was gone, and an arm and a leg were missing.

"Well, well," smiled Grand ma. "It looks as though you like that dolly the best."

"I like the beautiful doll you gave me, Grandma," said little Amy. "But I love this old doll the most, because if I didn't love her, who else would?"

It's much like that experience for the staff at My Heart's Appeal. Our children and students have been shunned aside because of their intellectual disabilities. They are seen by family and playmates as quite different in some ways. But the real question for our staff is this: "If we didn't love them, if we didn't see they can be productive too, WHO ELSE WOULD?"

That is exactly the reason we reach out to you. Your friendship and support of the school is critical to their development to become skilled for a job. You answer the question, "I WOULD!"

## Anna Coble Mullen and Elaine Pace Mullen Library



The Anna Coble Mullen and Elaine Pace Mullen Library promises to serve the families of children with intellectual disabilities and the local community.

## MHA Commercial Hub



MHA has five hubs...Vocational Hub, Commercial Hub, Residential Hub, Teacher Training Hub and Recreational Hub. MHA initiated the opening of two of its hubs with only the Connie Thrash McGoodwin Vocational Training Hub named...

The Al & Nancy Williams Bakery & Coffee Shop, Lilygrass Flowers & Décor-Liberia Gift Shop and the Internet Café (unnamed) are all part of our Commercial Hub. The sole responsibility of the Commercial hub is to help generate income to help MHA be self-sustainable.



## W.W & Rose Woodworth Estates



The Woodworth Estates Committee met to review grant applications. MHA proposal submitted October, 2021 was to help fund support for MHA in the amount of \$12,500. was approved.

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.

The grant is to purchase one 20 KVA generator to help with power source and a donut machine for the bakery; see Pg. 2. The committee has awarded previous targeted grant opportunities since 2015 that helped built the program building. The program building is named in their honor, W.W & Rose Woodworth Building.

The grant was submitted during the start of the dry season in Liberia. We are grateful again to the committee for another jumpstart in steering MHA on the journey to a much needed power source option.

## MHA Power Source Dilemma...

Electricity is a major concern in keeping our doors opened. We cannot operate without power and adequate ventilations. The location of the buildings are in a constricted area. We installed ceiling fans in the classrooms but it only recycles hot air, unfortunately. We are now considering air conditioners for the rooms.



## Other Ways to Help



- Contribute monthly for programs operations; *recurring donations are the best way to give steady support* [through the Advance](#).
- **Alfred Telewoda Endowment Fund for long term sustainability** managed through the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation ([OMF](#))
- Client programs and Teacher Salaries monthly sponsorships
- Pray for the mission of My Heart's Appeal

### Administrative Expense

- 🚧 Early Childhood Curriculum    🚧 Purchase school uniforms, book bags and rain gears
- 🚧 Purchase 2 guard rails around lavatory and program office entrance
- 🚧 Change 11 water damaged plywood doors to panel doors    🚧 One 20 KVA Generator
- 🚧 Construction of mini outdoor Generator House

#### Classrooms

- 📦 Handicrafts/Floral Design
- 📦 Tailoring
- 📦 Pastry
- 📦 Pre-Kindergarten
- 📦 Nursery
- 📦 Day Care

#### Areas

- 📦 Special Needs Program
- 📦 Early Childhood Program
- 📦 Administrative Office
- 📦 Kitchen
- 📦 Internet Café
- 📦 Courtyard

#### Hub

- 📦 Commercial Hub



[Email us](#) as you are able and find out how to help!



## MHA Program Categories Need lists



### (Vocational Hub)

#### Pastry (Rm 2)

- Program Supplies
- Teacher/Aide Salaries
- Air Conditioner
- Step-up & down transformer

#### Tailoring (Rm 3)

- Program Supplies
- Teacher/Aide Salaries
- Air Conditioner
- Step-up & down transformer

#### Handicraft (Rm 4)

- Program Supplies
- Teacher/Aide Salaries
- Air Conditioner
- Step-up & down transformer

#### Woodworks (Annex)

- Program Supplies
- Teacher/Aide Salaries
- Step-up & down transformer

### (Early Childhood Education)

#### 6 mo. – 18 mos. (Rm 7)

- Pampers
- Program Supplies
- Teacher/Aide Salaries
- Carpet
- Air conditioner
- Step-up & down transformer

- 8 Tablets

#### 18 mos. – 3 yr. old (Rm 6)

- Pampers
- Program Supplies
- Teacher/Aide Salaries
- Carpet
- Air conditioner
- Step-up & down transformer
- 12 Tablets

#### 4 – 5 yrs. Old (Rm 8)

- Pampers
- Program Supplies
- Teacher/Aide Salaries
- Carpet
- Step-up & down transformer
- 16 Tablets

### (Library)

#### Resource (Rm 5)

- 1 Computer
- 1 Printer
- Library Supplies
- Staff Salary
- Air conditioner
- Step-up & down transformer

### (Computer Lab)

#### Multimedia (Rm 1)

- Teacher Salary
- 13 Software for computer program
- Step-up & down transformer
- 2 Computers/Gadgets

- Power backup surge
- 1 Overhead Projector

### (Playground)

- Safety Carpet

### (Special Needs Day Program)

- Teacher /Aide Salaries
- Step-up & down transformer
- Craft Supplies

### (Kitchen)

- Deep sink drain
- Microwave
- Mini Freezer
- Air Conditioner
- Steel tables

### (Commercial Hub)

#### Bakery/Coffee shop

- Baking Supplies
- Staff start up salaries
- Air Conditioned

#### Computer Café (Community)

- 5 computers & program software
- Computer stations
- Printer

#### Gift Shop

- Wall Shelves
- Inventory

### (Transportation)

- School Bus (New/Used)





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## A. Y. T. Education Endowment Fund

Alfred, a strong advocate for education, encouraged all of his children to attain the highest education opportunities afforded to them. Titema, the second to last of the children, was born with Down syndrome and an intellectual disability. She was denied education because Liberia does not have institutions to fulfill her needs. 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, but 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 [The Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation](#). The Endowment Fund draws only from interest, never from 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 to <https://okumf.org/services/online-giving/>; Account 2360 Alfred Telewoda Endowment Fund.