

# House of Mercy Children's Home, Lagos, Nigeria Annual Report 2009

Charity No CAC/IT/No 21690



House of Mercy Children's Home (HOM) has always been "all about the children". This is why we go into their world to meet them where they are.

## Projects Undertaken

This year we have concentrated on two major programmes:

### • Child Street Beggar Programme

- Provision of clothing to child street beggars
- Provision of first aid treatment and letters of recommendation to hospitals so children can undergo treatment.
- 50 of the 200 children receiving education at the informal school organised for child street beggars at the Oko Baba Destitute Camp, Ebute Meta, Lagos have enrolled in formal education system in the 2009-2010 academic school year.



### • Homeless Street Children Programme

Almost all the homeless street children benefiting from the mobile kitchen and counselling by HOM are now eager to get off the streets and learn a trade.

## Objectives for 2010

As always, children will remain the focal point of our work.

## Home for Homeless Street Children



Although all the projects we fund are of importance, housing homeless street children is still one of our key priorities. With so many children living and sleeping under fly over bridges etc, our most challenging project in 2010 is to establish a home to accommodate homeless street children and to provide them with a broad range of vocational training if formal education is not possible. The forthcoming months will be spent sourcing new funds, spreading awareness of our programmes and promoting the charity through our website.

Our website was upgraded in September 2009 and it now includes a new tool to accept online donations.

## Informal School for child street beggars

HOM will continue to run projects at the Oko Baba Destitute Camp in 2010 and the emphasis will be on education. Our aim is to enable as many children as possible to enrol in formal education system. There are still a number of young children not attending school because they have to assist their parents or guardians to beg for a living.

## HOM Staff

The House of Mercy Children's Home team comprises 3 paid staff - a full time driver and two part-time teachers and about 5 volunteers. They are an amazing group of people and I would like to thank them for their tireless efforts particularly our coordinator who dedicates her time freely and does a wonderful job of administering the charity.

A special thank you to all our donors and supporters who contributed to the growth and success of the charity this year. Most especially to all the beautiful children who have made it all so worthwhile.

Thank you for your interest and support.

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