

SCR Annual Report 2003

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A. The Organization and its activities - Officers Report

1. Presidents Report

Over the years, we have accomplished some of the aims and objectives as a formidable non-governmental organization. Street Child Rescue Ghana in the year 2003 has also been innovative in the delivery of services to the homeless children of the Hohoe district. We have conducted our services and operations in accordance with the generally accepted standards.

These standards require that we plan and perform the delivery of assistance to attain reasonable assurance even though we have been faced with financial and unforeseen obstacles.

Based on evidence, our assessment of the past years' support to the needy and as well as evaluating our future programs have been fair and in conformity with the general mission of our organization.

In our opinion, the assessment of this year's activities is commendable.

This report includes our general performance, liabilities, assets and limited partnership and interests. The ensuing report also outlines our future goals including our long-term mission of providing as chance for survival of the disadvantaged in Ghana.

Eric Asamoah, President / Founder

2. Vice President's Report

The theme that was chosen for our project was and will always be to provide chances of survival to the disadvantaged children in the communities we serve. Our organization *Street Child Rescue* evokes an awareness of our commitments to the homeless children.

This image is a symbol for the evolution of the organizations' practice of its philanthropy and does focus on human survival interpreted in our daily activity. These also call up ideas for selfless support by way of counseling and aid, which is a potential for our future growth in the society.

As an NGO we are always looking for the "*multiplier effect*" and the opportunity to help these children. Social problems have increased so suddenly or have been dramatized so effectively just as the plight of the homeless. Once, an invisible people who could easily be ignored, the homeless are now recognized everywhere on the streets and in the public facilities of major cities. In an attempt to improve the poor condition of the street children, our organization has embarked on programs that will have compassion on them and offer support to help in their growth.

Ref. Col Peter Agbeko, Vice President

3. Standing Committee's Report

Hohoe is one of the districts and a commercial center in the Volta Region. The main work of the people is peasant farming. There are also teachers and other trades and civil servants. The problem of street children has not left Hohoe out, as needy children migrate to the area from the hinterland; either out of poverty, lack of good parental care and some as orphans and a class of them school dropouts.

It is an acceptable fact that education is very important yet many people in the rural areas cannot afford to go to school and get decent jobs hence this problem of homelessness. Other teens fall into the category of child labor in an attempt to help themselves, their parents and sometimes their siblings. There are other concerns; like prostitution, drug addiction and social vices that challenge their survival.

Our activities at SCR center are to mobilize such children for counseling. Some of them are sent back to school with the support of the organization. They are enrolled at the Academy of Santa Maria Preparatory School, Hohoe.

Street Child Rescue Ghana assists with their feeding and clothing and donates educational items in support to the school. We hope that in the coming years this organization will be able to provide adequate financial support to alleviate their burden.

Recorded by **James Obeng**
Secretary

B. The Organization

1. Our Organization

Street Child Rescue Ghana is a non-governmental organization, which currently focuses on four defined areas: Children/Youth Development, Aid to Abandoned Children, Provide Vocational Training, and Medical Assistance Program. Supports are made to very narrowly targeted areas within each program, seeking to improve the conditions for people who are poor and disadvantaged. We also propose the establishment of an Agricultural Demonstrational Project and a Children's Village Facility equipped with a clinic to better serve them.

2. Method of Accounting

The organization maintains a low budget due to financial constrains and the difficulty to secure enough financial support. Never the less, contributions through personal donations of the executives and on the accrual basis of accounting have made our success commendable.

C. Other Reports

1. Lease Commitments and Fixed Assets

The organization has leased office space. The lease contains an escalation of clause, which provides for rental increases resulting from increases in real estate taxes and certain other operating expenses under the lease. Furniture, fixtures and leasehold for our office setup in Hohoe are capitalized and appreciated.

The estimated useful lives of our office furniture or the lease period of the office are applicable. The organization has had a gradual improvement and hopes to achieve our target by the year 2007. This includes the establishment of a Rehabilitation Program for children with disabilities (greatly needed in the area) and a clinic.

As result of our strategic improvement, excellent leadership and determination of the executives with the partnership carried out this year, we have been given an area for the expansion of our program for the street children. In the coming years a **“Children’s Village Program facility”** will be constructed at this location in the Zenu – Ashiaman Area of the Tema Community.

Our organization uses such estimation primarily to maintain assessments to hedge expansion while taking advantage of opportunities present to us.

2. Statement of Activities

Program Services:

1. **Grant award services:** Our aid and support for enrolled street children are considered obligations when approved by the Street Child Rescue board. We have helped to enroll a few street children under our ***Program for Youth Development***, and they are being sponsored by our organization. These children attend Little Academy of Santa Maria Preparatory School – Hohoe in the Volta Region of Ghana. We have recently donated items like: - Books, Chairs, Play toys to the school. The items came through a philanthropist based in America with the help of Precision System, Inc in support of our children.
2. **Governance:** In 2003, our program in Hohoe was confronted with the challenge in trying to help the homeless teenagers to enroll and to develop their interest in education. We have made progress and beginning this year with our organizational assessments, we have resulted in the focusing of growth opportunities and challenges for the next four years. We have been able to secure medical equipment in support of our Medical assistance program from an international foundation– **Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC), Chicago and North Star Foundation, (NSF) Boston MA** in America.

3. Regional Offices

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4. Future Plans

Retirement Plans

The organization proposes to define contributions to a **Retirement Plan** for our full-time and all active employees. Under the terms of the plan, the organization will contribute specified percentages of an employee's salary. The plan is going to be invested in the employee-designates' individual annuity contract to be approved by the board and will be contributed by Street Child Rescue Ghana.