



# News Letter

**W**e are delighted to again share with you yet another newsletter of this year. This is the ninth edition with a full coverage of our program activities, interventions and challenges for the period of July to September. Please enjoy the reading.



*Awareness march during the sports gala in July 2015.*

**A**ngel's Center for children with Special Needs participated in the 3rd disability awareness sports gala. This National sports gala has continuously provided great opportunity to create awareness on disability amongst many communities through promoting social integration and increasing self-esteem of special needs children.

The sports gala has also provided disabled children a scene to express themselves with many kinds of indoor games like bottle filling and chair dance.



*The Angels with their teachers waiting for a song to dance during the sports gala.*

***"Every Child Matters"***

## Physiotherapy camp.

Angel's Center participated in the physiotherapy camp which was organized by Nurture Africa. The main purpose of the camp was to provide physiotherapy- exercises to children with physical disability. 8 children benefited from the camp and parents reported good results from the camp. One child by the names of Bikingi Ambrose is now able to stand up independently and walk with the support of walking stick.



*Bikingi Ambrose in the middle standing independently.*

## Angel's Center documentary

Angel's Center produced its first ever documentary in July. The main focus of the documentary was to show Uganda's situation on special needs children and the need to raise funds from international countries such as Belgium to support such children. The following places were captured; the geographical and physical location of Angel's center, a few homes of special needs children and children with physical disability during the physiotherapy camp at Nurture Africa. Activities carried out at Angel's Center such as feeding sessions, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and children while in play areas were also captured. The director Angel's Center, councilor for people with disability (PWDs) in Nansana town council, a few parents and staff members were also interviewed.

The councilor for people with disability said that "There is a strong need for disabled children to be in schools because they are always mistreated at home by house maids and they need to be trained in many areas in order to become independent in future". Parents that were interviewed gave positive responses towards the great progress and changes they are seeing in their children from the time they brought at Angel's Center. The director highlighted the success and challenges that have faced Angel's Center three years ago. She also elaborated more on the purpose of Angel's Center which is to

address the needs and rights of special needs children. She also emphasized on the roadmap and way forward for Angel's Center. Appreciations were also given to supporters of Angel's Center especially the Belgium support group and City of Antwerp.



## World Down syndrome day Award.

In the previous Newsletter, we had mentioned that Rosemary Namboze was nominated in the voluntary and professional category for her outstanding contribution towards the strengthening and enriching the lives of people with Down syndrome. She was invited by the International office to attend the official awarding ceremony at the 12th World Down Syndrome Congress in Chennai, India in August this year, where she went and was handed over her award. Indeed Rosemary travelled to India with one parent from the parents support group and the congress was so executive and she was honored for being the first African lady to receive the award.

## Here is the award!!!



*Award giving ceremony in India – Chennai in Aug 2015*



## Inclusive Education Project

The inclusive education project commenced in July immediately after the funds approved to Angel's Center. We conducted a situational analysis in 4 schools in Wakiso district to identify partner schools in which the project will be implemented. These schools included: St. Marcelino Academy, Blessed Toddlers junior, Moonlight pre-school and Little Stars nursery and day care center. An interview guide was drafted and used as a guiding tool in the assessment exercise. Directors and head teachers were requested to fill in the questions that were in the interview guide.

An inclusive education teachers' training was organized by Angel's Center team and took place for 4 days. The purpose of the training aimed at equipping primary school teachers with basic skills and knowledge in Special Needs Education and inclusive education to be practiced in their schools. We invited two teachers from each school to attend and participate in the training and 3 staff members from Angel's Center also benefited from the training. A total number of 10 female teachers actively participated in the training.



*The facilitators  
Mr. Oyesigye  
Stuart and  
Madam  
Proscovia  
Kajubi*



*Participants  
discussing and  
doing group  
work*



*Participants during the training*



*Proscovia, the facilitator leading a demonstration of inclusive education practice (how to handle special needs children in a classroom environment).*



After the training, Angel's Center organized an exchange visit with the partner schools to 3 different rehabilitation centers. The main purpose of the exchange visit was to provide an insight on different kinds of disability or special needs, the learning aids such as the braille machine and white cane among others needed when handling such children and be able to differentiate the kinds of disability.

## Other Activities conducted:

### Board meeting

The Board meeting was held on 28th July, 2015 at Nexus Resort Hotel. A total number of 7 members attended the meeting and out of 7, 2 were females and the rest were males. The main purpose of the meeting was to find out strategies on how to make local fundraising and having target as a center of acquiring land by January 2016.

### Global giving open challenge online fundraising

Angel's Center for children with special needs participated in the open challenge online fundraising event. This was coordinated by the director who got involved in the exercise. However, the exercise was not successful, few of our Ugandan community have capacity to do online support. Captured story in monitor publication Uganda's daily newspaper. Follow this link for details

<http://www.monitor.co.ug/artsculture/Reviews/Woman-passionate-about-special-needs-children/-/691232/2864248/-/w9jq1vz/-/index.html>

## Challenges

In the month of September, Angel's Center lost one child by the name of Aziiz Lubega, 2 years old diagnosed with Down syndrome and heart dysfunction. By the time of his death, Aziiz has spent 2 weeks admitted in hospital. (we are unable to have his picture) RIP

### NEXT PLANS

1. Support supervision for mainstream schools under inclusive education
2. Strengthening integrated therapy... And introducing hydrotherapy
3. Preparing for the 1st graduation of our children to join mainstream school
4. Conducting community based rehabilitation

*"Mwebale nnyo"*

*Which means, Thank you very much!!!!*

### Our physical location

The center is located at Nansana along Hoima road, block 203 next to Nexus Hotel.

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### In support

