



News Letter

Dear readers, The 10th edition of this newsletter reflects the different initiatives of different groups of practitioners, like parents, teachers and partners who have been determined to "make things Happen" In line with our work to promote an inclusive environment for children with special needs in Uganda. We are delighted to share with you the pilot inclusive Education project that has been supported by the province of Antwerp- Belgium and the successive stories from a parent whose child is already benefiting from the same program. We hope that our newsletter is going to be a source of Inspiration and a channel for information exchange and networking. Enjoy!!!!

Remember, we need to give Disability a "human face" despite of all challenges. Enjoy the reading!!!!

Abryl's medical review trip to Belgium

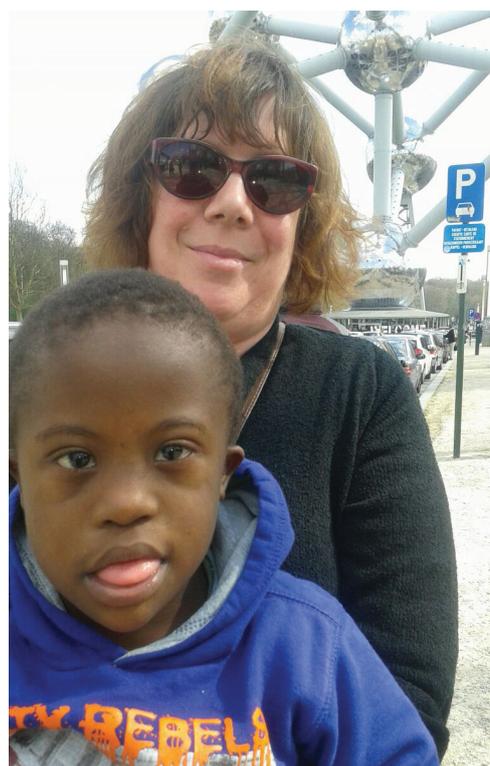
In the month of March, the Director and her husband had a trip to Belgium. The main reason was to take ABRYL for medical review in the University Hospital of Antwerp - Belgium.



Abryl being examined by his Doctor as the mother watches over them.



Dr. Wojcieszowski Marek from University Hospital of Antwerp Belgium with Abryl



Abryl with our host mother Nick Everts in Belgium

"Every Child Matters"



In the same month, Angel's Center Support Group-Belgium in partnership with Raad and Daad VZW organized a solidarity Lunch in support of Angel's center for Children with Special needs in Uganda. Over 85 people attended and 1,800 euros was raised in support of the project in Uganda. We would like to appreciate Raad and Daad VZW for giving back to children with special needs in Uganda. This fund is going to be used to purchase assistive devices like special chairs, improve the learning environment, and conduct community Rehabilitation programs.



The above photo shows the Raad and Daad team during the sodality dinner: Big thanks to the Raad and Daad for supporting and organizing the solidarity Lunch



The photos above show participants during the solidarity Lunch

Renovation of office Premises:

The office premises were renovated for the New Year to create a pleasant working and learning environment for both staff members and children. All class rooms and wall fences were painted; broken chairs for the children were repaired and adjusted to proper fittings.

Early learning and play equipment has also been purchased. The renovation of the office premises was supported by Wereld Missie Hulp -Belgium.



The above photos show the current look for office and play equipment (Swings) for children after renovation.

Activities and achievements carried out:

Registration of new entrants and beginning of term 1
During the month of January, there was an ongoing registration of new children at the center. 10 children were registered and admitted at the center to begin school. Beginning of term 1 delayed due to Uganda elections which occurred in February. Out of 10 new children, 6 reported for term 1 and others promised to start in term 2. We currently have 60 children i.e. 16 boys and 14 girls (30) who attend early learning from the Center and 30 children supported on part time basis.

New staff on board:

Early this year, Angels Center was in position to source out for an administrator and a physiotherapist. Miss Niwagaba Allen is our new Finance administrator and Mr. Asimwe Ambrose is our physiotherapist. His role at Angels Centre is promoting functional dependence among children with special needs and those living with a disability. Below is a photo of physiotherapist during a session with a child.



The above photo shows the physiotherapist in a session with one child.



Partnerships:

The administrator and the communications officer participated in a network meeting that was organized by Special Children Trust. This meeting took place in Mukono at Joy Uganda offices. The aim of the meeting was to train participant on behavioral management of special needs children. A total number of 40 people attended the meeting.

Child sponsorship:

Angels Center was privileged this year to have 5 children being supported in order to continue school. This kind of support was offered by Mercy Child Care Ministry which is one of our partner organizations. 3 girls and 2 boys have been sponsored.

World Downs Syndrome day celebrations:

Every year March 21, World Down Syndrome Day is celebrated. This is when the voice of people with Down syndrome, and those who live and work with them, grows louder. This year, Abryl changes the World through two articles that came in the Newspapers both in the Ugandan newspapers (Daily Monitor www.monitor.co.ug Monday, 21, March 2016 page 28 healthy living > the big story; what it means to raise child with Down Syndrome) and Belgium newspaper (DE STANDARRD Maandag, 21, 2016 page 9; Ugandan mother with child of Down Syndrome makes change). The big story of Rosemary and Alfred in Daily Monitor (Print media) has raised awareness to so many parents on how raise child with Down syndrome. 5parents with the same conditions have contacted her and have been counseled on how raise their children. Follow up visits in their homes has been planned.

Graduation ceremony and success of inclusive education:

This occasion was conducted at the end of term 3 in December. 2 children were graduated to mainstream schools .these were Kayemba Edirisa and Kisitu Shadat. Kayemba is currently attending school at Blessed junior school and Shadat is attending at Moonlight pre- schools which are our partner schools for inclusive education.



The above photos show children and their parents at the graduation ceremony after receiving their certificates of accomplishing the early learning.



Shadat at his new school with his classmates.



Kayemba in his new classroom with classmates.

Success story on Inclusive education. "Let's all go inclusive...!"

Aisha Zalwango and Mbiro Shaban are parents to Shadat. Both parents are very happy about their son to be in mainstream school. Shadat joined Moonlight preschool this term in February. "Before, I thought it would be so challenging for my son to be in a main stream school after graduating from Angels Center, She says". Shadat has gradually responded positively especially in coordination and writing concept when guided by an adult. He also enjoys number rhymes, counts 1-10 during grouping counting and names all learnt shapes. His reading ability has improved; he is able to read all learnt sounds and their pictures. Aisha said that she feels so empowered that her son learns with the able children in the same class and continues to encourage parents with special needs children to bring up their children in public because all children have the same rights.



Vocational skills

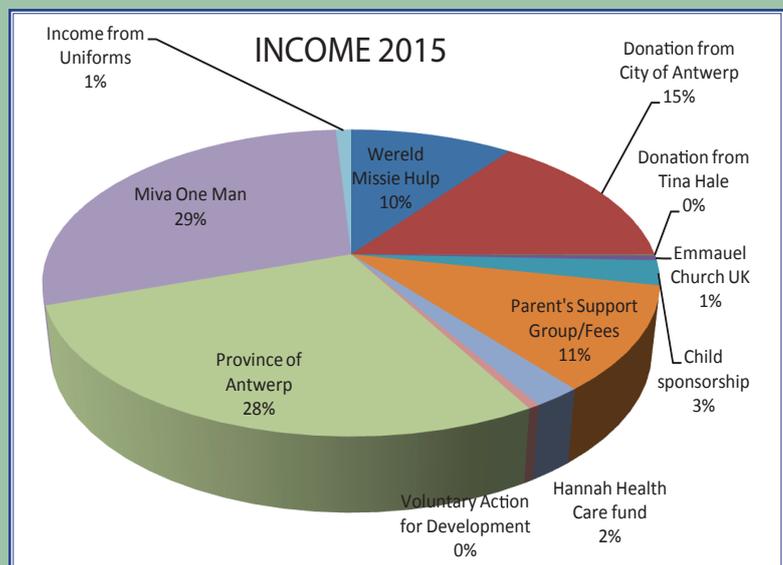
Last year, children were engaged in several vocational skills. They were able to explore their skills in making different kinds of jewelry for example earrings, necklaces and bracelets and Christmas cards. These were given to parents in order to appreciate their children's skills.



Action plan

- * Prepare end of term 1 assessment reports for children.
- * Angels Center will participate in the 4th annual sports gala for disabled children on 1st July 2016.
- * Conduct Community Based Rehabilitation (Home visits) in May during the holiday.
- * Hold a fundraising event on purchasing land to construct an integrated center for children with special needs.
- * Conduct follow up visits on inclusive education partner schools.

Last year's income



Our physical location

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In support

