

2017 Annual Report



The Logo: The KNEF logo represents our efforts and shows how the smallest of seeds can blow very far and take root in unexpected places.

Charity Status

KNEF, K. Nyame Education Foundation is a registered charity in Ghana and was originally founded in 2007. KNEF activities take place in Hong Kong, Canada and Ghana.

Vision

Creating a society where students can pass on the benefits of education to their communities and make an enormous, far-reaching difference. The K. Nyame Educational Foundation is dedicated to transforming the lives of less fortunate children in Ghana through education. We focus on empowerment, mentorship, human development, educating and preparing children for their future endeavours.

Mission

To improve literacy, health and economic well-being through education in Ghana. The K. Nyame Educational Foundation offers social and economic support to underprivileged children. KNEF also provides social, recreational and educative programs that entail innovative thinking and deliver education and its apparatus necessary for learning including aiding accommodation and health to enable student's full focus to be on education. KNEF aims to support teachers who accept rural appointments and empower Ghana's youth through strategic, effective, moralistic health education programs. KNEF strives to eradicate poverty.

Values

Around the world 72 million children are not enrolled in school; (World Bank Development Indicator 2008.) K. Nyame Educational Foundation focuses on providing basic education to those who need it most. Access to education is not only a basic human right, but also a key factor in reducing poverty and child labour. Access to quality education for the poorest and most marginalized people is the goal. But access is not enough. As a minimum standard, we believe that education must result in sufficient levels of literacy and proficiency. Once in school, children need to be assured of a safe environment enabling them to realize the potentials of learning. This enables people to lift themselves out of poverty and continue to improve their lives.

“According to UNESCO's 2017-18 Global Education Monitoring Report, an additional \$39 billion (€33 billion) per year would improve the quality of the world's schools and give the world's 2.2 billion children equal access to learning.

Researchers found that there is a long way to go toward reaching the UN's sustainable development goal of ensuring that all children have access to a free, quality secondary

education. Right now, only 83 percent of the children who go to school at all complete elementary school, and just 45 percent of students aged 15 to 17 will finish secondary school. The report found that the number of boys and girls who are denied access to education is up 1 million from 2016 — to 264 million.

Highlights from 2017

In 2017 KNEF celebrated our 10th anniversary. It has been an amazing year with so much to be grateful for.

Thanks to Crossroads Foundation in Hong Kong, KNEF shipped a full container of goods to Ghana including computers, desks, chairs and other educational materials. The container also included some household goods and new clothing items.

Thanks to our volunteers in Ghana and Hong Kong who helped with packing, transportation loading and unloading the goods. It was no small job and could not have been done without you.



The Government of Ghana has now committed to paying for secondary schools in Ghana. This has freed up funds for KNEF because we do not need to sponsor scholarships for students to complete school. Our commitment is now towards improving early childhood education in Offuman though demonstrating excellence in our own school.

Our construction has gone very well this year. The school building is up with plastered walls and the cement floor completed. We are still working on the septic tank, doors and windows. We expect our grand opening to take place in August 2018.



The goods from crossroads were distributed to two secondary schools in Techiman North Ghana. Tuobodum Technical Senior High School and Guakro Effah Senior High School. Some goods (cloths) were also donated directly to the citizens of Offuman and some were kept for KNEF's Technical training college, Kindergarten and Library.



We also received donations of second-hand shoes and clothing from the staff, students and parents at Chun Tok School in Hong Kong. These were donated and distributed directly to the community.

Future Goals

We are currently working to finish tiling the school toilets and adding doors and windows. We also need to purchase a school bus and paint the school.

Eventually we will need to tile the floors and get an electricity source but for now we are focused on operational expenses including books and stationary for the students and teachers to work with.

The school is two miles away from the main village as a result, it has no electricity. We are planning to solicit for solar panels as a source of electricity.

Achieved Goals

We have completed the main construction of the school and started bringing in students with a soft opening and trial year.

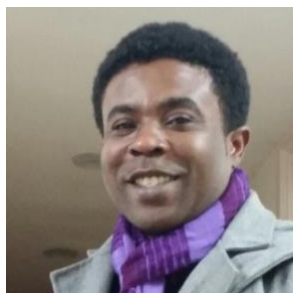
Objectives and Aims – Long Term

- Reaching out and educating the public who are unaware of the social and economic issues surrounding children in Ghana.
- Empowering and motivating children to recognize available potentials in life.
- Finding alternative solutions to help bring positive results in the community.
- Expecting volunteers
- Continue solicitation in furtherance of the objectives.
- Building class one to class six in 2021

The Board

<p>Charles Kwasi Gyan-Founder/President- is a Trained paralegal in Ontario, Canada and also has a degree in international development. His ambition is to complete his Law degree in Canada while following his passion for poverty eradication.</p> <p>Prof. Nicholas Bastine Board member, Professor of Legal Studies York University and a contract lawyer.</p> <p>Tanya Freed BFA, Med, has recently been appointed to our board. She has experience working in the arts and is also on KNEF's grant writing committee.</p>	<p>Cherie Sexsmith-Vice President BFA, Masters in Education, is a teacher, author and illustrator in Hong Kong. . She is on KNEF's grant writing and curriculum development committee.</p> <p>Alex Bediako – Board member, Registered Nurse</p> <p>Christine Sexsmith- Board member, Real estate professional</p> <p>Heike Ohlmeyer-Board member, teacher. Heike is working on fundraising, and contacts. She has taken most of the photos on the website.</p>
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About the Founder



President and founder of KNEF, Charles Gyan, left the community in search of greener pasture, and was fortunate to receive a university education in Canada. Mr Gyan return to his community and share his experience and knowledge to help build a bright and sustainable future for the people of Offuman. As a former economic refugee, Mr. Gyan has a deep understanding of the problems facing the youth in the Techiman North and Ghana as a country, as well as a unique insight into creating solutions that are relatable and beneficial to the community.