



The Anglo-Nigerian Welfare Association for the Blind (ANWAB) is a non-profit, non-governmental registered charitable association, which aims to bring relief to the millions of visually impaired people in our country. The main aim is to alleviate the difficulties faced by blind persons in education, amongst others.

BRILLE BOOK PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY

Books are produced on request for students and also for individuals and corporate organisations. ANWAB has a stock of 165 books transcribed into Braille. In the last six months, 412 volumes of Braille books were produced and 349 copies of books were delivered in 542 volumes to various schools, individuals and organisations. The organisations that benefitted include: Pathfinder International who have two blind students on their Ford Foundation scholarship and needed Braille copies of their training materials Hints Computer and Communications Ltd., also placed an order for 450 copies of secondary school textbooks and have so far received 150 copies. Second Term Examination Question papers were also transcribed into Braille for Queens College, Yaba and Federal Government College, Ijanikin, both in Lagos.

OTHER SERVICES

The Centre also offer services such as rehabilitation for the visually impaired - Braille, typing and Mobility Lessons and library services. Barrister Peter Omekeh a Lawyer who has been a Braille and Typing student at the centre for about a year now says that "I can now read Braille, though at a slow pace". He also said, "I enjoy the atmosphere because it is conducive for an adult like me."



Barr. Peter Omekeh

Guide canes for mobility and styluses for writing, produced for ANWAB locally, and Braille paper are sold to registered members who are about 400 at subsidised rates and also to non registered members at a non subsidised rate. Counselling for blind persons and the generalpublic, creation of awareness of the problems of the blind in Nigeria and how people can help and also developing sports for the blind and other leisure activities are also offered. The centre also serve as a platform for the visually impaired to express their challenges and learn from others how to resolve them.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Having been inactive for a while, thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Winifred Mfon, the Volunteer Service is up and running again. Students come in twice a week, when she is around to have their materials read to them. Besides, she goes regularly to King's College, Lagos, where blind students are integrated to assist them with their notes and other work. Substantial improvement in their education has been recorded. Our volunteer from Belgium, Mr. Yves Pauwel, who came in under the auspices of the International Cultural Youth Exchange Programme, completed his term with us in May and has since returned to Belgium. The Centre is extremely grateful to him and the ICYE. The centre welcomes more Volunteers.



Mr. Yves Pauwel

VISITORS TO THE CENTRE

The Good Neighbour Committee, part of Ford Foundation, visited and offered to assist the centre.

We look forward to their support. Members of the Bassey Kubianga Foundation also visited to

take a cue from ANWAB's work so that they can meet the needs of the visually impaired in Cross River State where they are based.

DONATIONS MADE TO ANWAB

From time to time, ANWAB receives donations in cash and kind from various quarters, particularly from our friends in ANWAB UK, the U.S and others who wish to remain anonymous. Our gratitude goes to the foreign libraries who continue to donate Braille books to our library - The Royal National Institute for the Blind and National Library for the Blind in UK and the Library of Congress in the US.

ANWAB on its part makes donations of surplus gifts it receives from home and abroad to blind students and centres in the country. These include guide canes and books, etc. Beneficiaries included blind students in Bauchi, Federal Government College, Ijanikin, Loyoola Jesuit College, Abuja, Adeniran Memorial Grammar School, Ogbomoso, Government Secondary School, Rano, Kano, Government Girls College, Zonkwa, Kaduna State, etc.



The generator donated by Mr. Osaze Iyamu

JANUARY - JUNE 2006

MONTH	DONORS
FEBRUARY	Mr & Mrs Esisi
	Mr. Debo Akingbade
MARCH	District Grand Lodge of Nig. (Salary)
JUNE	Mr Osaze Iyamu (Generator)

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FORTHCOMING PROJECTS

We are in the process of reviving Computer Training for the Visually Impaired, Independent living programme and also the provision of Internet Access for the Blind. An appeal has been made to the

Ford Foundation for these projects and we look forward to a positive response.



ANWAB'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Our tenth Anniversary will be coming up in October this year and we will like to ask for support for the programme which will last for a week.

The Activities lined up are: a novelty football match between the blind, symposium and drama, open day at the ANWAB Centre, Chess Tournament for the Blind, raffle draw and a charity walk on the 15th of October in conjunction with the Nigeria Association of the Blind to mark International White Cane day.

CHALLENGES

1. Incessant electricity supply. However this will be overcome with our generator;
2. Heavy demand for books requiring an immediate request for an industrial embosser;
3. Payment of staff salaries and money for daily running of the centre amounting to N250,000 per month.

Should you wish to make any contributions to ANWAB, kindly contact us using the following details:

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MANAGEMENT TEAM

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Trustees: Danlami Basharu, Esq.; Mrs. Jean Obi (MBE); Mr. Ukay Kalu; Mrs. Janet Ohiwerei