



ANGLO-NIGERIAN WELFARE ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

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OUR MISSION: To help the blind to achieve daily independence and good life while working with concerned stakeholders to ensure full inclusion of the blind into the society.

US PERKINS SCHOOL DONATES BRAILLE MACHINES THROUGH ANWAB

Perkins School for the Blind, Watertown, Massachusetts, USA, has donated 30 Perkins braille machines through ANWAB to be distributed to educational institutions in the six geo-political zones of Nigeria. One of the Directors of Perkins School, Mr. John Price was at the ANWAB Centre in Lagos to formally hand over the donation to representatives of institutions in the South-west zone on 12th July 2011. Other zones will be presented with their machines in due course. Members of ANWAB's Management Committee, led by the Chairman, Mr. Ogie Eboigbe, as well as a director from the Lagos State Ministry of Education's Special Education Department, Mrs. Oyebarji graced the occasion. The recipients were Pacelli School for the Blind and Partially Sighted, Surulere, Lagos; Agbowo Model College, Ikorodu; Nigeria Association of the Blind; ANWAB Centre Lagos; Ade Okubanjo Model Vocational Centre, Ijebu Igbo, Ogun State; School for the Blind, Ogbomosho and Aperin Oniyere Commercial Grammar School, Ibadan, both in Oyo State.



Mr John Price presenting Perkins Braille Machines to students of Agbowo Model College, Ikorodu

BOOK PRODUCTION AND COMPUTER TRAINING PROGRAMMES ON COURSE

ANWAB produced 400 copies of books in 708 volumes for several schools and organisations during the last 6 months. The recipient organisations include University of Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State; Federal College of Education (Special) Oyo State; University of Port Harcourt, Rivers State; Government College, Umuahia, Abia State; University of Nsukka, Enugu; University of Ibadan, Oyo State; University of Uyo, Akwa Ibom State; QRC Onitsha Anambra State; and Queen's College Lagos.

The Centre also produced 80 copies of examination question papers for Queen's College, Lagos.

Meanwhile, three persons attended the rehabilitation classes;

OUR VISION: To be a leading provider of technology and educational facilities that create independence for the blind.

one of them, Mr Alogba Olafemi has completed the programme while two others are still undergoing training. In the Computer Training Unit, 12 persons came for training during the period. 8 of them are newly registered while three others have completed the training.

On the other hand, 35 people made use of the Internet café while 108 persons made use of the library.

IT'S KUDOS AS ANWAB HOLDS 2011 OPEN DAY AND MARKS 15TH ANNIVERSARY



ANWAB Chair, Mr Eboigbe welcoming Mr. & Mrs Chris Aligbe to the ANWAB Centre ON 2011 Open Day

ANWAB's 2011 Open Day was held on the 6th of October. The event also marked the 15th anniversary of ANWAB which started operations in Nigeria in 1996. It attracted several visitors from all walks of life. Management and Staff took turns to take visitors round the Centre. As usual, the Open Day which is the third in the series was an opportunity for friends and benefactors to come in to acquaint themselves with our operations. Some of the visitors include Mr. Victor Ogiemwonyi, Managing Director & CEO of Partnership Investment Plc; Mr. & Mrs. Chris Aligbe; Others are Messrs Godwin and Adetola of LTV.



Mr. Victor Ogiemwonyi listening to ANWAB Director, Barr. Danlami Basharu explain the process through which the visually impaired operate the computer

VISITORS TO ANWAB CENTRE JULY TO DEC. 2011

Some of the important visitors and friends that came to the Centre included Mr. Grant Hale, Mrs. Avril Campher and Mr. Tosin Tomori, representatives of Cummins (Nigeria), who visited ANWAB with Mr. John Price of Perkins School for the Blind, USA. John Price was making his second visit to ANWAB. Other visitors included Mrs. Seriat Adelakun from University of Birmingham, UK - a sabbatical student of the Federal College of Education (FCE Special Education), Oyo; Dr. Onabolu from Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital (OOUTH); Mr. Damilola Osilaja, Mrs. Juliet Alika, Mrs. Nike Peters and Miss Faith from Spelling Bee Nigeria; Princess C. Dingba from Enugu; Miss Lara Akande and Rachael Stelfox from Legal Defence and Assistance Project (LEDA), Lagos; Mrs. Gladys Akindele from Ifako Ijiaye; Mr. Tony Onwordi from Ikeja Lagos; Ene Tony Ray; Igwelaezoh Resheed from NAS-HISPANWLA; Miss Folashade Raji from Lekki; Mr. Akinyemi David from Ikeja; Mr. Otu Ephraim from Shell Petroleum Development Corporation (SPDC); Barr. Mrs. C.M. Useni from Awolowo way Ikeja; Hassan Murchie from Madrassa An-Noor for the Blind, South Africa and Mrs. Adams from UBEC, Lagos.



Mr John Price (Perkins School for the Blind, USA), Mr Tomori and Mr Grant Hale (Cummins, Nigeria) and Miss Amaka Ikeji, a visually impaired staff of ANWAB during a visit to the Centre

DONATIONS TO ANWAB

☛ The Redeemed Evangelical Mission donated the sum of N250,000.00.

☛ The Acts Professional Services Accounting, Consulting, Taxation Secretarial Services donated N20,000.00 during ANWAB's Open Day through its Principal Partner, Mr. Ignatius Adegunle.

☛ The Emmanuel Anglican Chapel, Davis Street, Ketu donated a cheque of N10,000.00 on Open Day.

☛ An anonymous Donation of N300,000.00 cash was made to the Centre.

☛ Mr. Victor Ogiemwonyi of Partnership Investment Co. Plc donated a cheque of N500,000.00 to upgrade our equipment and software needs.

☛ Prof. (Mrs.) Aboyade gave a cheque of N50,000.00.

☛ Mrs. Obaseki Stella donated the sum of N10,000.00.

☛ Madrassa An-Noor for the Blind from South Africa also gave \$1000 to the Centre for the production of Islamic literature books for the blind.

ANWAB PARTICIPATES IN TELECOMS PARLIAMENT

On 12th October 2011, the Chairman, Mr. Ogie Eboigbe and Director, Mr. Danlami Basharu, with some members of staff attended the 8th Anniversary of the Telecoms Consumer Parliament and 10th Anniversary of the Telecoms Revolution in Nigeria held at the Shell Hall, Muson Centre, Onikan Lagos.

ANWAB joined several other organizations of people with disabilities to suggest how the National Communications Commission and telecommunications operators can improve their services and make them more accessible to disabled people.

Also on the same day, our team attended the National Painting Competition for Children with disabilities organised by the National Museum, Onikan, Lagos. There was an art and painting competition and dancing groups entertained the audience.

CHALLENGES:

☛ **Staff Salaries:** This remains a great challenge. We welcome support from all sources to support the payment of staff salaries and overhead for the Centre which amounts to N500,000.00 per month.

☛ **Diesel for Generator:** Diesel continues to be a source of concern to the Centre as a result of the consistent erratic power supply. The Centre relies regularly on the Generator and we spend about N60,000.00 on Diesel each month.

☛ **Upgrading of Equipment:** Due to wear and tear, ANWAB desperately desires to upgrade its computers and Braille embossers some of which have been in use for over ten years.

☛ Volunteer Services:



Lion Oyebamiji

Apart from several other people that gave their time voluntarily, Mrs. Oyebamiji, a member of Ikorodu Metro Lions Club International assisted the Centre in the scanning of books. We are extremely grateful to her. The Centre welcomes more volunteers to assist us in our book production process.

ANWAB welcomes your assistance in order to support blind children needing to advance themselves through education and employment.

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