



BRAILLE BOOK PRODUCTION

Over 700 Volumes Delivered In 6 Months

295 copies of books in 487 volumes were produced while 583 copies in 766 volumes were delivered to clients between July and December 2007. Such clients include the Centre for Citizens with Disability, the National Open University of Nigeria; and individual blind students of the Universities of Ibadan and Lagos.

Secondary schools that also benefited are Queen's College, Lagos, Lagos State Model College, Ikorodu, Loyoola Jesuit College, Abuja, Government Secondary School, Minna, Ihogbe College, Benin City, Yewa College, Ilaro, and Federal Government College, Ijanikin. In addition to the books, Examination Question papers were produced for Queens College, Yaba, Lagos.

VALUE-ADDED SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

A. Braille, Mobility and Typing



Princewill Newman Eze

Princewill Newman Eze, a student at the ANWAB centre, has completed his training and has now gained admission into Odutola College, Ijebu-Ode in Ogun State.

B. Computer Training and Internet Access

84 persons made use of the internet while 10 persons came for Computer Training

C. Library Service

74 persons made use of the library.

D. Outreach work

The new Outreach Officer, Wale Ogunniran, commenced outreach work in the last quarter of the year. He visited Secondary Schools in the South-West of Nigeria including Federal Government College, Ijanikin, Queen's College, King's College and Wenby College, Ejigbo all in Lagos and Iganmode Grammar School and Yewa College, Ilaro both in Ogun state. He also visited Vocational Training Centre for the Blind, Oshodi, Nigerian Farm Craft Centre for the Blind, Ikeja and Pacelli Primary School for the Blind Surulere, Lagos.

VISITORS TO THE CENTRE

We received several distinguished visitors at the Centre during this half of the year. They include: Dr. Mrs. T. T. Gefu, Mr. Daramola and Mr. Olusola from the National Open University of Nigeria; Miss Jenny Behnke, Miss Helme and Raimonda from the International Cultural Youth Exchange Programme; Kate and Martins from AIICO Insurance & Pensions, Miss Fagbulu Olayemi from IBTC Pensions. Mrs. Safiya Sanda and Mrs. Gertude Fefoame from Sight Savers Kaduna & Ghana respectively; Mrs. Apesin a friend of the Centre; Mr. Koleosho from the Ministry of Sports & Social Development; Mrs Adeleye from Wenby's College, Lagos and Fiona Gell from Oxfam UK. These are some comments made by the visitors:

"I am amazed at the efficiency of work here"

"This is very fantastic and I wish they should keep it up"

"It is good and up coming for the younger generations"

"It humbling to see people coping despite their physical challenge"



ANWAB's Outreach Officer, Mr. Wale Ogunniran (2nd from right) with 3 students of Kings College, Lagos and their teacher during a visit to the college

DONATIONS MADE BY ANWAB

ANWAB donated packets of cut calendar papers to blind students of Loyoola Jesuit College, Abuja and University of Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State for use as Braille paper to write their lesson notes.

DONATIONS MADE TO ANWAB

****One digital camera was thankfully received from ANWAB UK for Outreach work and other activities by the Centre.**

****End of year gifts were presented to the centre by friends of the Association and providers of service to the centre including Mrs. Apesin, Hogg Robinson Insurers and Express Discount Limited.**

****The Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers donated 1 Gas Cooker, 1 Refrigerator and 1 Washing Machine for Independent Living training unit.**

****A handsome donation of N50,000.00 was received from a regular anonymous donor.**

EVENTS ATTENDED BY ANWAB

1. Members of the Management Committee and staff of ANWAB paid a courtesy visit to the National Open University of Nigeria on Victoria Island. A seminar was also organised for their staff by Mrs. Toyin Isaacs-Oke (member of the management committee of ANWAB and a special education teacher) in order to acquaint them with the work of the centre and particularly method of approaching examination application for persons with disabilities.



ANWAB Chairman, left, with some officials of the National Open University during our visit to NOUN's Headquarters in Victoria Island, Lagos

2. Some Staff attended the Charity walk in Lagos. organised by the Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers on behalf of ANWAB in order to raise funds for the Centre. The walk terminated at the National Stadium, Surulere where the institution presented Independent Living equipments to the centre.

3. ANWAB was represented at the special comedy Event organised by Teju Babyface, a leading national comedian and also at the annual musical concert of Glowing Channels. These greatly helped to publicise the work of ANWAB.

EVENTS ORGANISED BY ANWAB

1. Customer Service & Administration Course

A weekend training programme was organised for the staff on customer service and administration on December 15. It had a dual purpose of acquainting staff with customer relations requirements and internal admin, human and materials management. The training was conducted by Mr. Igho Okor, a customer relations manager of Motorola Nigeria and Mr. Ogie Eboigbe, Chairman of ANWAB. It was thoroughly rewarding for the staff who asked for more of such training.



Mr Igho Okor

2. End of Year /Send Off Party

This brought the year to a successful end for all staff and management, on Monday, December 19th 2007. Apart from the staff, the party was attended by the Management Committee members, friends of the association, both sighted and visually impaired. It provided an opportunity to relax after a long year and it was an avenue to recognise staff of ANWAB who have left the centre after contributing their quota to its development.



Some Friends of ANWAB at the End of Year Party

FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES FORD FOUNDATION PROJECT Mobility Workshop:

Due to logistics problems, the Mobility Training workshop for blind persons and mobility instructors could not take place in 2007. It is expected to come up in the second quarter of 2008.

Independent Living Skills:

More items have been donated for independent living for blind females and others. This should commence as soon as ANWAB moves into a new accommodation.

CHALLENGES

The Centre needs volunteers who could scan and edit books to increase our stock of educational books.

The Centre also greatly desires support from well meaning persons to sponsor the payment of staff salaries which remains a major challenge.

The greatest challenge facing the Centre is that of acquiring a permanent accommodation as we have been asked to vacate our present place of abode. We need to raise about N25,000,000.00 (Twenty Five Million Naira) to enable us purchase a property that can accommodate various units of the centre which include braille and editing, computer training, cybercafe

and administration. Urgent help is most welcome in this regard.

NEW CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR ANWAB

A new Chairman has been elected by the Management Committee of the Anglo-Nigerian Welfare Association for the Blind, ANWAB. He is Mr. Ogie Eboigbe. He succeeds Mrs. Jean Obi, (MBE), who has been Chairman of ANWAB since its inception in 1996.

Also elected as Vice-Chairman is Ms Barbara Wey. Their election took place at a meeting of the Committee held in Lagos on November 8, 2007.



Some members of the Management Committee at the Centre End-of-Year Party: (form left to right) Barbara Wey, Vice-Chairman; Danlami Basharu, Director; Toyin Isaacs-Oke; Ogie Eboigbe, Chairman (Standing); and Jean Obi, immediate past Chairman.

The Management Committee helps to raise funds and supervise the day-to-day operations of ANWAB along with the Centre's Director, Mr. Danlami Basharu, a visually impaired Nigerian with wide experience in Braille Technology and the Media and qualifications in Education, Management and Law from the University College of Wales, Durham University Business School, Cambridge University and the Nigerian Law School.

Apart from Mr. Eboigbe, Mrs. Obi and Ms Wey, other members of the Management Committee are Dr. Mosunmade Faderin, Mr. David Okon, Mrs Toyin Isaacs-Oke and Mr. Osaze Iyamu. Patrons of ANWAB are Senator Bode Olajumoke and Mr. Fola Adeola.

ANWAB UK, led by Mr. John Bush, OFR, is the chief fund raiser of the Centre, but ANWAB Nigeria has received and continue to receive support from many individuals

and corporate organisations including the UK Lottery, Ford Foundation, ExxonMobil, Nigerwives, amongst others.

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