



# B.A.S.I.C.S. International

## Weekly Newsletter

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### Provost and President of Webster University comes to CHORKOR

President **Elizabeth (Beth) J. Stroble** and Provost **Julian Schuster** on their first visit to Ghana, West Africa; made a courtesy call to B.A.S.I.C.S facility. B.A.S.I.C.S is a volunteer and internship location for Webster.

President Stoble commented on Instagram: "So proud to meet this young lady champion (referring to our chess champ) when we visited B.A.S.I.C.S International this week on my first visit to Ghana and WebsterGhana. We saw her play chess and dance. An amazing place that is meeting a need. Impressive young people who will go far, because they go together #africa #leadership #girls #women"



# Inside B.A.S.I.C.S

## CHARITY provides CAPACITY BUILDING SUPPORT to B.A.S.I.C.S

Often volunteers; come to teach, paint or play with children ; but some come to do what they do BEST; FIX THINGS. Meet Lawrence Charity ( yes thats his name) who spent his time in Ghana fixing the small things that are often overlooked at B.A.S.I.C.S

Recently, we received a grant to purchase new screen printing equipment, which required installation. Despite the handbook; we found it quite challenging. However, with the help of Mr Charity; he worked with our young men to solve the problem. Then off to the next challenge; troubleshooting some ICT issues. Check! Next- re-organizing our social enterprise compound; to allow the women to have more space. CHECK!

Before saying goodbye; Mr Charity spent time with our new our interns; facilitating a workshop on leadership. With over 40 years experience; he shared some best business and workplace practices of being a leader.

Have you ever thought about volunteering, but couldn't put a finger on what to do; let us help you.



## Thank You .. Madison Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

DST member Regina Fuller who is in Ghana, researching for her Doctoral Degree in Student-Educational Policy took time off from her studies to unpack barrels that were shipped from her chapter in Madison Wisconsin.

School supplies were donated through a school supply drive organized by the Delta GEMS, Delta's program for high school girls.

Thank you DELTAS





# More INSIDE B.A.S.I.C.S

## Mission Accomplished in 7 days

Meet Otensia Dallas who set off to accomplish a mission to SERVE; and did it in 7 days. Let us walk you through her adventure.

Day 1- Depart NYC for Washington DC- then DC to Accra Ghana

Day 2- Arrive in Ghana-- and explore the capital city.

Day 3-4 - Travel to the Volta Region- on a sightseeing tour

Day 5-7 Teach a class to students- teach a class to Facilitators - bond with community, share GODS love, take some photos

Day 7 (eleventh hour) - receive reminder plane is leaving soon- jet to airport- board plane GHANA- DC- NY

LESSON LEARNED: NEVER MAKE AN EXCUSE DONT HAVE TIME-





# **Tis the Season.....**

*At the time this newsletter is being created-*

*its 40 days to Christmas ,*

*There are 19 days to the First Day of Hanukkah*

*And 41 days to Kwanzaa*

*And 47 days to 2019*

**So, we want to share a few ways you can support us this holiday season:**

\*Sponsor a child's education, healthcare, and holistic well being - \$1000/year

\*Make a donation in any amount to support our Christmas Party and activities.

\*Support our feeding program, with a donation of a bag of rice, tin tomatoes, pasta, fruits, vegetables, cookies.

\*Support our computer center; make a laptop donation

\*Provide CLEAN drinking water to children; \$10.00 a week

\*Donate your old tennis shoes, sneakers to school children.

\*Purchase a HEDZOLE ( freedom) product as a holiday gift for a family member, coworkers, secret santa or simply for yourself. Items range from \$10.00- \$100.00

\*Commit to a volunteer trip in Ghana.

\*Serve on the board.

\*Set up a recurring donation through paypal or directly with your bank. ( \$20.00 a month or any amount you would like)

\*Organize a fundraiser in your home, church, organization, workplace.

\*Invite our founder; Pat Wilkins to speak at a function.



# **AIRBORNE**



**#hedzole (#freedom)** products are on their way to the USA and ready for purchase.

**#bags #tablerunners #bedspreads #bedrunners with pillowcases**

**#nomorepoverty #selfsustainable #profitsharing #ngo**

Remember each product sold directly impacts a woman in Chorkor as profits are given to her directly.



## Meet our Advocacy Officer

An important part of child advocacy is showing up and being present. Our Child Advocacy Intern @lauretteblankhorst makes sure to greet and speak to each child as they walk through our gates. Getting to know each child personally- their strengths, weaknesses and needs, begins with a simple "How was your day at school."

#basicsinternational #childadvocacy  
#childadvocate #education #ghana #accra-ghana #nonprofitorganization #nonprofit #intern #globalcitizens #volunteering



## Hi! Mary, Congratulations

The competition was extremely tough but our team still came out victorious! Congratulations to our CHAMPION Mary who won the GOLD medal for the 14 and up age division! We are extremely proud of our entire team. We brought another win back home to Chorkor!!

@stephenappiahofficial nappiah #basicsinternational #chess #tournament #chesstournament #stephenappiah #champion #ghana #accra #chorkormanian #competition

### Did You Know?

The Chief Justice of Gambia, is Ghanaian: Mr. Justice Felix Michael Lartey.

### VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Whether it's for 1 day, 1 month or 1 year, volunteering is a great way to give back to B.A.S.I.C.S.

If you are interested in volunteering, send us an email at [volunteer@basicsinternational.org](mailto:volunteer@basicsinternational.org).

### SPONSOR A CHILD

Sponsorship is essential to our social intervention programming. Your support helps to keep a child in school, fed and supported in every facet.

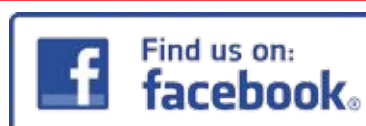
[www.basicsinternational.org/take-action/findyourchild](http://www.basicsinternational.org/take-action/findyourchild)

### SUPPORT OUR AUXILIARY PROGRAMMING

Programs like #IAM Hedzole, Rerun Thrift and Break the Cycle directly benefit our social intervention programs. By patronizing, donating and spreading the word, you are helping us to keep our purpose alive.

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