



# BASICS INTERNATIONAL

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## WELCOME TO B.A.S.I.C.S

### ABOUT US

B.A.S.I.C.S International aka BASICS is a registered 501 C3 organization in the USA, a registered NGO ( Non Governmental Office) in Ghana, and partners with AS4AK in Australia. The mission of B.A.S.I.C.S International is to break the cycle of poverty for socially and economically disadvantaged children from inner-city communities via financial and social investments, we provide education, education sponsorship, and social services, that nurtures the holistic development of a child which leads to self sufficiency. Since the year 2000, B.A.S.I.C.S International has impacted over 300,000 women and children through community outreach, provided 2300 educational sponsorships, of which 1400 was provided to the girl child. We have provided shelter to over 30 at risk girls, provided scholarships to over 100 high school students, and made it possible for 5 ( and counting) university graduates. We have opened our doors to over 1000 volunteers, that represent 21 countries, and fully funded 2 Fellowships to US University grads.



## I AM CHORKOR

BY JONATHAN - BASICS ALUMNUS

I am a small town on the outskirts of Accra. Since I am located by the sea, the main occupation of my people is fishing. My people like me for how I am, however, outsiders think nothing good of me. The respect I get from strangers is nothing to write home about, as they paint me black because of the negative stories they've heard about me. They laugh and make mockery of me when they hear my name. But I always laugh at them because, despite what they think and say of me, my people love and respect me. Let me take a minute to give you, a tour of my community. A community of lovely and, great people filled with incredibly potential, and passion for what the love doing. Come and see my children dance, sing and play with joy around me as they sing praises to me. I guess you may be wondering who I am. **I am Chorkor.**

# A GAME OF CHESS @ QUEENS INTERNATIONAL

On November 16, 2018, Team #chorkor had a Chess game with team #East Legon at Queens International School; who has implemented Chess as part of the curriculum. The friendly match was organized by Queens Intl's Chess teacher ANGELA NAA AMERLEY AYIKU who is Woman Worlds Federation Master in Ghana.

Prior to the game, these youngster have been practicing on their best moves and strategies on how to beat their counterparts. The first round saw us winning easily in spite of their speed and act of intimidation. At the end of round 5, we had already won the game by a large margin. We played a few other rounds for fun and also to help the kids get to socialise and make friends. After a hard day's work and being end of week, we decided to join our host school in their Friday game sessions.



## SELECTED STUDENTS OF BASICS ARE PREPARING TO TRAVEL TO CAPE COAST ( CENTRAL REGION)

December 17 to December 23 to participate in the U-16 African Chess Championships. The championships are also called "Zone 4.4 U-16 Youth Team Championship" was the competition for the Economic Community of West African States. If you are interested in making a donation toward the cost of sending our students to the life changing event; [www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1347773](http://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1347773) Or send mobile money.

## ZEN PETROLEUM CONTINUES ITS CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



ZEN is a solely owned Ghanaian Oil Marketing Company (OMC) supplying Fuel and Lubricants to mines in Ghana, as well as an expanding footprint in the West African region, and a growing retail network in Ghana.

Zen has been a great supporter of BASICS since 2011, and recently re-committed its support through pledging a monthly donation; which be used for capacity building.



# NATIONAL TOILET DAY



On 19th November each year, this day is celebrated to help create awareness and curb the issue of sanitation problems we face. Today, we took a walk around our hood - Chorkor and like many communities, they are no exception to the issue of sanitation and lack of toilet facilities. It cost between Ghc 0.20 - 0.60 to access the public toilet in Chorkor for those who do not own one in their houses.

This is a major challenge to most parents as they cannot afford to pay this daily for their households. To create an escape, people have made it a habit to openly defecate around the sea shores. This is killing our water bodies and creating more diseases for us all. Let's all unite and help fight against this irresponsible acts by members of our communities.



## the sanitation situation in Chorkor



*Here at B.A.S.I.C.S, we take pride in ensuring our kids understand the need to practice proper hygiene. We have a modern toilet facility for both boys and girls which is maintained under good hygienic conditions.*







#GIVINGTUESDAY

Make a \$20.00 donation today to help secure the future of these lovely kids.



[www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1347773](http://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1347773)

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# #GIVINGTUESDAY DONATIONS

*Be a cheerful giver*

Nearly \$2000 was raised from donors during Giving Tuesday. PAYPAL offered a 100% match on donations received through it's holiday campaign (up to \$500,000.00 in total matching funds). Just follow this link and make donation [:www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1347773](http://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1347773)  
3. Paypal Giving Fund pays all fees, there 100% of your donation is towards our programs.

## CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY!!

Thanks to Santa helpers and BASICS volunteers; Carolyn Alexander and Veronica Johnson who donated Christmas decoration and gift items, which will be used for upcoming carnival. Each year, BASICS organizes a series of events in the community, which include caroling, cookie give away, senior citizen party, movie night, concert, and it ends with a carnival and party. Each year BASICS Christmas activities gets bigger and better. This is made possible through donations from consistent Elfers like Myra Msibi (Brooklyn NY) who sends a yearly donation to support our holiday festivities. If you would like to make a donation (cash or in-kind), donate online, mobile money, or bring your donation directly to our facility.

Some items still needed:

- \*Chicken/ Meat, Rice, Cooking Oil
- \*Drinks ( mineral, water, juice)
- \*Cookies, cake, sweets
- \*Gift items for seniors, women and children

*Give happily...*



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## CONSIDER MAKING A END OF YEAR DONATION TO BASICS

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### DID YOU KNOW

Ghana boasts of having the largest open-air market in West Africa located in Kumasi where people go to buy clothes, fabric as well as garments.

## 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 volunteer-ing, 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/indyourchild](http://www.basicsinternational.org/take-action/indyourchild)

## 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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