



# B.A.S.I.C.S international

SEPTEMBER EDITION

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

It's back to school season for children around the world and the excitement children normally have for their new beginnings; such as a new class, teacher and friends.

This season also marks the time of year that we engage high school graduates and university graduates for our internship program. However this year things looked quite different at B.A.S.I.C.S; because our Interns were children of B.A.S.I.C.S who had recently completed High School and are awaiting admission into university, nursing school and other higher education opportunities. I think this allowed to have a new sense of pride; to see the program evolve into exactly what I envision one day; B.A.S.I.C.S being managed by former beneficiaries of the programs. Although they will only spend 1 year with us; before venturing out in the higher education world; seeking "what's next" in their life; I am excited to see their involvement. Interns are assisted in opening bank accounts, taught about saving, investing, and planning for the future. Their monthly stipends are directly deposited, and they are watching their money grow. And proud mama ( me) is smiling.

We are also starting to prepare for our 20th anniversary celebrations, which I have previously mentioned. On November 23rd, my home church in Queens, NY; Springfield Gardens United Methodist Church will host our first celebration. Considering this is where this mission was nurtured and encouraged; I find this very appropriate. I hope we will see all of you there.

We are still seeking individuals , companies, sororities, fraternities or groups of friends to sponsor a child in Ghana. **We cannot do this alone; so we are asking you to make a small investment of \$1000/year; which can be done in recurring payments.** On a monthly basis, our newsletter displays the impact an investment in our children can do and has been making for the past 20 years; so I am praying I can count on you. Regards

I hope you enjoy this short edition of our newsletter- and please don't forget to share with a friend, and check out our archived newsletters at [www.basicsinternational.org](http://www.basicsinternational.org)

Feel free to write us and tell us what you think of our newsletters; or to include someone on our mailing list. [info@basicsinternational.org](mailto:info@basicsinternational.org)



**Patricia Wilkins**  
**Founder & Executive Director**  
**B.A.S.I.C.S International**



## Members of Exxon Mobil make a courtesy call to B.A.S.I.C.S

Exxon Mobil's Public & Government Affairs Manager and Business Service Manager visited B.A.S.I.C.S to interact with children, take a tour of the community and identify programs they can get involved in. Although they arrived at a time when most of the kids were deeply involved in their beading, crocheting, and other games, they still had time to interact and share some love around. During the visit, the three-member team from Exxon Mobil made some donations as they just couldn't leave without sharing some love with the children.

One member of the team; Haslina, who is particularly passionate about women empowerment, spearheaded training women in Hedzole (meaning Freedom, a social enterprise under B.A.S.I.C.S) how to make bags which she will use to fund-raise for other programs she works on in different part of Africa. Haslina also worked with the women ; teaching them how to effectively use the electric machine. A gesture of love does not have to be so huge to make an impact, as long as it put smiles on someone's face.

## A new term, a new lifestyle #BackToSchool Experiences

### STUDENT'S COLUMN

Being back to school is exciting for me as I'm going to learn new things and add on to what I have already learnt last term. I feel happy to have been promoted (one grade up) to grade 9 as this is my final year in Junior High School. I am going to be very serious and study hard so I do not repeat my class like others.

My first few weeks at school has been fantastic, there has been a change in the classroom, new friends, and teachers. My workload has increased as I get more homework now than I used to. This helps me spend extra time to study and interact with my teachers on topics I did not understand during class hours.

My goal is to complete JHS with good grades and enter into Senior High School. I have made some changes by associating myself with friends who encourage me to study, I engage my facilitators at B.A.S.I.C.S to help me with my homework and also having personal time to study. My desire is to pass my Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) with single digits in all my 9 subjects and, I pray to God to help me achieve my goals.

Name: Moses Adjei  
School: Mamprobi South '3' JHS  
Grade: 9



## Support the Chess Team

Our chess team is in need of your support; to the cost in attending more competitions, purchase chess materials ( books, clocks and more boards) and hiring a chess teacher ( as of date, our teachers have been on a voluntary basis). **If you would like to make a donation, please send mobile money to 0277 512671 or send through paypal : [www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1347773](http://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1347773)**

# BILT Internship - My Experience So Far

My internship under the B.A.S.I.C.S Internship Leadership Training (BILT) Program has taught me more than I could have imagined. As an individual who has developed an interest in the well-being of children, especially in the area of education, I felt the BILT Program presented the right opportunity for me to gain more practical experience which will guide my career path. As a Facilitator at B.A.S.I.C.S International, I feel my duties are diverse and ever-changing and it presents a chance to learn and improve every time.

I have had the chance to help students with their homework which I enjoy so much. I have done some interpreting and MCing duties and also coaching the sports team among other things. My best moments are always with the children. I get to teach and learn not only academically but also with regards to issues pertaining to life.

I remember there was a time that the kids brought in a Science topic on Respiration. There were some terms that they didn't understand so, in explaining it to them, I used actions and some rough sketches to help them comprehend which went well. There was a whole question on it in their terminal exams at school and they were able to do it. After school, the kids came to the Centre very excited and they hugged me. I felt so fulfilled and this has been my motivation ever since.

Lawrence Lamptey  
Facilitator



## Did you know the national minimum wage has been increased to Ghs 11.82/ a day ?

How do you think this affects employment? The National Tripartite Committee (NTC) has announced an increase in the National Minimum Wage to Ghs11.82 , which is an 11% increase over the Ghs10.65 figure for 2019. This new change will take effect from January 1, 2020. This is the least wage any employer can pay a worker in a day in Ghana. Also the NTC had agreed that the new NDMW should be tax-exempt.

## Hedzole PRODUCTS

Bed Spreads, Pillow Cases, Table Runner and Bed Runners

Hedzole (pronounced Hey Jo Leh) Meaning "Freedom" in the language of the Ga people. Is a social enterprise under the B.A.S.I.C.S umbrella. B.A.S.I.C.S International empowers women through providing economic independence, which results in social inclusion. Purchasing an item made by the women of HEDZOLE - empowers women, community and a nation.

Items are available in our Ghana office (333 Ama Twitwegu Street, Chorkor) or New York office and Showroom ( 162-04 Tuskegee Airmen Way, Jamaica New York). To order items or visit one of our showrooms call 0277 512 671 or 718-454-1273 or email us at [Hedzole@basicsinternational.org](mailto:Hedzole@basicsinternational.org)





# Join us in the 20 give \$20.00 in 2020 CAMPAIGN

# 202020

B.A.S.I.C.S International is turning 20 very soon, and we are kicking off the celebration with a fundraiser to ensure we are around for the next 20 years.

We invite you to donate \$20.00 and then find 19 friends to donate \$20.00.

**How?** simply ask for a pledge sheet to be sent to you, and then start asking 20 friends (oops 19 friends, because you will make the first donation). Friends can either make the donation online, or give it to you directly; and then you send it to us. You write their name on your pledge sheet- and BOOM you are done- you completed your 2020 campaign.

Are you ready for 2020? Come on the countdown starts now

Email us at [2020@basicsinternational.org](mailto:2020@basicsinternational.org)

or call 718-454-1273 (USA)

0277 512671 (GHANA)

Or **DONATE NOW** through Paypal : [www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1347773](http://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1347773)



## SPONSOR A CHILD

An investment of \$1,000.00 per child/per year ensures students receive quality education, uniforms, books, supplies, lunch, health insurance, supplemental tutoring, extra curricular activities, psychological support and a hot dinner- every school day (including long vacations).

Follow link below;  
<http://basicsinternational.org/take-action/findyourchild/>

## SUPPORT OUR PROGRAMMES

**Consider making a donation.**

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.

Follow this link:  
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## VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME/ VOLUNTEERISM

Whether it's for 1 day, 1 month or 1 year, volunteering doesn't mean you can't have fun, see Ghana and serve.

Let us help you.

### Contact details: Ghana

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