NEWSLETTER

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R & C Jones Memorial Fund <u>"The light shines</u> in darkness and darkness has not overcome it" Jn 1:5

Brief History of the Fund

The R & C Jones Memorial Fund in its latest incarnation was established in 2014. However, at its roots is a nonprofit formed in 2000 (Rosetta and Cornelius Jones Scholarship Fund) whose purpose was to provide educational aid to severely handicapped girls in Africa. Since then, our mandate has grown to *include support of orphanages, medical research, victims of natural* disasters, just to name a few. We hope and pray to be able to continue to help provide resources to address other issues affecting people in need.

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RHOGIC COVID-19 Project: Church Infection Control & Cleaning Supplies

Newsletter Spotlight

Most Recent Fund Projects 2020

Project: BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2020

With the prevailing and lingering COVID-19 virus raging throughout the land (and the world), we at the Fund, as do many others, think about its effect on our children. The effect on their mental health as well as their physical health is of concern to all of us.

Their education is as important now as ever, if not more so. Being equipped with needed school supplies is very important in providing a sense of security in very troubling times. Many parents can find their household budgets suffering because of the virus. We at the Fund wanted to help, so our **Back-To-School Supplies 2020 Project** provided a myriad of individual student supplies, as well as classroom supplies and teacher tools and support. Many teachers are responsible for providing a lot of their classroom supplies themselves. We were able to provide hundreds of dollars to help alleviate some of this need.

Some donations were to

- Community School Supply Drives
- Adopt-a-Teacher School Drives
- Community Educational Foundation School Supply Drives
- Donations to Classroom Teachers





Project: Revival House of Glory International Church (RHOGIC) Abuja, Nigeria COVID-19 Infection Control & Supplies

In August, 2020, the Government of Nigeria approved the re-opening of places of worship for in-person services. With this opening, strict compliance guidelines were put into place. These guidelines related to the placement and provision of hand sanitizers, provision of infrared thermometers for compulsory temperature checks, provision of face masks, improvement of environmental hygiene and the frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high touch surfaces, high traffic areas, etc.

The Fund Project provided some needed funding for the purchase of Infection Control equipment and supplies in an effort to help the church "prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus among congregants." For more information on the church, click the following link: <u>rhogic.org</u>





Project: Aid in Donation to MY SISTER'S PLACE

My Sister's Place <u>catholiccharities-md.org/services/my-sisters-place-womens-center/</u>) is a day shelter and resource center for women and children experiencing homelessness and poverty. The services the shelter provides also includes workshops on wellness: emotional, spiritual, intellectual, physical, financial, occupational, as well as social. The shelter is partially supported by public donors, who provide much of what the women and children need in terms of food, clothing, and personal hygiene supplies.

The Fund was able to support a recent request from a group of My Sister's Place donors who needed a bit of help. One of our founding mission objectives is to help others who have the heart to help...





Project: Operation Thanksgiving 2020

(in partnership with Encouraging Words Ministries (EWM))

The Fund, in addressing the need for food of so many in our communities, is joining with Encouraging Words Ministries (<u>ewmchurchinbrooksville.com/</u>) this year in the donation of food boxes with Supplemental Bags of Thanksgiving groceries and Grocery Gift Cards. EWM is a local church in the Brooksville/Spring Hill Florida community with whom we at the Fund partner in working to address local food need. This Thanksgiving Project is a donation of food to whoever finds themselves in need.



(Up-Coming Project)

Response to an African Community's Food Need: COVID-19 CRISIS

The Fund has worked before to support the Revival House of Glory International Church (RHOGIC) in Abuja, Nigeria, during this Covid-19 pandemic. We are now on the cusp of a new initiative: the provision of food aid in weekly Church "Palliatives" donated to the most needy of their community. This Project will see The R & C Jones Fund support from 15 - 20 African families for a month (November 2020). The desire is to be able to extend November's aid through December—through year's end. Should funding allow, this food aid can continue. These are difficult times all around the world... However, we do what we can. Thanks for lending a hand.

Note From COO: Thank you for reading our newsletter; we're committed to staying true to our Fund's mission, and we greatly appreciate any support you give. To donate a tax-deductible contribution in any amount, tap the DONATE button at the bottom of any page on our website <u>rcjones.org</u> or contact us using the Contact Page on our website.

Thank You, Dr. Avís T. Jones-Petlane, COO