

THE ARK FOUNDATION, GHANA

PUTTING A LITTLE GOOD INTO ANOTHER'S LIFE



Isaiah 58:10 “And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday”.

We crossed over from 2020 into 2021 with tentative steps, having been ambushed with the sudden onset of the pandemic in the past year, not knowing what this year held for us too. However, here we are with some of us still in the process of settling in, putting back together our lives, recovering loses and breathing out little sighs of relief when things go according to plan. In spite of all this, dear

donor, you have been amazing. You have been astounding in kindness and generosity and The Ark cannot say “Thank You” enough for your commitment in contributing towards our goal of providing compassionate care and empowering spaces for survivors of domestic and other forms of violence.

Cases Received

At The Ark, a total of thirty (30) cases were recorded from January to June 2021, out of which four (4) were referred for shelter services. These cases were direct referrals from the Department of Social Welfare (DSW) and the Domestic Violence and Victim Support Unit (DOVVSU) of the Ghana Police Service and other referral agencies. A total of two (2) clients were discharged and resettled into different communities during the period under review. Services available to survivors at The Ark’s Crises Centre and shelter: counseling, case-management and social enquiry, educational /skills training support, medical, legal, psychological and pastoral aid support, feeding, child care, clothing and other basic needs, reintegration and re-settlement.



A Peek into life at the Shelter

In our mission of creating an empowering and enabling environment for survivors at the shelter, our staff of Social Workers organize creativity sessions on beadwork, catering, soap making, sandal making etc.



Beadwork and pastries from our clients at the shelter

Success Stories (Life after Shelter)

Two clients were discharged from the shelter during the period under review (*Ama and her six-month-old son Kofi, Lydia and her two-year-old daughter*). These are not their real names.

Ama, who was sixteen years and pregnant was referred to The Ark by DOVVSU. After staying at the shelter for ten months, she and her son were discharged to her mother who was found after detailed social enquiries were done. Ama will be going back to school to complete her senior high school education in the coming academic year in order to fulfill her dream of becoming a soldier.



Lydia and her daughter were referred to The Ark by DOVVSU after they were ejected from their home by her co-habiting partner in the middle of the night. They had nowhere to go.

While at the shelter, Lydia learnt how to make pastries and soap. At her discharge The Ark financially assisted her to start up a trade in detergents and secure accommodation. Lydia and her daughter are doing great and have resettled well into society. (*Permission was granted by client to use image*)



Detergents made by Lydia



Joyce (not her real name) an unemployed young mother of three kids was referred by the Pantang Hospital. After assessment and counselling, The Ark provided Joyce with start-up capital for a footwear business. Joyce and her children are now doing well.

Our Foundation of Givers (FOG)

Our amazing and committed FOGs whose monthly or quarterly cash contributions have sustained the operation of the Crisis Centre and the shelter since its reopening cannot be undervalued. A total of GHC200,000 was received from January to June 2021 from our FOGs. The Ark acknowledges all contributions and mentions Unsilenced Voices (USA), and staff of the World Bank Group Ghana through the Benevity Causes Portal for the continued support. Our heartfelt appreciation also goes to Mrs. Elsie Addo Awadzi for celebrating your Golden Jubilee with us. Thank you, Vodafone Foundation, for your gift of a much needed phone for our shelter services. The Vodafone Foundation's Transit Shelter continues to provide a safe haven in this COVID-19 era. We are also appreciative of cash and in-kind donations of food, clothes, toiletries, detergents and other items from benevolent individuals, groups and institutions. In terms of generosity, you have gone above and beyond our expectations and we are sincerely GRATEFUL to you all. The Ark Foundation and survivors whose lives have been touched by your good deeds and sacrifice say THANK YOU and may the Lord replenish you.



SUPPORT FOR VEHICLE ACQUISITION

The Ark Shelter is in dire need of a vehicle to facilitate the safe movement of clients to and from the shelter when the need arises without jeopardizing their security. The vehicle will convey them to the hospital, police, and courts and for emergency purposes such as rescuing survivors or medical emergencies.

The Domestic Violence Regulations, 2016 (LI2237) which standardizes the operation of shelters also states that a shelter is required to have an operational vehicle. We are, therefore, kindly requesting for your assistance in raising an amount of GHC 75,000 in securing a vehicle. Your contribution will help to further improve the general dispensation of our work in providing quality care to survivors. **THANK YOU** for considering giving towards this cause. As always, your support is invaluable to us.

How you can make Cash Donations to The Ark

- MTN Mobile Money: +233 243 777 773
- Vodafone Cash: +233 501 071 056
- Bank Transfer: Ecobank, A/C 1441001929302, Reinsurance House.
- Find us on GlobalGiving and GoFundMe online and on our Shelter Fundraiser Website: <https://www.arksheltercampaign.org>
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