

THE SHOLA ADEFOLALU GASKA FOUNDATION'S

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THE SHOLA ADEFOLALU GASKA FOUNDATION: WHO WE ARE

The Shola Adefolalu Gaska Foundation aka The Sholly Smile Factory is a nonprofit organisation set up to bring smiles to the faces of people in need (especially women and children) by providing financial, emotional and spiritual support.

The Sholly Smile Factory was birthed from a place of deep pain. The loss of my dear sister – Oluwashola Adefolalu Gaska. In helping others, I am finding healing. Thanks to the errands God is sending us, Sholly will no longer be remembered for the horrible story of her death because we are creating a new, beautiful story from her death. One that touches lives. One that re-create smiles, like the ones Sholly is famous for.

On June 12, 2021, The Foundation opened the doors to its Shelter: **The Sholly Serenity Place aka Sholly's Safe Home.**

Sholly's Safe Home is a Jesus Christ-Centric Safe Haven and an Oasis of Serenity for vulnerable women and their children. Our mandate is crystal clear to us: **Provide temporary accommodation, feeding** and plenty of love to every woman over the age of 21 years old that God brings through our doors.

To date, we have lovingly taken care of 25 residents (women and children)

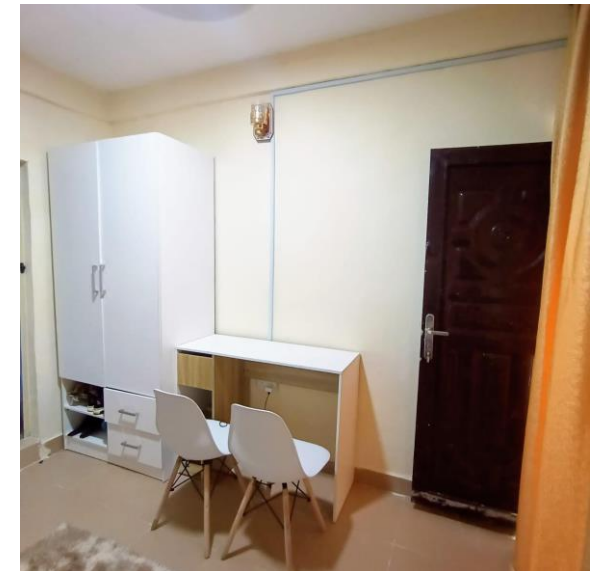


THE SHOLLY SMILE FACTORY'S 2023 ACHIEVEMENTS

1. This year, our shelter for survivors of domestic abuse, the Sholly Serenity Place, **took in 12 new residents** (2 Teenagers, 3 moms and their 7 children).

2. We also **financed the relocation/housing** of one of our TSSP residents who needed to demonstrate that she had a place to stay to enable her file for custody of her two young children. She is set to move in to her very own place this month, December 2023.

3. Our application to **Global Giving** was accepted this year and we received our first ever donation on that platform – a 100\$ recurring donation – in Q2 2023! **To date, we have raised \$3,020.00 from 12 donors** of which **2 are recurring donors!** Thank you Global Giving for this wonderful platform!



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In 2023, we were recognized by the Lagos State Government's Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Team as **the Most Responsive and Most Efficient NGO.**

Sholly Lives. God is God.

Check out the stories via links below:

<https://thenicheng.com/lagos-govt-honours-sholly-place-as-most-responsive-ngo-for-offering-hope-to-abused-women-children/>

<https://sdnonline.net/2023/12/05/lagos-ngo-sholly-serenity-place-receives-state-government-award/>

Lagos Govt honours Shola Adefolalu Gaska Foundation

admin · December 5, 2023



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Again, thank you Titliola Adeniyi-Vivour and @lagosdsva for 'seeing' us and the work God is helping us do in honour of Sholly.

THE SHOLLY SMILE FACTORY'S 2023 ACHIEVEMENTS (CONTD.)

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the_sholly_smile_factory Happy Sunday!

You see these ladies with me on this photo?

Please help me thank them.

They are members of the DDK-led Kingdom Leaders Global Alliance, a global, non-denominational ministry called as a Prophetic Equipper for the Body, to raise leaders who live for Christ and advance God's Kingdom Agenda, across all spheres of Influence.

As part of their annual Missions Outreach, they decided to partner with the Shola Adefolalu Gaska Foundation aka @the_sholly_smile_factory by supporting the work God is doing at our shelter for survivors of domestic abuse, @the_sholly_serenity_place .

6. In 2023, the Missions arm of Kingdom Leaders Global Alliance selected our Foundation as the recipient of their 2023 pet project. They raised funds to much needed provisions for our shelter, the Sholly Serenity Place.

7. Also, this year, the Mayville Preparatory School held a bake sale and donated the funds raised to our shelter.

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God bless the Management, Teaching Staff and Children of @oakvilleprep_lekki!!

This is so thoughtful of them all!!

THE SHOLLY SERENITY PLACE — 2023 PHOTO STORY



1. Our newest TSSP family sponsored by the Aviva Women's Network
- 2.. Morning Devotion Time at TSSP
3. Meal time at TSSP

US-BASED CHRISTIAN WOMEN PLAN MISSIONARY VISIT TO THE SHOLLY SERENITY PLACE IN 2024

<https://gofund.me/5efe75d9>



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"We are sistas with a mission. We have known each other more than 15 years through volunteering with the DuPage County ACT-SO program. We love giving back, hangin' out and traveling together, but most importantly, loving and honoring God. We are planning a trip to Nigeria and Ghana in Dec '23 - Jan '24 to give back, celebrate the new year, connect with our cultural brothers and sisters, have fun, and relax.

In looking for a way to give back, we were blessed to be introduced to Bola Essien-Nelson, founder of The Sholly Serenity Place, a registered agency with the Ministry of Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation in Lagos State. This organization provides a safe space and temporary accommodations for vulnerable women and children of domestic and/or sexual abuse. Our contact in Lagos visited the agency for us and was so moved by their work, she became a volunteer (see the video above when our contact visited the Sholly Serenity Place).

100% of funds (minus the transaction fees charged by Go Fund Me) raised through Go Fund Me will be given to The Sholly Serenity Place.

Please let us know if you have questions or would like additional information about our fundraiser. We appreciate your prayers and donations in supporting this worthy cause."

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How about that? Sholly is just a favour magnet! Please help me thank God for all the many people he continues to send to help us run this errand. Please help me thank Him for these women and for my brother in love, Ibrahim Ololade Arowolo, for pointing them our way.

THE SHOLLY SMILE FACTORY – 2023 PHOTO STORY (CONTD.)



Liked by heartsophopeselter_nig and 9 others the_sholly_smile_factory And off we go again!!

To the glory of God, we are kicking off our third year of giving out these #shollycarepackages to families in need.

Who knew that something we did just to celebrate Sholly's 40th birthday back then in 2020 would take on a life of its own like this!

How do you get so blessed to have such committed Financial Sponsors like this? It can only be God. We can never thank him enough for all our sponsors but especially for the one Queen that has given towards these packages EVERY SINGLE MONTH since October 2020 to date! Please help me pray a blessing over her and her family.

Do you know a family in need that would be blessed to receive our packages? Please DM us



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To the glory of God! The #shollycarepackages are going outside Lagos!

Thank you so much @ogorozza for helping @the_sholly_smile_factory make this happen. It's not child's play at all going out to source all these food items especially on these times.

God bless you for standing with us as we put smiles on faces of families the Kuje Area Council over there and for all you are doing to make sure they get their packages ahead of the election weekend. It's vital.

To God alone be all the glory!

In each of these packages, the families will find rice, beans, garri and vegetable oil.



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Liked by ceehope_nigeria and 13 others the_sholly_smile_factory It took us a bit longer but we still did it!

Behold our April 2023 2.0 #shollycarepackages for seven families in Abuja! They are being delivered as I type!

Things are so busy for me this season but God continues to arrange helpers to make sure we don't fumble any of His errands.

THE SHOLLY SMILE FACTORY **2023** WORK PLAN (TARGET VS. ACTUAL)

Resident Empowerment

- ❑ Continue Primary School Education of our 4 young children

From January to August, we continued to pay fees for our 4 children. In September 2 moms moved on with their children. So, right now, we have only 2 children in school.

However, we did undertake the full relocation of a resident securing a one room self contained apartment for her in Surulere, Lagos State. We had earlier paid the tuition fees for the same resident to attend the Nigerian Open University.

Also, one of our residents was trained and converted to staff and is now earning a salary.

Touching Lives, Creating Smiles

- ❑ Give out at least 120 Sholly Covid-19 Care Packages i.e. at least 10 a month. **Between January and April, we touched the lives in Lagos and Abuja. We also stocked up on provisions for a single mom of two!**

Secure Funding

In 2023, TSSP will be seeking funding to cover its operations. We would like to:

- ❑ Secure our rent x 2 years or buy a property to convert into a bigger shelter. **We could only pay for one year.**
- ❑ Pay the school fees for our TSSP children for a full year. **Thanks to our partners, we achieved this and as of today, 9/12/2023, next term's fees have already been paid.**

TSSP Skill Acquisition Workshops

In 2023, TSSP aims to hold quarterly workshops for residents as follows:

- ❑ Make-Up Class in Q2
- ❑ Tie & Dye of Soap Making in Q4
- ❑ **This year was so busy for us, taking in 12 new residents and two of those families checked in with medical conditions that we needed to manage. So, we needed to focus on their physical and emotional welfare. Hence, the above activities took the back seat.**

THE SHOLLY SERENITY PLACE - 2023 RESIDENT TESTIMONIALS

***Annabel*, mom of two**

“ I am so thankful to Grandma for accommodating me and my children. My lifestyle in general has changed , I have become free and social , meeting people and making friends. I remember, at first being scared as I did not know I will meet, so I prayed about the whole thing, also I was sick for a while which wasn't but God used Grandma to perfect my health. I am grateful for the hospitality, corrections with love and kind gestures, in her words. I feel like I am in a new home.

I remember how chaotic my life was. Not being certain about what life had in store for me, but since I have been here, I feel at peace. I now pray with certainty and assurance that my prayers answered.

***Chioma*, teenager (18 years old)**

“This is a good place. Grandma is a very nice person, Mum Zion, Mum Chioma, Mum Great were also nice and good to me. I was always feeling sick before but now God finally healed me. I am thankful to God and everyone that has helped me grow thus far.

THE SHOLLY SERENITY PLACE - 2023 NEW TEAM MEMBERS TESTIMONIALS

Afolake, new TSSF Campaign Manager

I joined the TSSP team in November, 2023 and it's been a lovely experience. I came into the shelter with a bundle of fear; Will I be accepted? Will I meet up to the expectations? But the all these were swallowed up in the ocean of love.

Oh, I met Agnes and she relates with me like we've been siblings. I see the same play out in all interaction within the house and among the residents. This is nothing but the hand of God .

I appreciate God for bringing me and for the life of Grandma Salt. It takes a level of intimacy with God and sacrifice to radiate this palpable level of love. Thanks for yielding to God and thanks for being a vessel of love and for maintaining an atmosphere of love within the shelter.

Special thanks to all our sponsors and partners as well. Your reward is sure! It's my prayer that as we look forward to 2024, may we behold God's love more so we can be transformed and dispense the same to as many as God will bring our way.

Long live TSSF, long live TSSP.

THE SHOLLY SERENITY PLACE - 2023 NEW TEAM MEMBERS TESTIMONIALS

Sarah, new Guest Relations Manager

I joined the TSSP team on the 4th December, 2023. I came in with uncertainty, with doubts of how I'll be able to fit in because truly I've never been officially this far away from 'home' but I came here and I've been met with care, with great hospitality, with respect and with so much love.

I came in and I could feel the positive energy and the serenity and as one who always craves for this, I'm more than grateful and honoured. I met with Ma Agnes and Ma Afolake, they are angels and then when I met with grandma salt, one could tell she dwells and lives in and with love. She's indeed ' *SALT*', when God said in Matthew, that we as Christians are the salt of the earth, Grandma took it personal 😊💖

I'm looking forward to all that God has in store for TSSP because this is just the beginning of a new season.....

Thank you Grandma, I also want to thank , appreciate and pray for all partners and sponsors of TSSP. I hope to be a sponsor soonest.

TSSP...The house of God's glory and Love 💖💖

LOOK AHEAD....

We give God ALL the glory!

When we close our books on December 31, 2023, we will prepare **a comprehensive 2023 report as well as our 2024 work plan.**

This document will be shared with the Lagos State Government early in 2024 and we will upload a copy on our Global Giving portal..



Our War Room
Aka Prayer Closet

