



THE SHOLA ADEFOLALU GASKA FOUNDATION

H1 2026 Impact Report: From Faith to Footprints

Every life changed begins with someone who chose to care

LETTER TO OUR PARTNERS

Dear Partners,

Welcome to our first **Half-Year Impact Report**.

For the past few years, we have shared our journey through quarterly updates. As the Foundation continues to grow, we felt it was time to pause a little longer, reflect more deeply, and tell the fuller story of the lives your partnership is helping to transform. This report is the beginning of that new chapter.

The first half of 2026 has reminded us that when compassion is matched with consistent action, hope takes root. Together, we raised funds to secure our 2025/2026 rent for our shelter; have continued to provide safety for women and children fleeing abuse, expanded opportunities for vulnerable families through the ALiVE Initiative, and celebrated five years of the Sholly Serenity Place. Along the way, we have also witnessed the power of partnerships, shared knowledge, and a community that continues to show up with generosity and purpose.

As you turn these pages, I hope you see more than statistics and activities. I hope you see people finding safety, families rebuilding their lives, and a growing community proving that lasting change happens when we choose to walk alongside one another.

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, team members, volunteers, and the many lives touched by this work, thank you for believing in this mission. Your prayers, generosity, and partnership make every GodErrand possible, and we are deeply grateful that you continue to walk this journey with us.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to ensuring that every step we take in faith leaves footprints of hope in the lives of those we are called to serve.

In God's love and mine, **Salt.**

THE SHOLA ADEFOLALU GASKA FOUNDATION

N19.9M

Total Expenditure for H1
2026 (i.e. Covering operations
at TSSP and all other God
Errands)

37 ALiVe scholarships
awarded across primary,
secondary and university
levels)

45

Individuals financially
empowered directly
and via ALIVE Safety
Net Initiative

54

Financial Donors
contributed to all this work



11

Families received
financial medical
support

7 Families received
Sholly Food Care
Packages

8 new Residents
welcomed into the Sholly
Serenity Place (TSSP)

7 #PayWhatYouCan
Masterclasses (170
participants; raised
N790,300.00 for TSSP)

Footprint of Impact across

12 states: Lagos, FCT, Ekiti,
Akwa-Ibom, Cross Rivers,
Oyo, Bayelsa, Delta, Yobe,
Enugu, Ogun & Anambra

H1 2026 HIGHLIGHTS: FIVE YEARS OF FAITHFUL IMPACT



On 12 June 2026, the Sholly Serenity Place marked five years of opening its doors to women and children seeking safety, healing, and hope.

What began as a simple act of faith has grown into a trusted refuge where lives are being restored one person, one family, and one story at a time.

Over the past five years, we have had the privilege of providing temporary shelter, nutritious meals, healthcare, emotional support, and Christ-centred care to **75 survivors of domestic and sexual violence**.

While we are grateful for this milestone, we are even more grateful for the lives represented by every number.

The testimonials shared by our residents remind us that this work is changing lives and reaffirm our commitment to continue this GodErrand with excellence, compassion, and unwavering faith.

“The most powerful measure of our impact is not the number of women we have sheltered, but the number of lives that have found hope again.”

H1 2026 HIGHLIGHTS: VOICES OF HOPE (TSSP RESIDENTS)

Every statistic in this report represents a person with a name and an experience. Here are two of their testimonials shared in their own words.



Resident Testimonial

“The Sholly Serenity Place has been nothing but a home that is full of love, respect, welcoming for me. From the minute I stepped in, I found my people. They didn't just take care of me physically but mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

Everything my in laws and my husband did to me for so long that changed my perspective of Nigeria was undone within 24 hours by The Sholly Serenity staff.

I am beyond grateful to them for giving me somewhere so deep no amount of money can buy, a memory that can't be replaced.

Once I get home, I promise to support in all I can as a token of my appreciation.

Thank you for having me at your house and showing me what love, support, respect and family looks like.

Thank you



Resident Testimonial

“Sometimes in the journey of life, when things become so overwhelmingly challenging, we all need that peaceful pause, still waters, respite and a spring board to recollect, re-process, re-calculate, re-strategize, unlearn, relearn and learn again before launching out again, stronger and better equipped, to do life again. TSSP is all that. “

H1 2026 HIGHLIGHTS: FROM SUPPORT TO SUSTAINABILITY

A Testimony from one of our ALIVE Beneficiaries

"I have so many testimonies of what this ₦25,000 monthly support has done for my family.

It gave me the confidence to start a small fish farming business, buying fingerlings and feed little by little. As the business grew, I began roasting and selling the fish, and ***today the demand is greater than I can supply.***

Beyond the business, there were times the support helped us meet our family's basic needs, including food. ***Even though the programme is coming to an end, I know this business will continue to grow because it was this support that helped me get started.***

This is something I will never forget."



H1 2026 HIGHLIGHTS: WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER



In January, we received a heartwarming visit from representatives of the **Strandfold Support Foundation** — **Coach Lauretta and Sister Omolola** — who brought essential provisions, including tissue paper, soap, noodles, biscuits, and beverages.

This was not their first act of generosity toward TSSP. Their consistent support over time speaks of a partnership rooted in genuine care for the women and children we serve. We are deeply grateful for their kindness and for showing up, again, in such a tangible way.



In March, we were privileged to welcome representatives of **The Elevation Church's Domestic Violence Intervention Ministry** to the Sholly Serenity Place.

Our conversations reflected a shared commitment to creating safer pathways for survivors through awareness, timely intervention, compassionate care, and long-term support. Their generous donation of essential supplies was deeply appreciated, but even more significant was the beginning of a partnership built on shared values and a common vision.



Our commitment to restoring lives extends beyond direct service to sharing knowledge and strengthening others. Our Salt Essien-Nelson, was honoured to serve as one of the speakers at the **Aviva New Year Visioning & Leadership Circle**, where she facilitated a session on Spiritual Wholesomeness.

It was a privilege to join other accomplished women leaders in equipping and encouraging participants to lead with purpose, resilience, and integrity.

H1 2026 HIGHLIGHTS: GROWING TOGETHER



Behind every life transformed is a team of people who choose to serve. This season, we were privileged to welcome three new members into the TSAGF family. Volunteers **Chinenye Udentia** and **Zara Ossai** brought fresh energy and generous hearts to our work, while **Grace Ekpeyong** joined the Sholly Serenity Place team as our Trainee Welfare and Hygiene Officer.

Together, they strengthen our capacity to serve with excellence and remind us that as God expands the work, He faithfully brings the people needed to carry it forward

H1 2026 HIGHLIGHTS: LEARNING THAT GIVES BACK

The Shola Adefolalu Gaska Foundation's
#PAYWHATYOU CAN MASTERCLASS

**INTERVIEW LIKE A PRO
(FOR CANDIDATES)**

 Saturday, February 7, 2026
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Via Zoom

DR. STEVEN UWAJEH
Facilitator

REGISTRATION DETAILS BELOW



The Shola Adefolalu Gaska Foundation's
#PAYWHATYOU CAN MASTERCLASS

**BOOSTING YOUR PRODUCTIVITY
WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

Saturday, March 28, 2026
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Via Zoom

CHIOMA OPARA
Facilitator

REGISTRATION DETAILS BELOW



The Shola Adefolalu Gaska Foundation's
#PAYWHATYOU CAN MASTERCLASS

**QUIET, BUT NOT INVISIBLE
BEING SEEN AT WORK AS A SHY PERSON**

Saturday, May 9, 2026
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Via Zoom

OREOLUWA LESI
Facilitator

REGISTRATION DETAILS BELOW



The Shola Adefolalu Gaska Foundation's
#PAYWHATYOU CAN MASTERCLASS

**TIME MASTERY FOR SUCCESSFUL
LIVING**

Saturday, June 13, 2026
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Via Zoom

EMMANUELA TIJANI
Facilitator

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The Shola Adefolalu Gaska Foundation's
#PAYWHATYOU CAN MASTERCLASS

**PRESENCE, INFLUENCE & PERSONAL
APPEAL (PIPA):
HOW TO BUILD YOUR PIPA FACTOR**

Saturday, February 21, 2026
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Via Zoom

BRIDGET ELESIN
Facilitator

REGISTRATION DETAILS BELOW



The Shola Adefolalu Gaska Foundation's
#PAYWHATYOU CAN MASTERCLASS

**COPING WITH A LOVED ONE
LIVING WITH DEPRESSION**

Saturday, April 11, 2026
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Via Zoom

DR. KEN UWAJEH
Facilitator

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The Shola Adefolalu Gaska Foundation's
#PAYWHATYOU CAN MASTERCLASS

PUBLIC SPEAKING WITHOUT FEAR

Saturday, May 23, 2026
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Via Zoom

JOYCE DANIELS
Facilitator

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The Shola Adefolalu Gaska Foundation's
#PAYWHATYOU CAN MASTERCLASS

**BEING BETTER, DOING BETTER IN
2026 MASTERCLASS**

Come Curious. Leave Better.

 Saturday, January 24, 2026
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Via Zoom

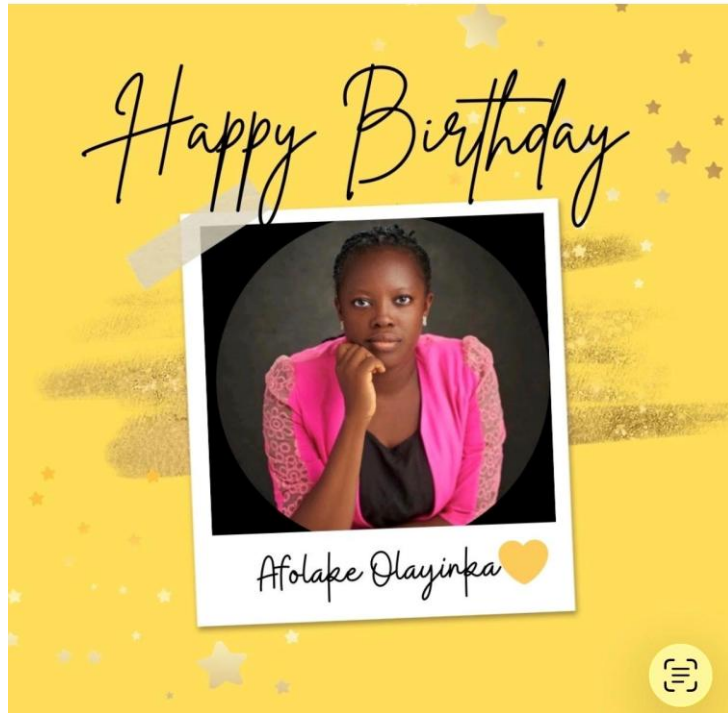
SALT ESSIE-NELSON
Facilitator

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One of the most beautiful stories of this season unfolded through our Pay What You Can Masterclasses. Across seven masterclasses, 170 participants came together to learn from experts who generously shared their knowledge, while participants gave whatever they could in return. Together, they raised **almost ₦800,000** to support the ongoing operations of the Sholly Serenity Place. It is a beautiful picture of God's economy: knowledge becomes generosity, generosity becomes shelter, and shelter becomes transformed lives.

H1 2026 HIGHLIGHTS: CELEBRATING THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE MISSION



“Our #GodErrands are very important but our greatest assets are our people”



Every mission is sustained by people who faithfully show up, day after day, often behind the scenes.

During the first half of 2026, we had the joy of celebrating the birthdays of two remarkable members of the TSAGF family, **Afolake Olayinka and Agnes Akung**. While birthdays gave us an opportunity to honour them, we celebrate far more than another year of life. We celebrate their unwavering commitment, compassionate service, and the countless ways they help create a place where women and children feel safe, seen, and valued.

Afolake's leadership, both as Guest Relations Manager at the Sholly Serenity Place and as Chief of Staff for the Foundation, continues to strengthen our work. Agnes' journey is an especially powerful reminder of what restoration can look like. Once a resident of the Sholly Serenity Place, she now serves as our Welfare and Hygiene Manager, extending to others the same care and dignity she once received.

Together, their stories remind us that the greatest strength of our organisation has never been the errands we run for God, it is the people who faithfully bring them to life.

H1 2026 HIGHLIGHTS: A PROMISE KEPT

then and now



Then



Now

Some of the most meaningful transformations are not dramatic; they unfold quietly over time.

During the first half of 2026, we continued walking alongside Mr. Emmanuel Ogundipe and his children following the loss of his wife, Rebecca.

Today, his children are cared for at the Sholly Serenity Place during the school term, where they have found stability, education, and a nurturing environment to heal and grow.

Together with our partners, we are also investing in their future through a dedicated education fund.

Perhaps the greatest evidence of impact is not found in a statistic, but in the quiet confidence of a father who now knows he is no longer walking this journey alone. ***So, now, he can smile.***

“Hope is often found, not in one extraordinary moment, but in knowing you no longer have to face tomorrow alone.”

THE SHOLA ADEFOLALU GASKA FOUNDATION: WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO



The Shola Adefolalu Gaska Foundation (TSAGF), also known as The Sholly Smile Factory, is a faith-driven nonprofit committed to restoring hope, dignity, and joy to vulnerable women and children through practical support, compassionate care, and sustainable empowerment.

Our journey began with profound personal loss following the passing of our beloved sister, Oluwashola Adefolalu Gaska. Rather than allowing grief to define her legacy, we chose to honour her life by creating opportunities for others to experience hope, healing, and a fresh beginning.

Every GodErrand we undertake is part of that continuing story. At the heart of our work is The Sholly Serenity Place (TSSP), a Christ-centred safe haven that opened its doors on 12 June 2021 for women and children fleeing domestic and sexual violence. Over the past five years, 75 women and children have found safety, compassionate care, and the opportunity to begin rebuilding their lives within its walls.

In May 2024, we launched ALiVE (Adefolalu Love is a Verb) to honour the memories of Daniel Oladele, Monisola Ramotu, Adeyanju Joseph, and Funmilola Sherifat. Through monthly financial support, educational scholarships, and other targeted interventions, Today, ALiVE is helping vulnerable families across 12 states move towards greater stability and independence.

We also believe that everyone has something valuable to give. Through our innovative Pay What You Can Masterclasses, professionals freely share their expertise, participants invest in their own growth, and every contribution helps sustain the work of the Sholly Serenity Place. It is a simple but powerful model where learning creates opportunity, generosity sustains hope, and communities come together to transform lives.

Today, TSAGF continues to serve, equip, and collaborate with individuals, organisations, and communities who share our vision of a Nigeria where every woman and child can live in safety, dignity, and hope.

THE STORY CONTINUES...

Every life restored begins with someone who chooses to care.

As we prepare for the next chapter of the Sholly Serenity Place and continue to expand our impact across Nigeria, we invite you to walk with us.

Whether you choose to give, volunteer, or simply pray, you become part of every life that is transformed.

Together, we can ensure that faith continues to leave footprints of hope.

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Thank you for walking this journey with us.

