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John before and after surgery and fitting of his prosthetic legs.
Learn more about John on page 3.

Greetings from Ghana!

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Kekeli is a place where families and persons with disabilities can go when they need support. We regularly visit the families to assess their needs, document each case and talk to families about services available. The challenges are many, and it takes commitment from all parties involved to make an impact, but we have seen many changes over the year and have many success stories. In this newsletter we want to focus on our new projects and the success stories. This has all been possible because of your continuing support.

Thank you!



Carrie Brown

Early Childhood Intervention Centre



In 2015 Kekeli Ghana, the Rotary Clubs of Ho, Norwich (UK), USA, France, Novi Sad and Germany teamed up to design and raise funds to build and equip a Model Inclusive School.

The construction of Kekeli's Early Childhood Intervention Centre is nearly complete. The Centre will address the needs of children with disabilities and other challenges from Nursery – Kindergarten, by providing daily support for the total devel-

opment of the child. We will begin the admission of children to the centre in September 2022 and the school will officially start in January 2023.

We continue to look for ways to support construction of the Model Inclusive School project and to support programs for our children.

Advocacy Project



Left: Parents and Self-Advocates at the advocacy training program.



Right: Harriet, one of Kekeli's Self-Advocates, sharing her experiences during a community radio discussion.

Kekeli Foundation Ghana has received support from Plan International Ghana and Global Affairs Canada - Woman's Voice and Leadership. Our project aims at empowering Kekeli Ghana's parent self-help group and advocacy group to be able to speak for themselves at the local assembly level in order to fight for the rights of their children living with developmental disabilities. The parent self-help groups' members, who are mostly women, will be empowered to advocate for an inclusive society and the rights of their children living with disabilities in the areas of health, education and accessibility. They are doing this by speaking on local radio stations and recording their stories for community radios to air. All are done in the local language Ewe.

Success Stories



John, 11, lives with his parents near Adidome. John is from a family of ten (10). He was born with a deformity in both his legs. Kekeli Foundation met him this year and supported his assessment at the Orthopedic training centre where they booked him for surgery. His surgery and prosthetic legs were generously supported by the Gift of Independence and Hope through Orthopedics for Children. With this foundation's support, John has new legs which is help him with his mobility. Currently he is undergoing rehab to learn to walk at Nsawam Orthopedic Center.



Left: Eric at St. Theresa Vocational Training Centre for the Physically Challenged.
Right: Eric at Volta Star Radio during an advocacy program on inclusive education.

Eric, one of Kekeli's Self-Advocates, recently completed an information and communication technology program at St. Theresa Vocational Training Centre for the Physically Challenged at Abor. When Eric was in junior high school he was not allowed to write his final exams due to challenges he faces writing. Kekeli, with support from Acacia Shade, supported him to continue his education in ICT.

Eric has been activity involved in Kekeli's Self-Advocacy program. He participates in community outreach and radio programs to share his story. He hopes to continue his education at the university level. Kekeli staff is working with him to find a program and explore possible support he will receive.

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Note cards available

Sets of four note cards are available for \$10 depicting images of Ghana by Ghanaian photography students. All proceeds will go to Kekeli Inc. to help support future student projects. To order cards contact Mary Jane Brown at (518) 465-6576 or by email kekeliinc@gmail.com

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