



Seyram with her mother at Physical Therapy.  
Learn more about Seyram and the progress she has made on page 3.

## **Greetings from Ghana!**

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. Kekeli has been actively running programs for vulnerable children for over ten years. Your generous donations help us to support our children to have access to quality health care and education. During this holiday season your donations will help support providing food, soap and other items to our families who are struggling. We look forward to continuing our work and sharing more wonderful updates. We wish you all the very best during this holiday season and in the year ahead.

Fe yeye nami (Happy New Year)

Thank you!



Carrie Brown

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## **Early Childhood Intervention Centre**

This year we began construction of an Early Childhood Intervention Centre supported by Australian Aid, Direct Aid Program and Franciscan Aid.

This project is part of our dream that began 2015 when Kekeli, 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 fully Inclusive Model School. We continue to look for individuals, Rotary Clubs and other organizations to support this important project.



Construction of the Early Childhood Centre

In 2019, the first phase of the project, the Resource and Assessment Centre was completed with support from Australian Aid, Direct Aid Program, along with support from Acacia Shade, One by One Foundation and Tulsu Trust Ghana. We began providing much needed support for our children at this centre.

We plan to complete the second phase, the Early Childhood Intervention Centre, by Feb 2022. This will address the needs of children with disabilities and other challenges, from Nursery – Kindergarten, by providing the daily support for the total development of the child.

## **Self-Advocacy Livelihood Program**

In 2017, as part of Kekeli's independent living program, we started teaching self-advocates about animal husbandry. With support from Acacia Shade we purchased six goats and trained our advocates to raise these goats. Over the years our goat project has grown.

Selorm, one of our self advocates, was interested in starting his own goat and fowl project. To support, Kekeli enrolled him in a three month business course in Ho to learn about marketing. He completed the course in August and is utilizing what he learned to assist Kekeli in selling some of our goats and establishing a market for himself as he begins his own farm. Selorm currently has eight goats and seven chickens and is hoping to begin selling eggs next year. He is now planning on training two young adults with disabilities from his community to work with him and has applied to the government's disability common fund for support.



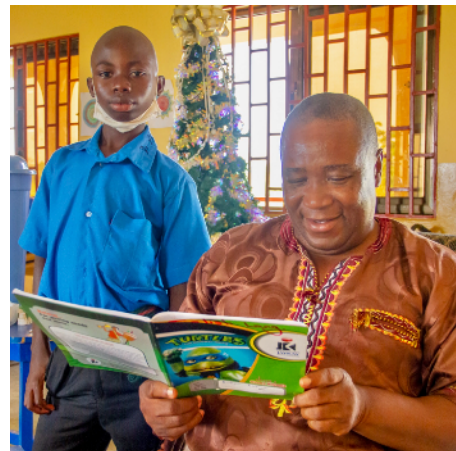
Selorm at Kekeli's Resource and Assessment Centre after our weekly project meeting.



Goats from Kekeli's independent living program.

## Success Stories

**Derek**, 13, was born with a severe hearing impairment. In 2014, with Kekeli's assistance, his mother enrolled him in kindergarten at the primary school in the community. Derek loved going to school and the teachers were doing well giving him extra attention. But as he advanced to upper primary he began to struggle and he was receiving less attention. He began attending speech therapy at Kekeli Resource Centre and had admission to the school for the deaf this year. Derek is now at the school for the deaf with support from our educational sponsorship program. To learn more about our sponsorship program contact [kekeliinc@gmail.com](mailto:kekeliinc@gmail.com).



Left: Derek at the local primary school in 2017. Right: Derek with Kekeli's Project Manager after completing his first term at the school for the deaf.

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Left: Seyram with her new standing frame at Kekeli's Resource and Assessment Centre. Right: Seyram with her mother at Physical Therapy.

**Seyram**, 7, was born with hydrocephalus. Seyram lives with her mother and maternal grandmother about 30 mins from Ho. Her father left home when he learned about his child's condition. In 2020 Seyram received a standing frame from PhysioNet consignment that was sent to Kekeli's Resource and Assessment Centre. Her mother was trained to use the frame at home. According to Seyram's mother, at first she couldn't do anything but now she can crawl, sit and play with other kids in the house. In the last year, Seyram has advanced to the walking group at physical therapy.

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