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**"WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD A STRONG, UNITED COMMUNITY FOR ALL"**

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## **PROJECT OUTLINE**

### **Liberia Living and Learning Center for Persons with Disabilities**



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Liberian Living and Learning Center for Persons with Disabilities Project is a collaborative project led by Canadian not-for-profit Hope for Community Development in partnership with several disability organizations. The Center will be built in numerous stages in the Duazon Margibi County and will include Liberia's first international standard 21st Century center, a school, clinic, administrative building, worship centre, amusement park, and accommodation units. Liberia Living and Learning Center for Persons with Disabilities serves as a beacon of hope, empowerment, and inclusion for persons with disabilities community. It represents a step forward in creating an inclusive society where individuals with disabilities can thrive and contribute to nation building efforts.



NATIONAL  
COMMISSION ON  
DISABILITIES



Christian Association of the Blind

Deaf and Blind Association in Nimba United







## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Liberia Living and Learning Center for Persons with Disabilities (LLCPWD) is a multifaceted of several facilities including 54 accommodation units located in Duazon Margibi County and surrounding areas, focused on catering to the unique needs of persons with disabilities community. This innovative center that provides a 21st Century Disability Model will offer a wide range of services, resources, and programs to support education, worship, health, and social integration, transforming the lives of over 10,000 community members of Persons with Disabilities (PWD).

In partnership with the major stakeholders in the Disability Arena in Liberia, 12 acres of land has been provided by the government of Liberia to build the multi-purpose center for persons with disabilities. We are fully dedicated to raising \$ 3.4 million dollars to complete all phases of the Liberian Living and Learning Center for person with disabilities with a mission to empower the general populace to support individuals with disabilities through discussions, presentations, as well as engagement. Our goal is to impact their lives through education, vocational training, and comprehensive support services. We invite you to join us as a sponsor to make a meaningful impact on the lives of many. As of November 2024, we need to raise \$570,000 USD to complete Phase I of the Center.

## OUR VISION

Liberia Living and Learning Center for Persons with Disabilities (LLCPWD) strives to enhance the lives of Persons with Disabilities, enabling them to overcome barriers, pursue their aspirations and lead fulfilling and independent lives.



## SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The center is proposed to span across nine acres situated within the Duazon Margibi County, about eighteen miles away from the nation's capital - Monrovia. It is equipped with over fifty-four accommodation units, a school, clinic, worship center, and



an administrative building. Every aspect of the center is tailored to promote accessibility through the inclusion of ramps on all buildings.



The center will be completed using a 21st Century Disability Model approach to the development of Liberia Living and Learning Center for Persons with Disabilities. The complex will not only act as an instrument to guarantee consecutive phases are receptive and adaptive to lessons and outcomes from the previous phase, but also allows for the center to have fully functioning, sponsored, and operational buildings and activities before the entire project is completed.

The center blends culture and recreation by including a football pitch and a children's playground to its array of amenities.

Entrance – Administrative Building: As you step through our welcoming entrance, you'll immediately come

across the administrative building. This is a 4374 sq. Ft structure equipped with a multipurpose hall, a conference room, lobby, and offices. School Building: Education and personal growth are at the heart of the facility. The Liberia school for Persons with Disabilities is a learning center where disabled students can access adaptive technologies, braille materials, and instructors who are passionate about nurturing their talents and potential. Covering an area of 10350 sq. ft. the school is equipped with twelve classes, with accommodation for kindergarten and nursery, a computer and science laboratory, and a library.

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**Worship Center:** there is a 6056 sq. ft. Inclusive space for worship within the facility. At the worship center, residents are expected to engage in spiritual practices and connect with their faith. **Clinic:** The center is also equipped with a 2663 sq. ft. clinic which is expected to offer specialized Health Care services tailored to the unique requirements of disabled individuals. **Accommodation units:** The center offers accommodation units that are meticulously designed to meet the unique needs of disabled residents. Each unit is a two-bedroom apartment covering an area of 1175 sq. ft. **Recreational spaces** such as a playground and football field is inclusive understanding the importance of social interaction. In a culture where disabled people are reduced to street beggars Hope for community Development is committed to insuring that this initiative becomes a reality. This center will enhance the lives of persons with disabilities, enabling them to overcome barriers, pursue their aspirations, and lead fulfilling lives.



# STRATEGY

01 COLLABORATE

02 FUNDRAISE

03 CONSTRUCT



# PHASE 1

\$ 574,471.45 USD

STEP 01  
PRELIMINARIES



STEP 02  
GENERAL CONDITION



STEP 03  
SUBSTRUCTURE WORKS



STEP 04  
FLOOR





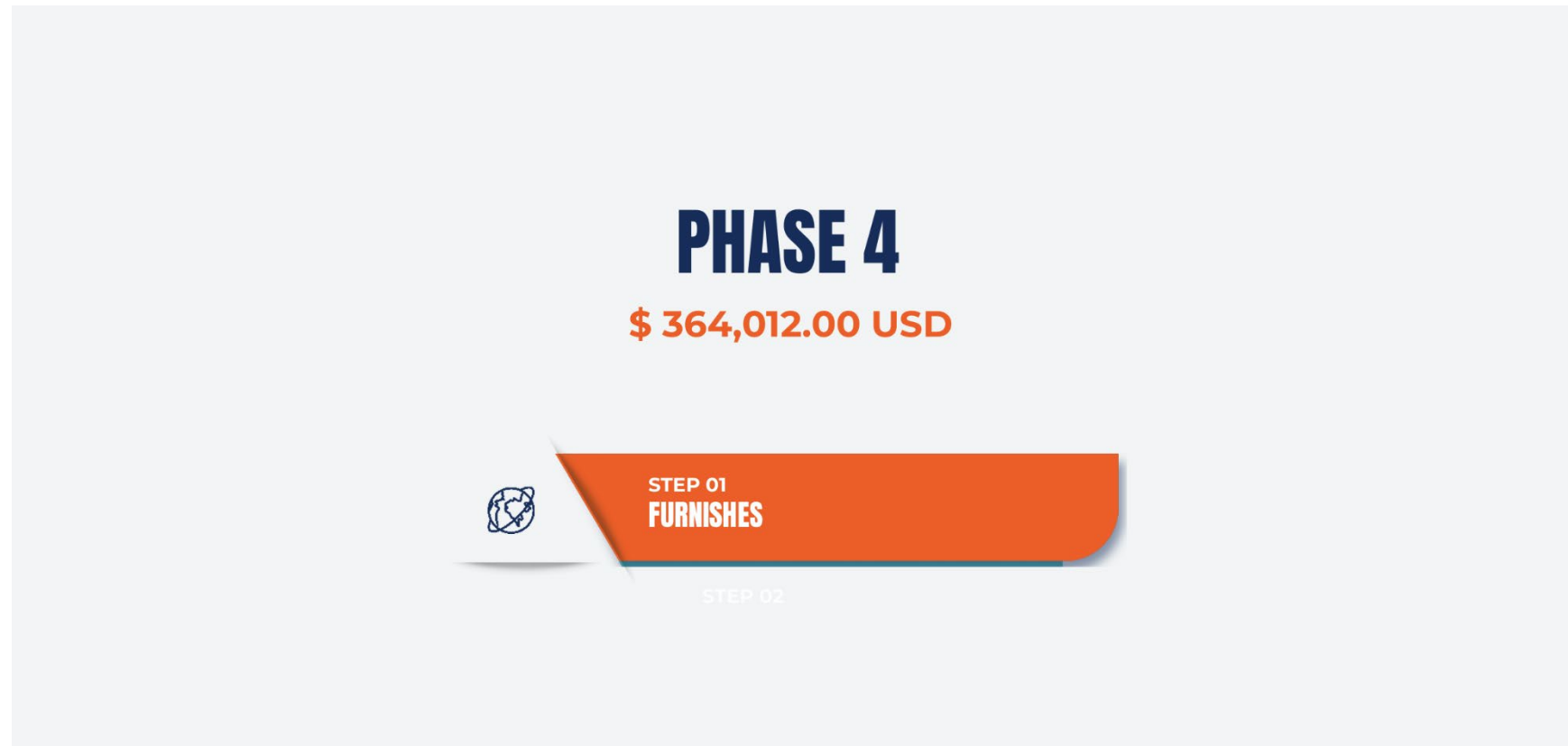
## PHASE 3

**\$ 1,503,547.72 USD**



STEP 01  
**FINISHES**

STEP 02



## FINANCIAL NEEDS

We are grateful to members of our community for the generous financial contributions during our first fundraising event. We still have a long way to go. Liberia's first sanctuary for persons with disabilities – Liberia Living and Learning Center for Persons with Disabilities. Serving as a bridge between past and future the center is designed to cater to the unique needs of the disabled community. The proposed center is estimated to cost about \$3.4 million United States dollars.

“Knowing is not enough; you must take action” Tony Robins. According to a UNICEF study from 1997, 16percent of the population of Liberia has a disability and of that 16 percent 61 percent struggles with mobility of which 24 percent are visually



impaired. Though some efforts have been made the impact is barely visible, disabled people are still flooding the streets of Monrovia begging for alms - a craft from which many attain their daily bread. But all is not lost... Support from the government of Liberia will make this dream come true.



## FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN LIBERIA

July 2019, Mr. Ralph Dagoseh visited Liberia and started a great initiative of providing daily bread for the less privileged, especially the visually impaired citizens of Liberia. “While we work towards building the center for persons with disabilities, we will continue to provide them with necessities until the building of Liberia Living and Learning Center is completed.

## Liberia Living and Learning Center for Persons with Disabilities Project Outline

Hope for Community Development has been assisting Persons with Disabilities in Liberia with necessities for more than four years and will continue to deliver programming activities primarily from Liberia Living and Learning Center for Persons with Disabilities once it is operational.





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The condition of people living with Disabilities across the Country is appealing as such there is a need to address such situation. They are the most vulnerable people in Liberia and around the globe.

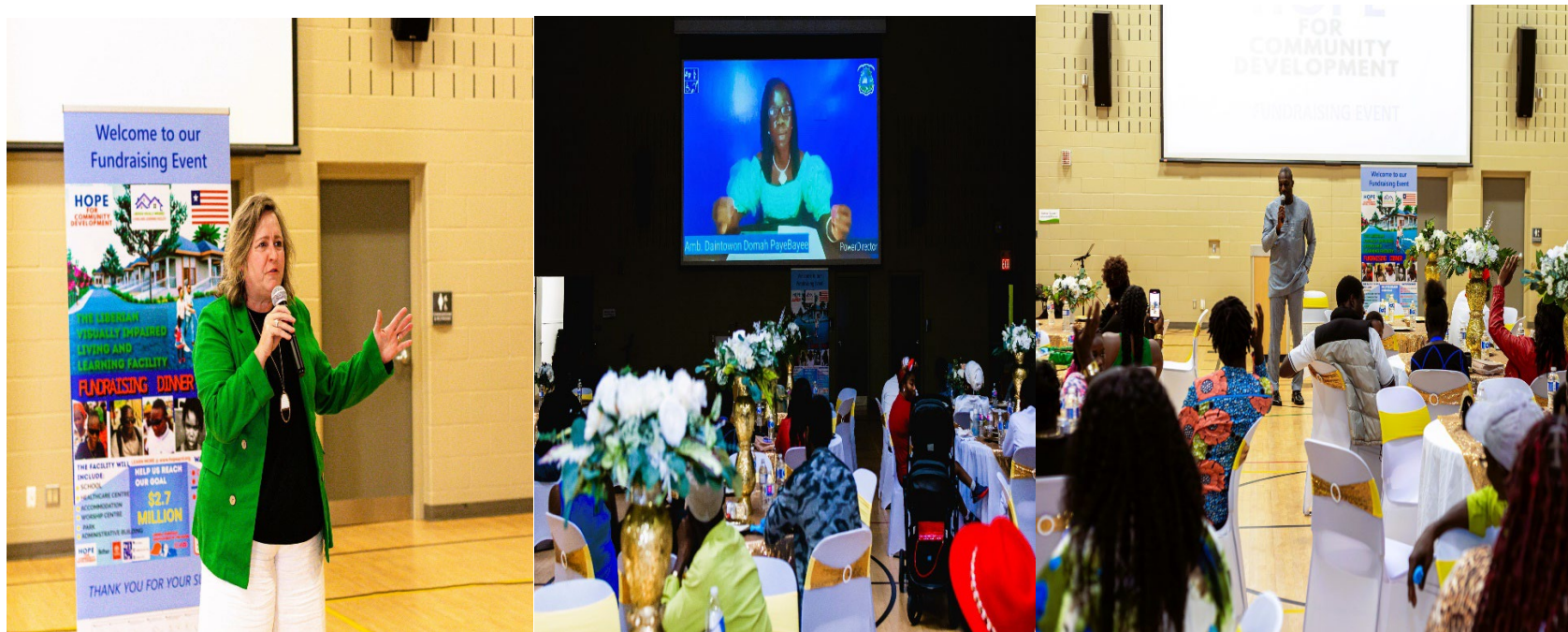




# First Fundraising Event September 2, 2023

The first fundraising event for Liberia Living and Learning Center for Persons with Disabilities was held in Ontario, Canada. Guests attended from across the world, including guest speaker, Kelly Seiss, Supervisor of Community Centres across Kitchener, Ayo Owodunni, Councillor of Ward 5 of the City of Kitchener, Ambassador Daintowon Domah PayeBayee, Executive Director of the National Commission on Disabilities who connected virtually to give her incredible speech. \$15,000 Canadian Dollars was raised, and the government of Liberia through the National Commission on Disabilities promised to donate 12 acres of land to build Liberia Living and Learning Center for Persons with Disabilities.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> fundraiser event is scheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, which will be held in Kitchener, ON, Canada. By December 2024, the groundbreaking ceremony will be held in Monrovia, Liberia.



# Building a Brighter Future Through Compassion and Empowerment

Liberia, a country with a rich history and resilient people, faces significant challenges in providing adequate support and resources for persons with disabilities. Liberia is Africa's oldest republic that has a population of approximately five million people located on the west coast of Africa, founded by freed American slaves in 1847, shares borders with Sierra Leone, Guinea, the Atlantic Ocean and Ivory Coast and it is one of the most underdeveloped countries in the world. A country that emerged from conflict, but the scars and damage remain. The country lacks many of the fundamental tools and resources required to equip its youth and citizens to build a better future. Our campaign intends to change that. According to SIDA, in Liberia, 61% of the total disabled population struggle with mobility, while 24% are visually impaired. Moreover, 7% of the total disabled population are deaf, whereas 8 % have an intellectual or psychosocial disability.





## Ways to Donate

1. Cash, please contact 226-700-0769 for cash donations
2. E-transfer, please send e-transfer to [hopeforcommunitydevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:hopeforcommunitydevelopment@gmail.com)
3. Donate online at [www.hope4cd.org/make-a-donation](http://www.hope4cd.org/make-a-donation)





Hope for Community Development is a youth-focused not-for-profit organization that works with marginalized youth and families to impact transformational change through education, programming, and workshops. This includes a youth entrepreneurship program, after school homework club, sports, and pathways to employment programs. We believe in creating opportunities to allow youth to thrive and strive for their greatest potential through school-related programming, fostering interest in entrepreneurship and supporting the navigation of post-secondary options.



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