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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 formerly known as the Liberia Visually Impaired Living and Learning Facility is a collaborative project led by Canadian not-for-profit Hope for Community Development in partnership with the National Commission on Disabilities (NCD), Compassion for Disabled Association, United Blind Association of Liberia (UBAL), the Christian Association of the Blind, and the Deaf and Blind Association in Nimba United community District number 1 Montserrado county. The name of this project was changed to make it as inclusive as possible to meet the needs of all disabled persons in Liberia. The Center will be built in numerous stages in the Bensonville area and will include Liberia's first international standard 21st Century center, a school, clinic, administrative building, worship centre, amusement park, and accommodation units. The Liberian 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.



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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 Bensonville 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).

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 Bensonville area, about twenty-four miles away from the nation's capital - Monrovia. It is equipped with over fifty 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.

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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.

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.



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 2.7 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.

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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, 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.

Once the land is given, by November 2024, the groundbreaking ceremony will be held in Monrovia, Liberia.



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