TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Subject: GAICAM’s 2015 Children’s Christmas Party Report

Introduction

Christmas is one of the most feasting and celebrated period of the year for Christians, most families spend time with their loved ones sharing and celebrating, while preparing for a new year. Unfortunately, not all families are opportune to do so due to financial constraint and others, especially the orphans and needy children who may not have the opportunity to get a simple gift. Some of these needy kids live with their grandparents who see the feasting period a mere waste of income, but the kids in their hearts want to feel and share with their friends. Most often when they are unable to achieve what their hearts truly desire during this feasting period, the feeling of depression, rejection, loneliness and other setbacks comes in and may ruin the rest of the period. This make them feel like they are not part of the celebration.

However, GAICAM for two years now in line with its vision to transform lives and promote growth, and as a sub set under the children’s Foundation, GAICAM decided to act by bridging the gap between children from wealthiest and poor homes, by creating a platform early that helps these kids come together to share and celebrate. It is in that light that GAICAM has taken it as a challenge, organizing children’s Christmas party yearly, since December 2014. GAICAM understand and believe that putting a smile on the faces of underprivileged kids is the core purpose of its creation, and this effort is moving from strength to strength as the party is rotatory, moving from one community to the other and
which during the occasion, a lot of activities are carried out such as debates, brain trust competition, Quiz, spelling drill and a host of others, all with special prizes.

The last GAICAM Children’s Christmas Party took place in Babungo village of Babessi Sub Division and of Ngoketunjia Division of the North West Region of Cameroon. The party was celebrated on the 24th December 2015 as usual and with other 700 kids drawn from some neighboring communities, and with over 478,000frs spent to make the occasion a success.

**Our Christmas Parties Organization**

In every community that GAICAM is organizing Christmas party like that of Babungo and others, GAICAM visited primary schools in that community and get the names of those who performed well academically, taking the names of the best three pupils of each class for the whole school and during the occasion, award them for their hard work by handing them special packs of excellence in order to motivate and encourage them to continue working hard as a tradition to the organization.
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As part of the vision of the organization to train the next generation of Cameroon leaders, during the last year Children Christmas party in Babungo, GAICAM introduce debate as new feature on the program, aimed at enabling them practice and develop their communication skills. These kids also had to showcase their dancing skills through the dancing competition. Also on the table was a quiz on general knowledge and other fields of their studies. All these competition made the kids learn how to think out of the box and motivated sharing with their friends. It should be noted that, all those who won in all the disciplines took home prizes ranging from books, pens, rulers, balloons and many others, likewise those who were defeated was also encouraged with gifts. Besides the special packs for those who competed, there was also enough for all the kids and even some of their guidance and parents who all came to witness the occasion.

The 2015 GAICAM Children Christmas Party in Babungo village was noted to be successful as compared to the maiden Children Christmas party in 2014. All the children, including some of their guidance all went home happy and wishing such an opportunity shows up again.
Despite the great success recorded in the 2015 GAICAM Children’s Christmas party compared to that of 2014, there were as well some limitations to make the event a greater success. One of the challenges we had was the finance needed to make the event what it ought to be. The packages shared to the kids were not enough, due to some financial constraints to support the budget we had planned for the event. Other limitation was that of having partners to work with us in order to make the work lighter.

To that effect, and in line with our vision to transform lives and promote growth, we are welcoming support in term of material and finance for the upcoming GAICAM Children’s Christmas Party to enable us make this years’ event what it ought to be and to provide these underprivileged children with the best Christmas party that would always cause them feel they are not the rejected ones in the society. We are ready to partner with individuals and organizations to make this year’s event a success.

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