



The Okaja Foundation Newsletter

Saturday, December 31, 2022

Merry Christmas, dear friends!

Thank you for the love and support that you showed the children of Divine Providence Home throughout the year! Because of your generosity, we were able to cover all the home's operating costs for 2022 and completed major projects (see below), thereby improving quality of life for both the children and sisters of Divine Providence Home.

Please take a look below to see what you made possible in 2022.

Sister Rita Celebrates 60 Years of Religious Life!



Founder of Divine Providence Home, Sister Mary Rita Abang celebrated her diamond jubilee on December 16th, marking 60 years since she first took her religious vows! In the above photo, Sister Rita (furthest right), her younger sister, the late Sister Theresa Abang (furthest left) and their parents receive a blessing from Saint John Paul II.

Congratulations to Sr. Rita on her years of dedication and service to Christ. She has touched countless lives since answering God's calling and it is an honor to support her life-saving ministry. May God bless her and grant her many more years in service of the children of Ogoja, Nigeria.

Major Funding Accomplishments of 2022

Donations made to our foundation covered all of Divine Providence Home's operating costs for 2022, including the children's medical expenses, food/formula, school fees and tuition (up to the college level) and staff/caretaker salaries, to name a few.

In addition, thanks to your generosity, we were able to fund the following major projects:



- The construction of a large kitchen and food storage building.
- The erection of a grotto honoring our Lady of Fatima.
- The hiring of additional staff members and caretakers.
- The renovation and expansion of the girls' dormitory bathroom.
- Other extensive repairs and renovations throughout the property.

- The installation of a security system and surveillance cameras.
- The shipment of over 900-lbs. in donated children's and postpartum items.

We thank you!

4th Annual Gala a Success!



We would like to thank everyone who attended and supported our 4th Annual Gala on December 2nd! Because of you, we were able to raise the funds needed to keep Divine Providence Home operational for the upcoming year!

Video footage of our visit to Divine Providence Home, which was presented during our gala, including a keynote address from Sr. Rita, is available for viewing [HERE](#).

Thanks to the generosity of our event attendees, we also raised the funds needed to construct and furnish a community hall on the grounds of DPH! The multi-purpose hall will serve as a common space where the children can gather, play and study, especially during periods of intense heat and heavy rains.

We look forward to sharing updates on the hall's construction, which is scheduled to begin in January.

Divine Providence Home Welcomes 1-Month-Old Moses



Divine Providence Home took in five additional children in 2022, including 1-month-old baby Moses, who arrived at the home just last week!

Please keep him and all of DPH's children in your prayers and consider making either a one-time or monthly tax-deductible contribution to help sustain this life-saving ministry.

[DONATE](#)

In 2023, your donations will be used to help Divine Providence Home care for even more children in Ogoja experiencing extreme poverty, seeking aid. We will also fund projects to further improve the quality of life of each child at the orphanage.

Happy First Birthday to Baby Emmanuel!



Born at 26-weeks-gestation, Emmanuel has been a fighter since birth and has brought so much joy to the children and sisters of Divine Providence Home. Happy birthday, dear Emmanuel. You are so loved.

We wish you and your families a joyous Christmas season and a blessed New Year.

Thank you for your continued support!

Yours in Christ,

Muji Kaiser

Director

theokajafoundation.org

