

NEWS OF HOPE

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In 2022, *Call for Hope* welcomed Dr. Joseph Asomah to our Board of Directors.

We continue to look for qualified volunteer board members to fill other positions and hope to provide opportunity and experience for BIPOC wishing to contribute to our cause. If you are interested, please contact Laurel at lmartin@callforhope.ca

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Over several weeks, our Vice-President Seidu Mohammed worked with Spark, a Canadian Community Economic Development Network, and graphic artist volunteer Santiago Tovar to develop our logo. Santiago is an internationally-educated artist, with a decade of industry experience, much of it in Winnipeg. See more of Santiago's work at <https://www.behance.net/santisanti>. Our Board of Directors and volunteer Stephanie dedicated many hours to debating what the logo imagery and colours mean. Through this process, we also clarified the role of Call for Hope for the western-African diaspora in Winnipeg.

If you would like to purchase a numbered, limited-edition item featuring our new logo, let us know (email lmartin@callforhope.ca).

This year, we published a website at www.callforhope.ca. More content will be added soon.

Our First CVITP

Call for Hope offered free tax clinics to newcomers to Winnipeg through Canada Revenue Agency's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP). We met some new people and welcomed people we've known for several years. We also hope to be able to continue with this program. If you are interested in volunteering for our 2023 free tax clinics for newcomers, please contact us!

Newcomer Speaker Series: "Five Years Later"

In April, our President, Ahmed Osaa became a Canadian. His decade-long journey to find a safe home has ended. Since arriving in Winnipeg in 2016, Ahmed has found fulfilling, permanent work as an essential worker in the transportation industry, has founded a non-profit organization, and has volunteered his time to help others from West Africa to settle in Winnipeg. Ahmed enjoys country music, cooking traditional Ghanaian foods, and streamlining processes to achieve efficiency.

If you are interested in hearing about Ahmed's journey, including his challenges and successes with settling in Winnipeg, contact Laurel (lmartin@callforhope.ca) to discuss presentation options.

Annual General Meeting

Appreciative of the help they received from volunteers upon arriving in Winnipeg during the cold winter of 2016, Ahmed and Seidu created Call for Hope to provide others with similar help. Incorporated in 2020, Call for Hope held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on May 29, 2022. Recognizing how much help was needed to reorient to another new city, another new country, and a new culture with new and different ways of doing things, Ahmed and Seidu conceptualized a non-profit to help others from West Africa to settle in Winnipeg and in Canada in the short-term, for a lifetime, and for future generations. We hope to grow Call for Hope to provide more and better services to those arriving in Winnipeg in need hoping to find a new home.

President: Ahmed Osaa Vice-President: Seidu Mohammed Treasurer: Maryrose DeSouza
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