



John and Adele Swift Development & Enrichment Center (JADE)

"...hard work and education will carry you through the world."

Mrs. Adele Swift

Newsletter for Fall 2024

JADE's Vision

To change lives today for a better tomorrow.

JADE's Mission

To develop partnerships in communities to transform lives now in hope of a better future.

JADE's Partnerships

JADE is a tax-exempt non-profit organization based in Rialto, California. JADE was created for public and charitable purposes to provide funding for education and humanitarian needs. JADE has developed partnerships in communities within the Inland Empire, Belize City, and rural communities of Belize to provide tuition assistance for education; package and deliver food to the homeless, elderly, disabled, and low-income families; offer free vocational classes to women; providing students with free tutorial classes; contribute monies for medical emergencies and dialysis treatments; donate vitamin and iron supplements for children with HIV/Aids; and provide transportation and spiritual support to those in need.

From JADE's President – Evadne Swift

Greetings Everyone! Time is whizzing by. Yes, it is. Within a few days, 2024 will be in our rearview mirror. However, before saying goodbye to 2024, let me take one last glance backward.



A heartfelt thank you to the members of the Board of Directors who donate their time and resources to support JADE's Mission.

To our faithful donors, please know that you are appreciated and loved. May God continue to bless you.



In November, Mrs. Adell Swift, Mama Swift, gathered with some of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren to celebrate her 99th birthday. What a blessing! When asked what kept her going, Mama remarked, "My belief in God and His Word and maintaining a healthy lifestyle."

Hurricanes Nadine & Sara

June 1 to November 30 is the official hurricane season. Hurricane Nadine blew by on October 19, 2024. Two inches of rain fell in some areas, while flooding in other areas made crossing bridges impassable. Except for the floods, Belize escaped the ferocious winds and damages experienced by neighboring countries.

On November 17, tropical storm Sara was downgraded to a tropical depression after making landfall in Belize. Sara inflicted heavy rains which resulted in flooding and damage to infrastructures in many parts of the country. However, Belizeans will rebuild. They have weathered worst storms.

Tutoring Classes Will Continue

Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA) are core subjects that students must pass to be promoted to another grade or graduate from high school. Students attended monthly tutoring classes from January to December with breaks in the summer. Math and ELA tutoring classes were financed by the Rotary Club of Rialto, which is located in California, and Director Alma Edison, respectively.

Utilization of Basketball Court

The young men continue to use the basketball court on Sunday afternoons. They practice regularly hoping to participate in competitive games during the summer. JADE is pleased to provide them with a safe environment where they can develop their basketball and team-building skills.

Women's Ministry and Christmas Festivity

Bible study sessions are held weekly in Flowers Bank and Bermudian Landing. The women planned the Christmas entertainment for December 22. Sixty-seven residents from neighboring communities attended. They enjoyed home-cooked Belizean food and played trivia games related to Christmas. The group later joined musician Mr. Lawrence Robinson from Flowers Bank in singing Belizean Christmas songs.

Partnership with the Agriculture Department

The ladies from the Women's Ministry continue to work closely with the Agriculture Department. The Department

distributes various fruit trees and 'wood' trees, including mahogany, cedar, and teak. It is anticipated that families will plant them now and reap the benefits later.

JADE's Partnership with Hand in Hand

Hand-in-Hand is a 501(c)(3) organization operating in Belize. It is the only organization in Belize that provides for children with HIV/AIDS. JADE has partnered with Hand-in-Hand to provide vitamin and iron supplements for the children.

JADE's Partnership with the Kidney Association of Belize (KAB)

The Kidney Association of Belize is a registered NGO in Belize. KAB educates the public about kidney problems and offers or ensures availability of comprehensive and essential treatments and counseling to kidney patients and their families. JADE provided financial support to KAB to assist patients with dialysis treatments.

JADE's Partnership with the Salvation Army of San Bernardino County

The Salvation Army is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization whose mission is to extend a hand up to the less fortunate in the Inland Empire. Giving locally enables the Salvation Army to provide meals to those struggling with food insecurity. It also maintains a safe, secure, and loving environment in its family shelter as it invests in the family unit for the future. JADE contributed financially to the Salvation Army Transition Center.

Daily Acts of Kindness

Directors Gloria Swift and Alma Edison continue to distribute food and care packages to the homeless on the streets and in encampments in the Inland Empire.

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share."

1 Timothy 6: 17-18 NIV



ADE is at Work with its Partners

- providing financial support to high school students in the form of tuition payments to schools and purchasing textbooks for students,
- packaging and delivering food to those in need upon request,
- transporting women to and from small groups ministry,
- transporting students to and from JADE campus,
- offering outreach and counseling services to villagers,
- purchasing multivitamins and iron supplements for children with HIV/Aids,
- contributing money to the Salvation Army Transition Center, Inland Empire, California
- contributing money to Kidney Association of Belize, and
- providing daily acts of kindness based on human needs.

Beginning in 2025, JADE's newsletter will be published bi-annually, in the months of June and December.

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You are invited



We invite missionary groups to visit us in Belize. Please visit JADE's website landingessentials.org for more information.

Donations

Your generous donation, which is tax-deductible within the limits prescribed by law, will enable us to provide tuition assistance to students, provide emergency food packages, vocational training, and transportation to those in need.

You can donate by **Zelle** to **jadeidollyMS@gmail.com** or **Zelle** to **(909)576-1180**.

JADE is also accepting donations at

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JADE's next meeting will be held on January 24, 2025 at 6 P.M. PST via WhatsApp.