



**John and Adele Swift Development & Enrichment Center (JADE)**

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

*Mrs. Adele Swift*

Newsletter for Spring 2022

**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, CA. 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, prepare and deliver food boxes to recipients in Belize, offer free sewing classes, and provide transportation and spiritual support.

**From JADE's President – Evadne Swift**

Greetings! Salutations! Spring came and went. Summer is here. The bees are hard at work.

My sister Margie and I pack and deliver food bags each month. We drive into neighboring villages and even to Belize City (35 miles away), to deliver them. We meet and talk with the recipients, and as usual, they tell us how thankful their families are for what they have received. In January, we served 20 families. By June, it was forty-five.

The Women's Small Group, which averages 15 ladies, continues to meet weekly in our home. We study God's Word, sing, and pray. Presently, we are going

through a six-lesson study, "Your Growing Relationship with Jesus Christ."

The ladies are enjoying the fellowship, which includes celebrating birthdays and spending time working on a craft. One of the young ladies, Michelle Rivera (who was also my cousin), passed away on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We miss her but we rejoice in knowing we will see her again in Heaven. In 2 Corinthians 5:8, we read, "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." (KJV) It is a blessing to see how God's family of friends have stepped up to assist her non-speaking English husband and their two boys, ages 4 and 5.

We interact with the High School students monthly as we follow-up on their progress. On May 1, twenty-six students, their friends, and some junior college students participated in a youth event which included three guest speakers: Corporal Carol Thompson, Attorney Cynthia Pitts, and Educator/Artist Sandra Felix.

Corporal Thompson from Ladyville Police Precinct shared her story. She challenged and encouraged students to set a goal, stay focus, do not give up, and use every opportunity to make a difference for good.

Attorney Cynthia Pitts from Belize City described her struggles to become an attorney in a male-dominated field, back in the "good old days." Her message was, "Set a goal and do whatever it takes to achieve it."

Ms. Felix urged students to do well in school and choose a career where they

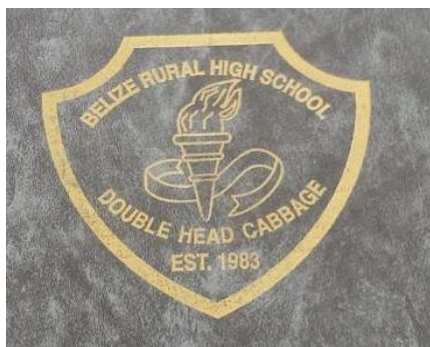
can make a difference as they enjoy what they do. She also introduced students to tie-dye using different paint colors and white cotton fabric.

The 2021-2022 school year has ended, and all five of our tuition-assisted seniors graduated from high school. Their accomplishment was celebrated on June 25. Students in primary schools who were promoted to a new grade and those who will be entering high school for the 2022-2023 school year were recognized for their achievement. For the upcoming school year, JADE will be providing tuition assistance to seventeen students in high school and six in primary school.

We continue to be grateful to you, our faithful financial partners, who are giving to this worthy cause. On behalf of JADE's Board of Directors, please accept my sincere thanks. You are making it possible. God's blessings to all.

We are thankful to God for giving us the opportunity to serve those in need in Belize, especially in the rural areas.

### **Congratulations to Belize Rural High School Class of 2022**



"Be wise because the world needs wisdom. If you cannot be wise, pretend to be someone who is wise, and then just behave like they would." Neil Gaiman



Jaden Young



Zoe Flowers



Josh Flowers



Mary Arnold  
(sponsored for two years)



Meika Palacio  
Belmopan Baptist High School

"A river cuts through rock, not because of its power but because of its persistence." Proverb





Group of high schoolers; illness kept others away.

## Youth Event

Let's give them a reason to be motivated and set goals for their future.

Speaker - Corporal Carol Thompson



Speaker – Attorney Cynthia Pitts

**A heartfelt thank you to the speakers, directors, student leaders, food preparers, and everyone who made the event a success.**



Speaker Ms. Felix, teaching tie-dye. Even the boys participated. See results below.



**Certificate of Participation**



Rear L-R: Myrna Pandy, Asst., Cynthia Pitts,  
Front L-R: Sandra Feliz, Director Mrs. Cheryl Russell

## JADE's Food Pantry

From January to June 2022, JADE has served 196 families in Belize. Thanks to Gerald and Vanessa Stanton for their continued support of the food pantry which has allowed JADE to meet the needs of families across the country of Belize. Thanks to Director Gloria Swift who packed and shipped the food barrels.

### Food Bags Preparing for June's Distribution



Thanks to Directors Eva & Margie Swift for emptying and organizing the food barrels, then bagging and distributing the food.

### 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. Hand-in-Hand has partnered with JADE to provide vitamin and iron supplements for the children.

### Daily Acts of Kindness

In addition to supporting the food pantry in Belize, Vanessa and Gerald Stanton collect donations of furniture, refrigerator, stoves, and other household items from across Southern California. They deliver them to families in the Inland Empire, Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Thanks for all you do.

Directors Gloria Swift and Alma Edison have been distributing food bags to the homeless.



A homeless person in the background. Sample food bag includes water, snacks, fruit cup, crackers, chips, fresh bread roll, Chobani, string cheese, mask, sanitizer, and toiletries.

### Women Dressed in Their Finest for the Annual Tea Party



Fifty-one women participated in the event.



Women learning to make vases out of cement.



**JADE is at Work with its Partners  
providing:**

- financial support to 20 primary and high school students in the form of tuition payments to schools,
- monthly food bags to villagers within an 80-mile radii,
- transportation for women to and from small groups ministry,
- outreach and counseling to villagers,
- multivitamins and iron supplements to children with HIV/aids, and
- daily acts of kindness based on human needs.

**JADE's Board of Directors**

Evadne Swift	President
Gerald Stanton	Vice President
Cheryl Russell	Secretary
Margery Swift	Treasurer
Earl Allen, Johnnel Cole, Alma Edison, Sonia Hicks, and Gloria Swift	



We invite missionary groups to visit us in Belize. Please visit JADE's website [landingessentials.org](http://landingessentials.org).

**Donations**

Your generous donation, which is tax-deductible within the limits prescribed by law, will enable us to feed the hungry and provide tuition assistance to students.

You can donate now to  
**PAYPAL.ME/JADEBZE.**

**JADE is also accepting donations at**

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**JADE's next meeting, November 11, 2022,  
7 P.M. PST via WhatsApp**