



John and Adele Swift Development & Enrichment Center (JADE)

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

Mrs. Adele Swift

Newsletter for Spring 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! Spring came and went without much fanfare. In April, I visited the local primary school and high school and informed teachers and students about JADE's upcoming two-week Summer School from July 8 to 18. Fifty students signed up. Director Gloria Swift recruited three teachers from the United States who volunteered to teach Math and English Language Arts. JADE is working with the Minister of Education to assist with the cost of transporting students to and from Summer School.

Hurricane season begins in June and runs through November. Although Hurricane Beryl wreaked havoc on many islands in the Caribbean as it traveled north, Belize was spared. The Northern part of the country experienced some flooding, but not enough to disrupt the daily lives of its residents.

Third Annual Tea Party



With 60 ladies in attendance, the third annual tea party was held on May 4. The theme was, "I Am a Princess of the King of Kings." The musical entertainer and storyteller was the renowned Brad Pattico from the village of Burrell Boom. Dr. Deborah Swift from Florida was the special guest speaker.

Partnership with Belize Defense Force and the Ministry of Youth, Sports, and Transportation – Honorable Rodwell Ferguson; Hon Gilroy Usher, Honorable of State for Youth, Sports, and Transport

Many times, when students were on JADE's campus, they commented that they needed a basketball court. Directors Evadne and

Margery Swift heard them and began investigating how to build a court.

They met Sgt. Flowers, a member of Belize Defense Force (BDF). He mentioned that BDF was always helping with community projects. Sgt. Flowers did the “leg work.”

The decision was made. If the materials were provided, BDF would build the basketball court. Evadne and Margery Swift purchased the materials, and the Belize Defense Force Cricket Team provided the labor.

On May 24, 2024, during an official ceremony, the basketball half-court was handed over to JADE. In attendance were parents from nearby communities and distinguished guests. All the soldiers who built the basketball half-court were present and were recognized for a job well done.

We hope that the basketball court will provide a haven for youths to learn, practice, and develop basketball and sportsman-like skills.



(Seated L to R in front row): Director Evadne Swift, Distinguished guests: Colonel Brandon Garcia, BDF, Hon. Gilroy Usher, Minister of State for Youth, Sports, & Transportation; Mr. Marvin Ottley, Deputy Director National Sports Council; and Mr. Juan Gongora, Principal Belize Rural High School (BRHS). In the rear, were students from BRHS and men from the Belize Defense Force (BDF) who built the court.

After the ceremony, Deputy Director for the Ministry of the National Sports

Council presented a symbolic check for \$500 on behalf of Hon. Rodwell Ferguson.



Mr. Marvin Ottley, Honorable Gilroy Usher (center), President of JADE Evadne Swift



Students tested their skills on the court



Hon. Gilroy Usher watching his shot. Is it going to make the basket or not?

Graduation Is Here

Akeeliah Pratt and Fernanda Miguel, graduated from high school in June. In addition, Jacob Moreno and Darren Hensley were promoted from primary school to high school. Both students will continue to receive support from JADE as they begin their high school journey at the end of August.

We are most thankful for God's continued blessing on our work in the community. We pray that He will give us new vision and direction as we look ahead. Will you join us on this journey? God bless us one and all.

Math Tutoring

Math is a core subject that students must pass to be promoted to another grade or graduate from high school. Monthly math tutoring classes for high school students began September 2023 and continued through April 2024. This service was financed by the Rotary Club of Rialto, which is located in California.

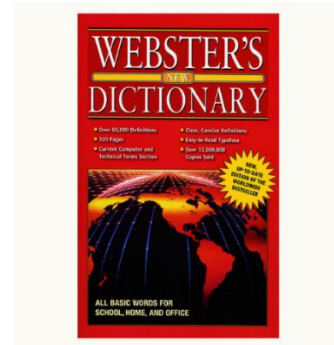
“Thank You” Letter to Rotary Club of Rialto

Teacher and students who participated in the tutoring program sent a signed letter of gratitude to the Rotary Club of Rialto. The Club sponsored the program for 2023-2024 school year and has contributed to the math tutoring program for 2024-2025 school year.

Women's Ministry

The women continue to meet in Flowers Bank on Wednesdays for fellowship and Bible study.

Rotary Club of Rialto Provided Dictionaries



Using the dictionaries, students competed to find definitions of words.



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.

JADE's Partnership with the Kidney Association of Belize

The Kidney Association of Belize (KAB) is a registered NGO in Belize. KAB educates the general 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 for five patients with renal failure who desperately needed 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 continue providing meals to those struggling with food insecurity. It also maintains a safe, secure, and loving environment in its family shelter as the Salvation Army invests in the family unit for the future. JADE contributed financially to the Salvation Army Transition Center.

TUPIT Ministries International



TUPIT Ministries is a religious non-profit organization established in Belize. Its prison ministry which began in November 2010 is Bible-based and offers prayers and counseling to inmates. Other ministries include services to schools, churches, and participating in community projects.

JADE participated in TUPIT's March fundraiser. It was an opportunity for both non-profits to learn about the mission of each and identify ways of working together for the citizens of Belize.

"The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 1:14 NIV



JADE is at Work with its Partners

- providing financial support to 25 primary and high school students in the form of tuition payments to schools,
- 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,
- contributing money to Kidney Association of Belize, and
- providing daily acts of kindness based on human needs.

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. Director Swift also assisted a widow who took her car to the dealer for an oil change and was told she needed thousands of dollars in repairs. Hearing the lady commented that she cried when told of the cost of repairs and that she was not prepared to pay that amount of money, Director Swift spoke with the technician and paid half the

cost of repairs that was performed that day, anonymously of course.

To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, He will give eternal life. For God does not show favoritism.”
Romans 2:7, 11 NIV



Thank You to everyone who contributed to JADE’s Mission. To the sponsors, you know how much you are appreciated and loved, as indicated in your student’s year-end “Thank You” letter.

To the Larsons from Breyah:

“Your sponsorship has taken the financial burden off my mother. I am succeeding well in my studies. I made honor role and came in second in my class. I won’t disappoint you in any way and I will try my best to make you and my family proud. I will never forget the help you have provided me.”

To Mr. J. Swift from Fitzgerald:

“My heartfelt gratitude for your financial support. This has enabled me to attend high school. Your sponsorship has provided crucial financial support. This serves as a testament of your commitment to my education over the past two years. I really appreciate what you have done for me.”

To Mrs. Coates from Bethany:

“I am expressing my appreciation for your unwavering support throughout the year. Thanks to your generosity I have been able

to focus whole heartedly on my studies without financial constraints. I have a part-time job on weekends to support myself. I am looking forward to meeting you one day.”

To Mrs. A. Swift from Kristylee:

“I am one of the recipients of JADE’s financial assistance program. Having you as my sponsor took a financial burden off my parents and allowed me to focus on my studies. I am a junior and will be a senior this coming year. Throughout my years in high school, I have been a top student maintaining an average of 90 and above. In June 2025, after graduating high school, I hope to attend a college or university. Thank you for your continued contribution to JADE.”

To Woman’s Club of Rialto from Rhiann:

“I am expressing my sincere gratitude for the generous scholarship you have awarded me. My parents were not able to afford the tuition. Receiving this scholarship has not only relieved the financial burden on my family, but it has given me the opportunity to pursue my dream to be a nurse like my grandmother, who is my role model.

Your investment in my future means more to me than words can express...Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generosity. May God continue to bless you.”

To Ms. M. Young from Carla:

“I express my deepest gratitude to you for the scholarship you have awarded me. It had a significant impact on my

educational journey. Thank you for your support. Your belief in me has given me renewed motivation and determination to succeed. I am truly grateful for your contributions to JADE."

To Ms. M. Aguilar from Jaleen:

"I am expressing my deepest gratitude for the invaluable support you have provided me over the past three years. Your generosity has not only lightened the financial burden on my parents but has also empowered me to stay focus and it has motivated me during some of my most challenging times, academically. Thank you for believing in me and for your continuous support which has been a constant source of encouragement, enabling me to strive for excellence in my studies.

Thank you once again for your unwavering commitment to fostering academic success and empowering students like me to pursue our dreams.

JADE's Board of Directors

Evadne Swift	President
Angie Lindsey	Vice President
Cheryl Russell	Secretary
Margery Swift	Treasurer
Directors: Linda Crawford, Alma Edison, Aracely Herrera, and Gloria Swift	

You are invited



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

Volunteers Needed

JADE is seeking an English Language Arts teacher to tutor students in grades 7-12. Please contact Ms. Evadne Swift or Ms. Gloria Swift at swiftsgardens@gmail.com.

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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**Inquiries can be sent to
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landingessentials.org**

**JADE's next meeting will be held on
September 13, 2024 at 6 P.M. PST via
WhatsApp.**