



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

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

*Mrs. Adele Swift*

Newsletter for Winter 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 in education and humanitarian needs. JADE has developed partnerships in communities within the Inland Empire, Belize City, and rural communities of Belize to provide financial assistance in education, prepare and deliver food boxes to recipients all over Belize, offer free sewing classes, and provide transportation and spiritual support.

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

It is 2022. The New Year began the way it ended – with COVID restrictions due to a sharp increase in the number of COVID cases all over the country.

In-person learning for primary and high school students resumed in mid-January. On February 19, JADE hosted a Life Skills Seminar for students in high school. Topics presented were: Self-Awareness, Budgeting, and Time Management.

Recently, there has been a steady decline in the number of COVID-related cases. The curfew was lifted on March 1, and depending on the schools, students are attending classes two to three days a week.

The women's small groups are meeting in-person on Fridays. The women shared how they continue to persevere and praise God for each new day. The constant is knowing that we have an amazing, loving God who cares about us and is in control of our lives. We can trust Him.

In January, February, and March, Margie and I delivered food to the villagers. Some are surviving regardless of their situation. AB, one of the recipients, takes care of her two-year-old daughter, a younger brother, and her bed-ridden mother. She continues to trust God and is hoping that 2022 will be a better year for the family.



AB lives with her family behind this fence.

God is good. Thanks to our donors, JADE can provide tuition assistance to 20 students (six in primary schools and 14 in high schools). Applications for the new school year, 2022-2023, are now being accepted. The donations received over the next two months will determine how many families JADE can continue to serve with food and tuition assistance.

He who is kind to the poor, lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done. Prov. 19:17 (NIV)

# WELCOME ABOARD

## **Johnnel Cole Has Joined Our Team**

I was born and raised in Southern California. While attending Sunrise Church and serving on the Praise Team, I met the Swift family. They immigrated from Belize, a country with which I was not familiar. Since Anthropology is a passion of mine, I did some research and was fascinated with the history and the various ethnicities who work so well together. As time went on, it was my honor and privilege to meet the matriarch for which the very foundation derived its name.

Having traveled the world and worked to support our country's missions, I am ready to support the vision and mission of JADE. It is my utmost duty to commit to continuous financial contributions to JADE. My next step is to visit and interact with the people served by JADE. This will afford me the opportunity to learn how JADE is operated and managed and to identify how I can better contribute to JADE's mission now and in the future. I welcome the opportunity to serve on JADE's Board of Directors.



**Thanks to Mrs. Cheryl Russell for taking on the responsibilities of JADE's Secretary. Sincere thanks to Ms. Angie Lindsey for her past two years of work as Secretary. Angie will continue to support the mission of JADE.**

## **Life Skills Seminar**

JADE hosted a Life Skills Seminar on February 19 for high school and college students. The topics presented by JADE's directors were: "Self-Awareness" by Cheryl Russell; "Budgeting" by Margie Swift; and "Time Management" by Eva Swift. In addition, students participated in team-building activities.

At the end of the day, students offered their feedback and suggestions for future events:

Tricelle: I enjoy coming to JADE. You make sure we have fun. I enjoyed the day and I thank you for helping my mother with my education bills.

Josh: Everything is perfect. I don't see anything that needs to be changed with this event.

Abigail: I would like nothing to be changed because I met new friends, and they made me feel like they are my family.



## **JADE's Food Pantry**

In 2021, JADE provided 350 food boxes to 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.

## JADE's Partnership with Hand-in-Hand



**Tanisha, Mrs. Vargas, Mr. Vargas  
Representatives from 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.



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

- financial support to 20 primary and high school students in the form of tuition payments,
- monthly food baskets 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, Gloria Swift, and Jerusha Verma	



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, July 8, 7 P.M. PST  
via WhatsApp**