

John and Adele Swift Development & Enrichment Center (JADE)
"...hard work and education will carry you through the world."

Mrs. Adele Swift

Newsletter for Winter 2023

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, package and deliver food to the homeless, offer free vocational classes, and provide transportation and spiritual support.

From JADE's President - Evadne Swift

Greetings Everyone! Happy New Year! Here in Belize, the women from the Bible study groups planned a fun-filled afternoon with food, songs, and games. We sang traditional Belizean songs and wished each other a prosperous New Year. It was indeed a great way to start 2023 with much cheerfulness and to give God thanks for His goodness and mercy toward us.

In January, we made important changes to the meeting places for Bible Study. It is now being held in Community Centers in Flowers Bank on Wednesdays and Rancho Dolores on Fridays. This works best as we only travel one round-trip per site instead of making multiple trips to transport participants, and we save money on gas.

Director Margery Swift and I met with the acting principal at the local primary school. We discussed the Mission of JADE and encouraged her to inform prospective parents of the opportunity to seek tuition assistance for high school for 2023-2024 school year.

During February and March, Margery and I met with many parents and students to share information about JADE. Some were new to the program; others reapplied for continued assistance. We are most grateful for God's blessings and the faithful donors who continue to provide money to assist in achieving JADE's Mission.

At the end of March, applications for tuition assistance were reviewed and selections made based on the budget for Education. We look forward to assisting students who would otherwise not go to high school or continue in high school without assistance from JADE.

To our dedicated donors, we cannot do what we do without your contributions: Maria Aguilar, Alda Bevans, Doris Battle, Francis Broadnax, Johnnel & Noah Cole, Alma Edison, Shirley Gray, Sally Yung and Leslie Griffin, Patricia Murphy, Gerald & Vanessa Stanton, Evadne Swift, Gloria Swift, John Swift, Mama Adele Swift, Margery Swift, Vanessa Swift, Rod Terrell, and Myrna Young.



Future Activities

- ◆Women's Tea Party will be held on May 6.
- ◆A Youth Event is planned for May 27 to wrap up activities for 2022-2023 school year.
- Graduation ceremonies are being held in June for primary schools and high schools.

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

2 Cor. 9:6

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

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.



JADE is at Work with its Partners providing:

- financial support to 24 primary and high school students in the form of tuition payments to schools,
- 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
Johnnel Cole Vice President
Cheryl Russell Secretary
Margery Swift Treasurer
Directors: Earl Allen, Alma Edison, and

Gloria Swift

You are invited



We invite missionary groups to visit us in Belize. Please visit JADE's website <u>landingessentials.org.</u> 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 now to jadeidollyMS@gmail.com or Zelle to (909)576-1180.

JADE is also accepting donations at

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JADE's next meeting, July 14, 2023, 7 P.M. PST via WhatsApp