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John and Adele Swift Development & Enrichment Center (JADE)

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

*Mrs. Adele Swift*

Newsletter for Winter-Spring 2025

### **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; provide 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**

Happy New Year. It is 2025. Time is whizzing by. Yes, it is. Seven years ago, my sisters and I returned to Bermudian Landing after being gone for over four decades. Our goal was to provide financial assistance to families who were not able to fund their children's primary and high school education. However, requests for assistance were received from around the Belize River Valley and Belize City. There were so many applications for assistance, saying NO was not an option. Soon thereafter, appeals were

received for humanitarian needs: food, financial assistance for medical needs, and transportation. So many kind-hearted people have helped us along the way.



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.

### **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 March. 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 Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Initiative (CARDI) sponsors various training programs for rural residents from March until June. These programs are administered by Mr. Marvin Blades and other instructors from the Belize Agricultural Department.



Farmers learned how to graft mangoes.

**“By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.” Gen. 3:19 NIV**



Group activities with farmers.



Women learned how to plant cassava and sweet potatoes.



Women were proud of their achievement.



Farmers from the Belize River Valley and students and teacher from the Belize Rural High School displayed their homemade preserves and jams.

Farmers are taught when and how to plant beans and corn.



Farmers are introduced to the latest machine for tilling the soil.



Trainer demonstrated how to care for the machine.

### **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 purchase a Urinalysis Machine and Strips.

### **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.

### **JADE's Partnership with the American Red Cross in the Inland Empire**

As fires raised through Southern California, JADE made a financial donation to assist those devastated by the fires.

### **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.

*"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matt 5:15*

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.** Prov. 3:5-6 NIV



#### **JADE 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,
- contributing money to the Salvation Army Transition Center and American Red Cross in Inland Empire, California
- contributing money to Kidney Association of Belize, and
- providing daily acts of kindness based on human needs.

#### **JADE's Board of Directors**

Evadne Swift	President
Angie Lindsey	Vice President
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Gloria Swift	Treasurer
Directors: Johnnel Cole, Linda Crawford, Alma Edison, Vanessa Awonsawya, and Margery Swift	

#### ***You are invited***

We invite missionary groups to visit us in Belize. Please visit JADE's website [landingessentials.org](http://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](mailto:jadeidollyMS@gmail.com) or **Zelle to** **(909)576-1180.**

#### **JADE is also accepting donations at**

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**(909) 873-9434**

**Inquiries can be sent to** [swiftsgardens@gmail.com](mailto:swiftsgardens@gmail.com) **and** [landingessentials.org](http://landingessentials.org)

**JADE's next meeting will be August 25, 2025, at 6 P.M. PST via WhatsApp**

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