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# CHARITY DINNER FOR LEARNING 2024



## LOVING ARMS FOR LIBERIA

Helping Liberian children  
grow, thrive and learn!

September 21, 2024

**Dearborn, Michigan**



# Event Agenda

Prayer & Blessing.....Mrs. Winifred Faulkner

A Moment of Silence

Introduction.....E. Martinus Whitfield

Drum Performance.....Nanou DJiapo

African Drum & Dance

Remarks from Anthony Watson

Dinner Served

GCUMC Drummers & Dancers

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Keynote Speaker

Rev. Dr. Charles S.G. Boayue Jr.



## Monthly Feeding Program at (Public) Government School

Every month our donors within the LAM (Liberian Association of Michigan) community ensure that children are feed while they are in school. Without food many have a hard time focusing on learning and we want to help alleviate that need.



# Thanks to All our Sponsors



## Letter from the Founder

It is with immense gratitude and a sense of accomplishment that I reflect on the journey of Loving Arms for Liberia. Five years ago, I founded this organization in response to a pressing need I witnessed in Liberia. Today, I am humbled to see the positive change we have brought to the lives of numerous children, young adults, and individuals in desperate circumstances.

From the very beginning, our mission has been fueled by the unwavering commitment of compassionate individuals like yourselves. Your selflessness, dedication, and generosity have played a pivotal role in making our endeavors a resounding success. Time and again, you have extended your support, whether through your precious time, financial contributions, or the provision of essential supplies. It is your kindness and the goodness of your hearts that have truly made a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Together, we have achieved remarkable milestones, but our work is far from complete. Liberia continues to face challenges, and there are still countless individuals longing for assistance, hope, and a brighter future. It is our responsibility to continue our efforts and reach out to those in need, leaving no stone unturned in our mission to bring joy, hope, and sustainable change to the lives of the less fortunate.

During my visits to Liberia, I am constantly reminded of the profound impact we have made. The joy and hope radiating from the faces of the children we support serve as a constant source of inspiration. It warms my heart to witness their resilience and determination, knowing that we have played a part in nurturing their dreams and providing them with opportunities they otherwise might not have had.

As we look ahead, I invite each and every one of you to continue standing beside Loving Arms for Liberia. Let us join hands, redouble our efforts, and work tirelessly to uplift the lives of those who depend on us. Together, we can create a brighter future, empowering individuals to overcome challenges and thrive.

Once again, I express my deepest gratitude to all of you. Your support has been invaluable, and I am truly honored to be surrounded by such compassionate souls. Let us strive forward, hand in hand, knowing that our collective impact can transform lives and communities.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Anthony  
Founder, Loving Arms for Liberia





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## Report on 15 computers received from Loving Arms Liberia

### Introduction

“Work Hard. Be a Leader. Dream BIG.”

Report on 15 computers received from Loving Arms Liberia LEAD Monrovia Football Academy (LEAD MFA) was established in 2015. LEAD MFA is the first school in Liberia to combine high-quality education with elite football training. The academy supports and nurtures all areas of our student’s development and learning—from their academic proficiency in literacy, math, arts, and science, to their social-emotional skills, leadership abilities, and health and wellness. LEAD MFA also promotes gender equality to ensure girl shave the same opportunities for success as boys.

LEAD Monrovia Football Academy’s model was designed to identify, recruit, and harness the potential of Liberia’s most talented boys and girls. There is a severe lack of opportunities for Liberian youth to develop their talents and realize their full potential. Academic achievement is historically low, organized youth sport is virtually limited, and formal employment is 15%. As a result, youth are disenfranchised, and economic opportunities are limited. We aim to fill this opportunity gap by creating academic and athletic spaces in which Liberia’s most dynamic young people can thrive. LEAD MFA is working to change these narratives by empowering Liberia’s future leaders through all of its core programs.



### Blind Camp Construction

This year we were able to help the Blind Camp again with mattresses and food. We were also able to contribute to the rehabilitation of one of the resident’s homes.



## Monthly Feeding of the Blind Camp



**“Work Hard. Be a Leader. Dream BIG.”**

### Project and Impact

LEAD MFA received a total of 15 Lenovo laptops from the Loving Arms for Liberia Organization. We immediately decided to pilot a computer literacy program at our school. We had one of our teachers teach grades 7-11 every school day for forty- five minutes. This donation has contributed to enhancing computer literacy for students and leverage technology to improve educational outcomes. The pilot program taught us that there is a need to have a computer literacy program to ensure our students are adequately prepared with the relevant skills to transition from university to the workforce. As a result of this, we are working to expand the computer literacy program and develop a more robust curriculum for our students to be prepared for their digital future.

We remain grateful to the Loving Arms for Liberia Organization for its general support to improve access to computer literacy education for our student-athletes and we look forward to continuing our partnership.

Sona Traore

Sesay Executive Director





## REACH - Rescue for Abandoned & Children in Hardship

This year Loving Arms for Liberia partnered with REACH and created a Thursday feeding program.

This added an additional day to REACH's weekly feeding program.

Each week we are able to feed about 500 children in hardship. Special thanks to our volunteer, , without whom this would not be possible.



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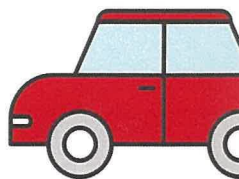
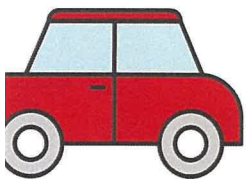
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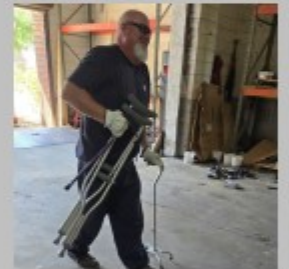


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## LAFL Donations shipped to Liberia

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