

## LA CASE DES ENFANTS



*The Children Of Africa has opened a shelter for orphaned, abandoned children in order to provide them with a family environment.*

The children's shelter, la Case des enfants is located in the heart of Abidjan in the district of Plateau. For 20 years now the shelter has been receiving children (girls and boys), orphans, abandoned children, street children, or children from poor families, without ethnic or religious consideration.

The shelter also provides food, accommodation, supervision, education, training and healthcare to the residents.

Its main objective is to restore dignity to those children who have experienced hardship life from an early age, by giving them the opportunity to reintegrate the society and a family.

## ABOUT US



At the initiative of a group of friends who wanted to help street children, La Case des Enfants opened its doors in 1994 in Abidjan. It has been taken over since 1998 by the Children of Africa Foundation chaired by Mrs Dominique Ouattara, who is the current First Lady of Côte d'Ivoire since 2011.

The shelter takes care of street children, orphans, abandoned and poor children or children engaged into exploitation aged 6 to 18 years. Since 2009, the shelter has started receiving young girls instead of boys only as previously.

With a capacity of 60 beds, the center offers to children the opportunity to go to school and open their minds to art, computer science, sports etc through a range of activities that are being organized. In addition, psychological support through listening session is provided to help the children gain confidence and appreciate life again. One of its objectives is to also ensure that children are reintegrated into their family. In view of that, the shelter has put in place a three year follow-up program to consolidate children's reintegration. This social and academic support gives them the tools to move towards a better future.

## THE SHELTER HAS

60

little young residents

1,000

children who have benefited from the services provided by the shelter for 20 years

an academic success rate of

95%



[fondation.childrenofafrica@yahoo.fr](mailto:fondation.childrenofafrica@yahoo.fr) - [www.childrenofafrica.org](http://www.childrenofafrica.org)

Téléphone : +225 22 44 42 66 - 08 BP 1353 Abidjan 01 - Rue Brooker Washington Cocody Ambassades - Côte d'Ivoire



## LA CASE DES ENFANTS

THE CHILDREN OF AFRICA FOUNDATION'S SHELTER FOR ORPHANS AND UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN



KANTT



# LA CASE DES ENFANTS, AN IDEAL PLACE TO MAKE CHILDREN HAPPY



## OUR MANAGEMENT TEAM

It's a permanent team of 10 people who supervises the children 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. The management team is composed of a director, specialized educators, a social worker, cooks, guards and a pediatrician who comes regularly for check ups. We also receive support from many volunteers on a regular basis and from the sisters of the congregation of Our Lady of Peace.

## REGULAR FOLLOW UP OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SITUATION

Children are also provided with a free healthcare service at the children's Hospital in Bingerville. They are subject to medical checks and vaccinations.



## THE BUILDINGS

La Case des Enfants is a shelter equipped with several buildings for different activities : a dining room, dormitories for girls and boys, a library, a large courtyard, and the administration building...



*Efforts are being made to ensure that every child attends school nearby. They are also monitored after school by educators who ensure that their schooling takes place in the best conditions and that the children have been diligently following each course.*

In addition, the Children's Shelter has an important vocational training and apprenticeship programme that aims to provide children with a job once they leave the Shelter. These are sewing and market gardening programme and computer training.



## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

## AN OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC SUCCESS

This is one of the moments we are proud of: every year, almost all the children move into higher grades. In order to encourage them, award ceremonies are held to reward the best students, but also to reward the efforts that children have made throughout the school year.

## ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL LIFE

manual work activities, recreational excursions (zoo, swimming pool, handicraft centre, etc...) and seaside summer camps were organized for the children. Some of them also successfully participated in the nanbudo competition, a Japanese martial art. And one of the athletes has won several gold and silver medals in national and international competitions. From the library activities, to manual work and computer science activities and leisures enable children to open up to the world.



Kim KARDASHIAN



Gary DOURDAN



Alain DELON



Mamadou SAKHO



Fally IPUPA



Youssou N'DOUR



Adriana KAREMBEU

## VISITS FROM CELEBRITIES

In Abidjan, the shelter has become for celebrities the most important place to visit . Whenever they come they spend some moments with the children. They also come to encourage the remarkable work of our team and the Children of Africa Foundation.

- Princess LALLA SALMA - Princess IRA DE FURSTENBERG  
Ms Carla BRUNI-SARKOZY- Ms Catherine DENEUVE  
Ms Juliette BINOCHE - Ms Murielle AHOURÉ - Ms Karine SILLA-PEREZ  
Ms Daniela LUMBROSO - Mr. Copa BARRY  
Mr. Djimon HOUNSOU - Mr. Franck DUBOSC - Ms Claudia TAGBO



Keri HILSON



Yaya TOURÉ



Jamel DEBBOUZE

Kopa BARRY