

# ACHI FUNDING APPLICATION

## Application Information

1. Date of Application: August 3, 2017
2. Name of organization for which funding is requested: ACHI - African Community Health Initiative
3. Address of Organization: 2318 Kings Circle, Woodbury, MN 55125
4. Email address: queenobasi@achionline.org; qobasi@yahoo.com
5. Name of Applicant on behalf of organization: Queen Obasi

### 6. About the organization:

ACHI is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that seeks to support and improve the health and health care that is delivered in rural areas of Nigeria.

### 7. Mission

ACHI hopes to provide basic health care services to those who lack access to basic health care in rural areas of Nigeria. These services include: \*Health Assessments \*Medication Management and Maintenance programs \*Health Education that addresses disease prevention, hygiene and nutrition \*Disease Management \*Consultations and referrals \*Nutritional Support

### 8. Organization Overview:

Queen Obasi, originally from Nigeria, is a nurse in St. Paul, MN. Together with other St. Paul nurses, her husband, Cyprian Obasi, and concerned friends, she has started this organization in hopes of providing quality health care to communities in Nigeria that lack access to basic health services.

Health education and training has been the primary objective, including testing fasting glucose, blood

pressure of elderly people, and providing necessary de-worming treatment for children from 5 years

up. The organization also embarks on monthly maintenance program to assist the individuals living with diabetes and hypertension, who could not afford their medications and medical supplies in managing their conditions, by making medications and supplies available to them year round.

9. Who will be in charge of project & email address: Queen Obasi, queenobasi@achionline.org

10. Location of Project: Amakohia Village and Resource Center in Imo State

10. Estimated time of completion: The project will run for 3 weeks in the month of November 2017

## **The Project**

Amount requested: \$7,042.80

Currently ACHI serves: 3 villages in Imo State in Eastern Nigeria: Avutu (Obowo), Umugolo (Ehime Mbanjo), and Amakohia (Imo State). Each community is home to approximately four to five thousand, and out of this number, ACHI has about 10% of the adult population on its chronic disease management program. The outreach to these 3 villages is supported by sponsors from the Nigerian diaspora community in the US and donations from those donors listed below.

THIS YEAR: We are looking for financial assistance in conducting the two days medical outreach at Amakohia. We are only able to fund one day of outreach at this village. The decrease in the number of villages from 7 to 3 is due to financial hardship being experienced by the previous sponsors. Even though these villages are no longer sponsored, they still have access to the program by traveling long

distances to get to the Resource center in Amakohia. This increases the number of people being screened at the Resource Center by almost 300 to 450, and sometimes deprives these additional people of their chance to receive help since it is based on first come, first serve. Therefore, our goal this year is to increase the number of people screened and treated at the Resource Center. (By the way, it is because of grants from FON that we have this Resource Center!)

Screening of 300-450 additional people at the Resource Center

## **COSTS:**

1. Medications purchased from Blessings, International for diabetes, Hypertension, Intestinal Worm, Vitamins, antibiotics for kids, pain

Medication, eye drops, asthma medications \$5,542.80 \*See Meds List attached

2. Laboratory supplies: Glucose, test strips, HIV, A1C test supply Malaria rapid test, typhoid, H-pylori 700.00

3. Transportation of volunteers 200.00

4. Feeding of volunteers 300.00

5. Stipend for volunteers: 7 Doctors and 10 nurses 250.00

6. Feeding of the patients' breakfast & hot cocoa (they need to fast for blood glucose tests) 150.00

TOTAL \$7,142.80

In-Kind DONATIONS for fall, 2017 medical mission

- Dressing supplies from Americares
- Medications from Catholic Medical Mission Board
- Tooth paste and brushes from Patterson Dental Services
- Cash DONATIONS for fall 2017 medical mission.

Avutu village sponsorship: Father Gerald Onuoha and Pascal Nwokocha have sponsored this community every year. Unfortunately, last year we lost Fr. Gerald Onuoha to Cancer. During his last day on earth he asked the Nwokocha family to make sure the mission at Avutu continues. In response

to this request, the family are going to continue the sponsorship, and are also setting up a foundation

in Father Onuoha's name to help sustain the program at Avutu: 3 days with budget of \$24,300.

Umugolo in Mbano: Cyprian & Queen Obasi are sponsoring this village for 2 days and 1 day of Amakohia as well as payment for Airline Tickets and continuing work at the Resource Center.

\$31,500.

## **PAST DONORS**

for 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 Medical Missions:

Catholic Medical Mission Boad New York: Medications and Medical supplies: \$143,000.

AmeriCares: Medications and medical supplies: 40,000.

Hope for the City: Minnesota: Medical equipment: 65,000.

Allina Health Care System: Ambulance and medical supplies: 35,000.

Friends and Family: Total Cash Donation: 35,000

Christ Episcopal Church Woodbury: 5,400

Friends of Nigeria:  $\$5,400 + \$3,000 + \$5,004 + \$5,000 = \$13,404$