

Our **Special Advent Offerings** this season will all be committed to support the work of the [Abdul Miracle Disabled Children's Foundation](#) (AMDCF), which provides school fees and support to disabled children in Sierra Leone. \$150 pays for a whole year's tuition; \$50 for one trimester; \$25 for much-needed administrative support. There will be a form in the weekly bulletins that suggest how to donate.

Are you familiar with the story of AMDCF & how it came to be?

If not, here's a short refresher: Several years ago our own Sahr and Abdul Moiwa were involved in a terrible car crash. This awful event also left Abdul with physical challenges that he is conquering today with the love and support of his friends, family, church family and the generally supportive laws and culture around disability here in California. Sahr wanted find a way to give thanks to God for the miracle that saved his son and himself and was moved to help disabled children in his native Sierra Leone.

The 1991-2002 civil war in Sierra Leone displaced 2.5 million people. According to the World Bank, the country ranks at 181 of 197 on a measure of Gross National Income per Capita, with the average resident living on one dollar and seventy three cents per day to cover basic needs such as food and shelter. In such a difficult environment, there is little to nothing left for supporting the needs of disabled children. This is how the Abdul Miracle Disabled Children's Foundation was born.

Campbell UMC's [Church In Action](#) committee is partnering with AMDCF in this goal. For the next 4 weeks, this will be the sole focus of our special Advent giving.

AMDCF has a broad charter and we are making a difference in many ways. However, the focus for Advent is our program which is currently sending 60 disabled kids to school supplying the tuition, uniforms, and whatever other support is needed to make a child successful in school. The total cost to do this for one child is \$50 US dollars per trimester or \$150 per year. Costs for the first trimester of this school year for all children are covered, but additional funding is needed to cover later trimesters and get a start on funding for next year and/or grow the number of children helped.

Gifts to AMDCF is what your church is inviting you to do this Christmas, alongside your gifts to your own family and friends. For \$150, you can send a disabled child in Sierra Leone to school for a full year. For \$50, a full trimester, a third of a year. Smaller gifts are valuable too, as you will see on your bulletin insert. If you are interested in the stories of the children AMDCF is helping, there will be photos and short biographies (attached) of each of the 60 kids, available in the Narthex each Sunday of Advent. Please take one home with you and leave it out where you are likely to see it again during the week. You can bring a check made out to AMDCF to church on any of the Sundays in Advent, or you can give in any of the other ways described on the sheet in your bulletin.

It is hoped that with our Christmas gifts, we can make sure that all 60 of these kids know that they have a full year of school ahead of them. Thank you so much!

Mohamed Lamin Bangura



SCHOOL: Mubashirin Primary School, Hastings

AGE: 10 Years

CAUSE OF DISABILITY: Badly prescribed and applied injection led to his disability (POLIO PATIENT)

OCCUPATION OF PARENT: Stone breaking ,she physically break stone with her bare hands and sell them as the main economic activity for survival to up keep her eight siblings together with the client-Mohamed Lamin Bangura (Her Son)

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

Full scholarship for one year and payment of all school charges

Provision of learning materials

One time medical assistance

One lunch and transportation allowance

What I want to be in the future:

I would like to be a medical doctor

Rugiatu Kamara



SCHOOL: War Wounded Academy, Grafton

AGE: 17 years

CAUSE OF DISABILITY: Wrong injection giving to her at her early childhood and with some Natural and environmental causes led to her disability

OCCUPATION OF PARENT OR CAREGIVER: Unemployed

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

One full year funded school scholarship

Payment of all school charges

Provision of school learning materials

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Access to assistive devices like crutches

Continuation of more learning materials

Growing relationship with AMDCF

Basic life support like food, hygiene and some clothing

Little or less medical support

What I want to be in the future:

I want to become one of the first disabled female as a medical director

Mary Conteh



SCHOOL: War Wounded Academy, Grafton

AGE: 16 Years

CAUSE OF DISABILITY: Birth defect ,Natural cause led to her disability

OCCUPATION OF PARENT/CAREGIVER: Stone(Rock) breaking,They break rock into granite and sell them as primary economic activity

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

One full year funded scholarship

Provision of learning materials

School supplies

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Help with assistive devices crouches

Help with livelihood

Continuation of the scholarship to university level

Provision of more basic social amenities

Transportation and lunch assistance

What I want to be in the future:

A nurse

Abu Bakarr Kargbo



SCHOOL: War Wounded Academy, Grafton

AGE: 14 Years ADDRESS: PVA Grafton

CAUSE OF DISABILITY: Disease, A virus in the blood led to his disability

OCCUPATION OF PARENT/CAREGIVER: Matron who is also physically challenged

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

One year fully funded scholarship

Payment of all school charges

Provision of learning materials

I need AMDCF to help me with the following:

Continuation of the scholarship till I finish my education

Provision of basic necessities like food and medical facilities

Help with assistive devices like crouches

Shelter and protection against discrimination as they have done it one time

What I want to be in the future:

I want to be a voice for the voiceless

Moses Kamara



NAME: Moses Kamara

SCHOOL: Maria Primary School, Grafton

AGE: 9 Years

CAUSE OF DISABILITY: Natural cause through birth led to his disability

OCCUPATION OF PARENT/CAREGIVER: Matron and also physically challenged

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

One year fully funded scholarship

Payment of all school charges for all year

Provision of learning materials

I need the following from AMDCF:

Continuation of the scholarship to enable me progress through education

Help me with more learning opportunities

Medical assistance

Life support assistance

Little or better shelter

What I want to be in the future:

I want to become a engineer

Idrissa Simeon Kamara



SCHOOL: Maria Primary School, Grafton

AGE: 8 Years

CAUSE OF DISABILITY: Natural cause through birth

OCCUPATION OF PARENT/CAREGIVER: Matron and also physically challenged

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

Fully sponsored one year tuition fee

Payment of all school charges

Provision of learning materials

School uniforms ,school bags

Constraints facing the client:

Inadequate school materials and constraints for livelihood

Discrimination and bullying

Poor clothing and shelter

What I want to be in the future:

Want to be a scientist

Sento Kamara



SCHOOL: Maria Primary School, Grafton

AGE: 9 Years

CAUSE OF DISABILITY: Natural cause through birth

OCCUPATION OF PARENT/CAREGIVER: Matron of the home also a disabled

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

One year fully funded school fees (tuition)

One year fully funded school charges

Provision of learning materials

School uniforms ,school bag books ,pens and pencils

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Provision of assistive devices like crouches

Help with continuation of school charges and tuition

Provision of basic necessities

Assistive device

What I want to be in the future:

It depends on the life a pastor

Tejan Kanu



School: Nissi primary school, Waterloo

Age: 13 years

Cause of disability: Physical abuse from an aunt led to right foot fracture

Occupation: single mother unemployed

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

One year fully funded school fees (tuition)

One year fully funded school charges

Provision of learning materials

School uniforms ,school bag books ,pens and pencils

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Provision of assistive devices like crouches

Help with continuation of school charges and tuition

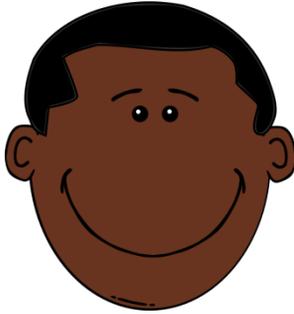
Provision of basic necessities

Assistive devices

What I want to be in the future:

Want to be a medical director

Ibrahim Koroma



School: Divine Grace Sec, School

Age: 14 YEARS

Cause of disability: Natural through birth

Caregiver Occupation: Farmer

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

One year fully funded scholarship

Full payment of one year school charges

Provision of school charges School uniforms ,school bag books ,pens and pencils

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Continuation of the scholarship

Provision of crouches and other assistive devices

Help with livelihood and other basic necessities of life

School uniforms ,school bag books ,pens and pencils

What I want to be in the future:

Work for disabled people around the world

Lamin Kabia



School: Holy Way Senior Secondary School

Age: 16 Years

Cause of disability: ill-health led to his disability

Caregiver Occupation: unemployed

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

One year fully funded scholarship (fully tuition)

Full payment of all school charges

Provision of learning materials

School uniforms ,school bag books ,pens and pencils

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Provision of more learning opportunities

Access to basic social amenities

To advocate for me so that I will not be discriminated in school and in my community

What I want to be in the future:

I want to help change the law for disabled people in Sierra Leone

Mohamed A. Turay



School: finding school

Age: 22 years

Cause of disability: disease during childhood that led to cancer

Occupation of caregiver: Herbalist

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

One full year scholarship (tuition)

Provision of learning materials

Full payment of school charges

School uniforms ,school bag books ,pens and pencils

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

To continue to support my education till I finish my university

To help me with learning material

Help with food

To help me with assistive devices like crouches to aid my movement to and from school

Transportation assistance

What I want to be in the future:

President

Fatmata Kalokoh



School: SDA Secondary School, Waterloo

Age: 15 Years

Cause of disability: Sickness during childhood led to her disability

Caregiver Occupation: Trader

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

One full year scholarship (tuition)

Provision of learning materials

Full payment of school charges

School uniforms ,school bag books ,pens and pencils

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Continuation of more learning materials

Growing relationship with AMDCF

Basic life support like food, hygines and some clothing

Little or less medical support

What I want to be in the future:

I want to become a teacher

Sahr Johnson



Age: 13 years

School: Waterloo Orthodox Christian primary school

Cause of disability: Natural causes through birth, Sahr was born with his disability

Occupation of parent: Petty Trader

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

Fully sponsored one year scholarship

Complete school charges

Provision of learning materials

School uniforms, school bag, books, pens and pencils

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Good wheel chair to take me to and from school

More learning materials

Provision of medical attention because I have been now told of a neuro defect

Who I want to be in the future:

Whoever God wants me to be

Gbassay Koroma



Age: 19 years

School: Lorenzo secondary school, Waterloo

Cause of disability: Car Accident

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

Fully funded one year tuition

Payment of all school charges

Provision of learning materials

School uniforms, school bag, books, pens and pencils

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Help me with assistive devices like crutches

Help with continuation of learning opportunities because my parents are poor

Help with medical facilities

To provide me with basic necessities of life.

Who I want to be in the future:

I want to work with United Nation

Emma Sankoh



Age: 9 years
School: Evangelical Primary School, Waterloo
Cause of disability: natural causes through birth
Caregiver Occupation: Trader

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

Fully one year funded scholarship
Provision of learning materials
Full payment of tuition
School uniforms ,school bag books ,pens and pencils

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Wheel chair; I use stick as my assistive device because my parents cannot have access to wheel chair
I need continuation of scholarship
Provision of more learning materials
Help me with access to medical facilities

Who I want to be in the future:

Pastor

Kinnie Bockarie Alieu



Age: 12 years
School: Christ Evangelical Primary School, Newton
CAUSE OF DISABILITY: Illness through poor nutrition led to his disability
Caregiver Occupation: gardener

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

One full year funded scholarship
Provision of learning materials
Full payment of school charges
School uniforms ,school bag books ,pens and pencils

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Help to heal my disability
Provide me with access to better learning opportunities
Enable me access to medical facilities
Provide me with assistive devices
Help me achieve in my life

Who I want to be in the future:

Serve God

Andrew T. Conteh



Age: 22 years
School: Amadiyyah Senior Secondary School, Newton
Cause of disability: Natural through birth

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

One fully funded school fees (tuition)
Payment of school charges
Provision of learning materials
School uniforms ,school bag books ,pens and pencils

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Assistive devices like crouches
Provision of learning materials
Access to continuation of scholarship
Help me with more learning materials

Who I want to be in the future:

Scientist

Mohamed J. Kamara



Age: 17 years
School: Amadiyya Senior Secondary School, Newton
CAUSE OF DISABILITY: Illness

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

One year fully funded scholarship
Payment of all school charges for one year
Provisioning of learning materials
School uniforms ,school bag books ,pens and pencils

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Access to assistive devices to help me walk properly
Help me with access to learning materials
Help me with more learning opportunities
Continuation School uniforms ,school bag books ,pens and pencils
of scholarship

Who I want to be in the future:

Teacher

Isha Koroma



Age: 17 years

School: Amadiyya Senior Secondary School, Newton

CAUSE OF DISABILITY: Natural through birth

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

One year fully funded scholarship

Payment of all school charges for one year

Provisioning of learning materials

School uniforms ,school bag books ,pens and pencils

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Access to assistive devices to help me walk properly

Help me with access to learning materials

Help me with more learning opportunities

Continuation School uniforms ,school bag books ,pens and pencils of scholarship

Momodu Kamara



School: SALINE HIGH SCHOOL

CAUSE OF DISABILITY: Momodu disability came from natural birth

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

Have offer scholarship for two full year, including payments of all school charges

Have giving a lots of learning materials like books, pens , calculator, school bags shoe for school and uniforms.

Have offer me one time medicale assistance when I was seriously sick

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Continuation of scholarship ,as that has been great help for me and my family

Provision of more learning materials

Support of basic necessities

Support through my university level

Assistance with a crutch

Who I want to be in the future:

I would like to be able to work for the voiceless

Dorian Samu



School: The Milton Margai School for the Blind

Cause of disability: Dorian was 4 years old when he was involved in a severe car accident, where a glass particle of that car damaged his eyes and since then things kept getting worse and finally became blind

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

Have offered scholarship for full year, including payment of all school charges
Have given a lot of learning materials like books, pens, calculator, school bags, shoes for school and uniforms.

Have offered me one time medical assistance when I was seriously sick

Have offered me one time lunch and transportation allowance

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Continuation of scholarship, as that has been great help for me and my family

Provision of more learning materials

Support of basic necessities

Support through my university level

Who I want to be in the future:

I would like to be a lawyer

Ibrahim S. Dumbuya



School: Government Model Senior Secondary School

Cause of disability: Traditional explanations due to grievances from step mother. His disability started since childhood and was unable to get cured.

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

Provision of fully funded scholarship

Provision of learning materials

Payment of all school charges

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Continuation of scholarship to enable me become educated

Help with livelihood support

Provision of more learning opportunities

Help me with assistive devices

Emmanuel Kamanda



School attending: Municipal Secondary School

Cause of disability: Emmanuel disability came from a car accident emmanuel left home for school but as usual he was walking when a public transportation ran into him smahing his foot, since then AMDCF team started following him through his hospital stay and to now that we added him to our beneficiaries.

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

Have offer scholarship for a full year ,including payments of all school charges

Have giving a lots of learning materials like books, pens ,calculator, school bags shoe for school and uniforms.

Have paid Emmanuel's entire medical bill while he was in the hospital, where he was amputated

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Continuation of scholarship, as that has been great help for me and my family

Provision of more learning materials

Support of basic necessities

Support through my university level

Assistance with a crutch

Who I want to be in the future:

I would like to be a judge

Mariama Kamason



School: Milton Margai School for the Blind

Cause of disability: Natural blindness led to permanent disability

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

One year fully funded scholarship

Provision of learning materials

Payments of all school charges

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Provision of more learning materials

Help with access to medical facilities

Exposure to more learning opportunities

Help with growth and development of my disability

Who I want to be in the future:

I am aspiring to become a great personality in the world. I believe the foundation can help me achieve that.

Yayah Kamara



School: Amaraya Junior Secondary School, Mountain Cut
Cause of disability: Elephantiasis, this form of disability is so common in Sierra Leone especially in the provincial areas.

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

One year fully funded scholarship
Payment of all school charges
Provision of learning materials

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Help with medical facilities to heal my disability
Access to more and continued scholarship
Provision of livelihood support
Help with general growth and development

Tejan Kanu



School: Nissi primary school, Waterloo

Age: 13 years

Cause of disability: Physical abuse from an aunt led to right foot fracture, Tejan was constantly beating by aunty some time throwing to the floor, mom was very sick and off course mom did not have nothing for care for herself, so she was forced to send him to his aunty to take care of him.

Client Occupation: single mother unemployed

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

One year fully funded scholarship
Full payment of one year school charges
Provision of school charges
Most of all AMDCF have giving me hope and assured me of a greater future

Who I want to be in the future:

I want to be a lawyer to stop all abuse to the disabled

Possible M. Kargbo



School: Prince of Wales Secondary School, Kingtom
CAUSE OF DISABILITY: Natural blindness

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

Fully funded one year tuition fee
Provision of learning materials
Payment of all school charges

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Provision of assistive devices to aid me more
Access to medical provision
Provision of more learning opportunities

Who I want to be in the future:

I am inspiring to becoming a lawyer so as to fight against injustice and promoting Human Rights

Issa Kamara



School: Amaraya Primary School
Cause of Disability: Speech disability and loss of balance since during birth

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

One year fully funded scholarship
Payment of all school charges
Provision of learning materials

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Provision of learning opportunities
Continuation of the scholarship to enable me become educated
Provide me with access to basic necessities
Access to assistive devices

Zainab Kargbo



School: Freetown Secondary School for Girls (FSSG)

CAUSE OF DISABILITY: Natural cause through birth. She has difficulty working and maintaining balance.

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

One fully funded scholarship
Full payment of all school charges
Provision of learning materials

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Provision of continued scholarship
Access to more learning opportunities
help with medical provisioning

Who I want to be in the future:

I am aspiring to become a medical practitioner to help provide medical support to persons with disability and others.

Tamba M. Koroma



School: Tower Hill Christian Center Academy, Banga Farm, Goderich

CAUSE OF DISABILITY: Deformity due to poor hygiene and ill applied injection during infancy. As a result of continued poor medical facilities and the parent cannot afford to some extent, the boy became disabled.

How I have benefited from AMDCF:

I have benefited from the foundation one fully funded scholarship
Full payment of all school charges
Provision of learning materials

I need the following from AMDCF to enable me succeed in my education:

Continuation of the scholarship so I will be educated
Provision of more learning materials
Provision of assistive device like crutches
Help with livelihood support
Help with access to medical facilities