

We're dedicating this issue to the unique opportunities your donations create in Liberia. Each of these programs relates to our greater goals of education and economic development while considering the individuality of the various groups we work with. We're all inspired to be change-makers in our own way and these programs reflect your desire to offer impactful programs— big and small—that energize Liberians, speak to their passion and capitalize on their talents.

Thank you for inspiring us, Landis and Kent Jr

# Strive Gives Every Child a Chance to Read



The team at Strive, UOF's community center, is working hard to ensure no child gets left behind when it comes to reading. To do this, they offer a 3 hour morning reading program, for any child keen to learn to read but can't attend school. Read more...

## An Opportunity to Give

We've recently been introduced to four deaf children who are incredibly keen to go to school. The Bomi School for the Deaf in Liberia has places for them to start this September, and with your help, they'll be able to attend.

\$40/month for this educational opportunity

#### **Sponsor a Student**

## Horizons are Expanding Thanks to Surfing



Every communities path to economic progress varies in form and scope. In the coastal community of Robertsport, the waves serve as a valuable asset, and surfing is rising to the top of their economic development strategy. This communities desire for new income sources is just the beginning of this story, with even more promising opportunities ahead. Read more...

### Earning While Learning



Melvina's customers appreciate the improvements at her cook shop business thanks to the business start-up program.

Watch this video on Melvina.



Meet Bea from our business start-up program and learn how her business is evolving thanks to our business start-up program.

Watch this video on Bea.

# Scholar Adds Her Style to Liberian Fashion



Jerryline Togba is mad about fashion. When she finished school, she was given the chance to attend a tailoring program at the Salvation Army Polytechnic thanks to UOF's Bright Stars Scholarship Program. Read more...

## Youth Press Club Packs a Punch



Every weekend a group of chatty teenagers make their way up to the top floor of Universal Outreach's head office in Liberia. They drape themselves over their chairs, gazing nonchalantly at the neighbourhood's tin-roofed houses, listening to one of their peers share a story from the past week. One would mistake this meeting for a casual affair, but don't be fooled by their highly refined languid posturing; these aspiring journalists are listening intently.

When the story is done, friendly yet incisive critiques are lobbed around the table, mediated by their journalism coach from the local authority on press clubs, Youth Media Action. After witnessing a feedback session, my ego decided it was best I let one of the press club members write this story themselves, so without further ado, I hand this over to one of the future journalists born from this impactful program. Read their story here.

#### Music School Elevates Lives



The music school at Universal Outreach's community centre, has a teacher hitting just the right notes. Jarry Blie, the founder of the music school, is passionate about music — he's been composing music and playing piano since he was five — and loves to share this passion. "Music is very important because it has a way of helping people lead a balanced lifestyle. Music can affect your life when it comes to commitment, determination, and living with passion," he said. "Even though I am teaching music, I am also teaching people to be confident, courageous, and adaptable." Read more here

## **Impact Podcast**

We were thrilled to have the chance to talk with Nigel Bennett about the Universal Outreach Community and how your generosity continues to inspire us.

Listen to the podcast.



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