

God's House International, Inc.

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"Bridging medical, cultural, social and economical gaps at home and abroad."

God's House International, Inc. was started in 2000 by Yvonne Washington-Turay who is a Family Nurse Practitioner and has been working in the medical field for over 20 years. God's House International, Inc. is a vanguard for health consciousness. Currently, we focus strongly on the issues of homelessness, health promotion and disease prevention including HIV/AIDS. We act to decrease the incidence of health disparities that exist, primarily among people of color.

We are in the process of completing construction of a free clinic in Freetown, Sierra Leone where we provide free out-patient care to the locals. Please browse the website to find out more about what we do.

Thus far, God's House has done and continues to do the following in order to carry out its mission:

1. Provide medical care, food and clothing to Sierra Leonean refugees living in Gambia, Guinea, and Senegal.
2. Provide medical care, food and clothing to native Sierra Leoneans in the City of Freetown.
3. Provide medical care, food and clothing to native Sierra Leoneans in the villages of Rykupr, and Gbendembu.
4. Provide medical care, food and clothing to the homeless in St. Thomas, USVI
5. Provide home care to the elderly living in St. Thomas, USVI.
6. Provide health education to individuals and the community at large in St. Thomas, USVI and abroad.
7. Construction of God's House International clinic in Freetown, Sierra Leone:
This facility is an outpatient, basic medical treatment facility with housing units to accommodate the transient workers who will assist with the care in the clinic. We will also continue to provide services to those living in the villages of Rykupr and Gbendembu. The third level of the building has been completed and we are currently fundraising to put the final touches on the clinic including some doors and windows. This facility was designed by Kandeh Turay. You can visit our web site at www.GodsHouseInternational.org to see photos and updates about the God's House clinic.

During 2006 God's House International accomplished the following:

Events in St. Thomas, USVI:

- National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day outreach March 18, 2006
- Bake Sale Fundraiser – April 2006
- "Raise the Roof" fundraiser to obtain funds for the clinic roof construction – May 15-June 9 2006
- Booth at Virgin Islands Music Health Expo held at Tutu Park Mall – July 2006
- One Night without a Home – October 20, 2006
- Faces of Homelessness St. Thomas – November 12, 2006
- National Homeless Person's Memorial Day – December 21, 2006
- Christmas in St. Thomas Homeless Outreach – December 24, 2006
- Sponsored several community feedings – Freetown, Sierra Leone

Speaking engagements (all engagements in St. Thomas, USVI except where noted otherwise):

- Universal Unitarian Church, St. John, USVI to talk about God's House International mission– Late December 2005—Discussed God's House International Inc. Freetown Mission.
- Radio interview for Radio National HIV Awareness Day – February 2006
- Black Church week of Prayer March 11, 2006
- Addie Ottley Show Community Diabetes Education – May 3, 2006
- Afromerique Hair School to talk about health awareness and HIV/AIDS in the beauty industry – Freetown, Sierra Leone – May 19, 2006
- Bertha C. Boshulte School– July 2006
- Senior Citizens Wellness Seminar, "Aging Gracefully", St. John, USVI – September 28, 2006

It is the goal of the organization to continue to provide no cost medical care and assistance with medical supplies for locals who can not afford such.