

HOUSE OF CARING SIERRA LEONE

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Message from the Editor

Since our last publication, House of caring Sierra Leone (HOCSL) has been engaged in many exciting activities aimed at strengthening the organization. One of the major initiatives is the ongoing work on the Transition Plan that was featured in our last newsletter. The Transition Committee is focused on developing a suitable plan to support HOCSL boys when they leave the home at the age of eighteen and re-enter the wider community to fend for themselves. We received input from our alumni and were guided by the policies set by the Ministry of Gender and Children's Affairs. This exercise is work in progress. As we continue to develop the plan, we hope to get valuable input from the Local Advisory Committee who are our "eyes and ears" on the ground and do valuable work for the home in Sierra Leone.

In this issue, we feature Mr. Musa (Mandima) Bangura, one of our valued patrons who has provided pro bono services to HOCSL over the years. Mr. Bangura is a lawyer by profession and an information technology guru by inspiration. He has helped the organization in its public relations (PR) efforts by designing promotional materials over the years. We appreciate his commitment to the organization.

We are thrilled with the boys' overall performance at the end of the school year, particularly two of them who passed the National Primary School Examination (NPSE) and gained entrance into the Methodist Boys High School (MBHS) for their secondary education. They are Musa Turay and Sulaiman Sheriff. There are now three boys at the MBHS. Having all of them at the same school eases some of the transportation and other logistical challenges. Congratulations to the students! We look forward to seeing them adjust to their new academic environment.

In August, HOCSL Board held a retreat to discuss a proposed endowment fund for the organization. A draft of the instruments relating to an Endowment Fund was reviewed, discussed and approved. Additional details on the Endowment will be shared in the next Quarterly Newsletter

The House of Caring Sierra Leone is preparing for the Annual Virtual Fundraiser on November 22, 2026. This is an opportunity to learn more about its activities and get insights into its development. As we broaden the scope of HOCSL we hope everyone will remain vested and continue to support the organization. There are wonderful days ahead for the community. We will send out flyers soon. Please join us on November 22, 2026!

Marion Richards
Editor

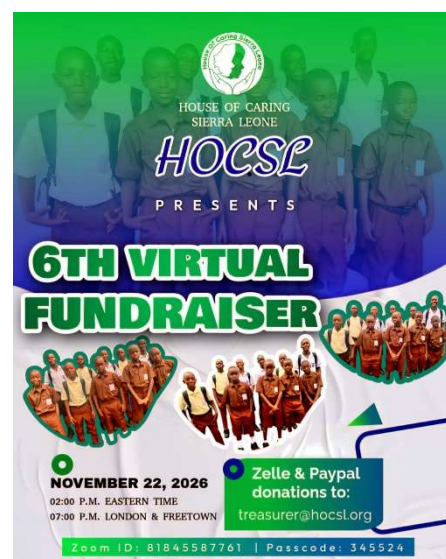
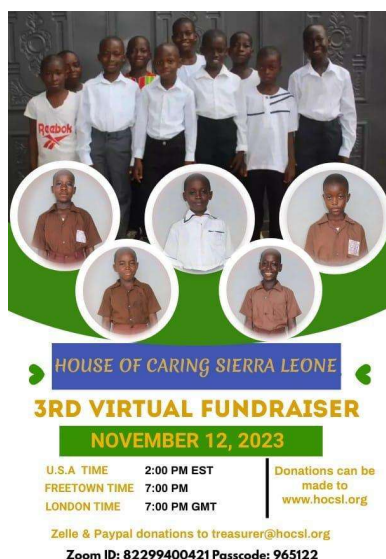
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Meet Mr. Musa Bangura

Mr. Musa (Mandima) Bangura is one of our patrons who has provided pro bono services to the House of Caring Sierra Leone (HOCSL) over the last 5 years by creating the flyers for our annual November Virtual Fundraisers. Even though he is a U.S. attorney, who practices child welfare and immigration law in California, he enjoys using his passion for graphic design to support the tremendous work that HOCSL does for the youth in Sierra Leone. Musa graduated from Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, in 2003, after attending the Prince of Wales Secondary School and The Sierra Leone Grammar School. He taught English

Language, English Literature, and History at the Sierra Leone Grammar School before moving to England, where he studied law at Coventry University, and later trained at Oxford University, U.K to be a solicitor in the United Kingdom. Musa currently lives in California where he has his own law firm, Bangura Law Practice. In his leisure time he enjoys doing graphic designs and continues to support the mission of HOCSL by designing the annual Virtual Fundraiser flyers. The following are some of the flyers, including 2026 prepared by Mr. Bangura.



School Break

A favorite saying in Sierra Leone is, “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy”. At HOCSL we believe recreation is an essential part of development and during the long school break all ten boys, accompanied by the Administrator Manager, Mrs. Mansaray, the Staff Assistant Alfred Gibrilla, the Matron/Cook, Roseline Banya, the Coach Julius Vackie and Ms. Isa Davies, a Local Advisory Board member, spent a day at a seaside resort in Hamilton, where they enjoyed board games, quizzes and other activities with other visitors, and meeting some of their schoolmates.



Preparing Our Boys for a New School Year and a Hopeful Future

We are grateful to share that the boys at House of Caring Sierra Leone have received their school supplies for the new academic year. These supplies are more than books, pens, pencils, uniforms, and learning materials; they are tools of hope, preparation, and opportunity. "Manager, thank you" was the phrase echoed by the boys in the video. Their words reflected sincere gratitude. Because of your kindness and support, they can begin the school year with confidence and dignity.

At House of Caring, we care for the boys until they reach age 18. We are also becoming more aware of the difficult reality many face after leaving the orphanage - shelter, food, education, employment, loneliness, and the pressure of becoming independent before they are fully prepared. As we support them through this school year, we ask friends and donors to prayerfully consider helping a boy after he turns 18 through education, vocational training, mentorship, or transition support.

Every child prepared today has a better chance of becoming a responsible, confident, and productive young man tomorrow.

Please consider supporting House of Caring Sierra Leone.

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Thank you for standing with House of Caring Sierra Leone.

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