Quick Facts About Sacred Heart College, Mankon

Founded in 1960

Current Enrollment

First Class in 196130 studentsFirst PrincipalFr Thomas MulliganCurrent Principal Fr Ernest Tubuo



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Origin of Some House Names

St. Thomas Father Thomas Mulligan- Pioneer Principal

1000students

St. John Mr John Nzeribe, - Pioneer tutor who started College in 1961

St. Francis Bro. Francis te Bulte–Builder

St. Norbert Bro. Nobert Simms– Dean of Studies, Scientist, Infirmarian, Sports master etc

St. Martin Farther Martin Van der Werff, Principal and Builder, 1963-64

Objectives of SHESA-AMERICA Alumni

Foundation

1. This Organization is intended to function as a charitable, humanitarian, and educational organization under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

2. To uphold and promote the spirit of personal discipline, hard work, sacrifice and human dignity acquired during the years spent in Sacred Heart College (SHC).

3. To foster a spirit of oneness and co-operation among members of Sacred Heart College Ex-Students (SHESANS) and their bona fide in the United States.

4. To provide a supportive and informative forum to assist members in their integration efforts into various American communities i.e., culturally, economically, professionally, and academically.

- 5. To Promote educational and cultural exchanges between American communities and African Institutions like SHC.
- 6. To provide financial, educational, and material assistance to needy children worldwide, just as missionaries did in SHC without preference as to race, religion, nationality, or gender





Introduction

Sacred Heart College (SHC) Mankon is located in Bamenda, in the North West Province of Cameroon. The College was founded in 1960 by the Mill Hill Fathers in Cameroon as a boarding school for boys, committed to academic, moral, and physical excellence. Classes started in 1961 with 30 students, and with Father Thomas Mulligan, as the first principal.

In 1965, these pioneers graduated, and the Marist Brothers took over the administration of the school up till 1993. The Marist Brothers are credited for realizing the goals of the founders and establishing SHC as an outstanding and premier center of educational, moral, and physical excellence in Cameroon. SHC has earned worldwide recognition because of outstanding performance of her graduates in both national and international examinations and their excellence in public and private endeavors. The college has opened its doors to students from around the world: United States, India, most of West and Central Africa, Britain, Kenya, just to name a few. Some of her graduates have gone on to attend top rated universities all over the world.

The school currently has a student population of close to 1000 and caters to 5-12 graders (Secondary and High School).

The Sacred Heart Ex- Students Association (SHESA) in the United States is a non-profit (tax exempt) association which brings together alumni of the SHC resident in North America. The main objective of the association is to promote ties with the alma mater and establish mechanisms for aiding the school and environ.

With mounting national debt, and an economy in dire straits, Cameroon government education subsidies have been eliminated, forcing the school administrators to prioritize the limited resources towards giving the students the best academic foundation, with no resources left to continuously maintain the school's infrastructure.

Students therefore live in very deplorable sanitary conditions, resulting in a high incidence of diseases like malaria, typhoid, cholera, diarrhea, and dysentery. The toilet facilities were built for a student population of 350. Today these same facilities are serving an enrollment of close to 1000 students with the student population estimated to reach 2000 students next academic year. On average there are 3 functional shower heads and 2 toilets for up to 100 students.

The key needs of the school include:

- 1 Renovating and expanding the bathroom facilities to accommodate the growing student population
- 2 Securing a safe and reliable water supply system
- 3. Structural repair and renovations on buildings and pavements
- 4. Securing a back-up power supply
- 5. Additional Computers for the Technology Lab vis-àvis student enrollment increase.

These dire health and safety conditions, clearly place a strain on the school's ability to continue to fulfill its mission of providing Physical, Moral, (Spiritual) and Intellectual Excellence.

We appeal to your generosity to help us provide a safe learning environment to the students of SHC. Current estimates place the cost of achieving this goal at <u>\$100,000.00</u>.

The pictures you see here are just a fraction of the reality.

In 2005, some pioneer SHESANS came up with the brilliant idea of the endowment fund to provide financial sustenance and backbone to our organization. That vision, which was part of the original Vision 2021, was more than 17 years ahead of its time. Many individuals bought the idea, but a lot more didn't see the vision clearly or had conflicting thoughts. Fast forward 17 years and we have not attained or achieved our initial goal of \$100,000 for the endowment fund. We believe the time has come for us to achieve, sustain, and supersede some of those lofty Vision 2021 aspirations.



To this effect, we would like to transform Sacred Heart College Mankon to become a modern upscale educational institution, the likes of which Cameroon has never dreamt of. SHESA America VISION 2030 is intended to build on Vision 2021 to get us there. Our goal is to attain the financial backbone to be able to execute the necessary projects to make Sa.He.Co. one of The Top Educational Institutions in Africa.

Vision 2030 is an 8-year plan that will enable our endowment fund to be \$1,000,0000 strong by 2030. With the proceeds from the profits of this fund, SHESA America can execute massive renovation projects that will upgrade the infrastructure, educational curriculum, health situation, scholarship platforms and networking capabilities of SHESANs.

By 2023 (1yr), we intend to achieve the original stated goal of attaining \$100,000 for the endowment fund. By 2025 (3yr), our goal is to reach \$250,000 for the endowment fund. By 2027 (5yr), we should achieve \$500,000 for the endowment fund and with this momentum, we intend to attain \$1,000,000 for the SAEF by 2030 (8yr).

These lofty goals might seem impossible, but if any group can do it, it is SHESANs. We look forward to your generosity and thank you in advance for your support.

The status of our infrastructure in Sa.He.Co. is unacceptable. In 2005, we portrayed the status of the infrastructure, and that situation has only deteriorated. Efforts to ameliorate the situation started, fast forward 17 years and we are looking at worse toilets, dormitories, and buildings housing twice the population at that time. This is the reason We need your help. We plead for your generosity. We humbly ask that you assist us attain our lofty aspirations for Vision 2030.

For more information, please reach out to shesausa@gmail.com

STATE OF INFRASTRUCTURE SACRED HEART COLLEGE MANKON IN 2005







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IN SACRED HEART COLLEGE MANKON IN 2005



STATE OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN SACRED HEART COLLEGE MANKON IN <u>2022</u>











































OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OURSELVES

This objective is geared towards strengthening the bonds that exist between Shesans & promoting one another. It opens the possibility for professional collaboration and encourages inhouse innovative thinking. It creates avenues for Shesans across different fields to work together to empower one another and rekindle that spirit of togetherness that was part of our fabric at Sacred Heart. It provides an avenue for the more experienced Shesans to lead the way and provide direction to the progeny. The SHESA LinkedIn page and the creation of Mentorship programs form part of this objective.



OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR COMMUNITY HERE IN THE USA

This objective is geared towards promoting our brand within our communities here in America. Shesa is an organization of Sacred Heart Ex-Students, but it is an organization for the Community. This objective puts Shesa at the center of the community it is a part of. It makes available the resources pooled within the organization for the benefit of our community here in America. It opens the possibility of partnering with other known organizations to effect meaningful change within our communities here in America. TED Talks and Symposia open to the public, form part of this objective.



History of the Endowment Fund (SAEF)

BACKGROUND: The Shesa-America Endowment Fund (SAEF) was established under Shesa America to raise funds to secure a strong financial status for Shesa-America. This was part of Vision 2021 which was launched in 2005. The SAEF is a tool for collecting money and granting it to qualified causes including but not limited to Sacred Heart College (SHC), and causes approved by the governing board. The fact that contributors can deduct the amount of their gifts from their federal tax returns is an incentive that helps raise money. The SAEF Bylaws are also very flexible and allow it to participate in a wide variety of projects that might benefit Shesans and her community.

Why is it critical?

The SAEF will put Shesa-America on a stronger financial foundation than ever before. Once fully funded Shesa-America will finally have enough money to serve its members better than it ever could before. Over the years SHESA-America has only had enough money to do small one-off projects, and once that money was spent there was nothing left. The goal is for the SAEF principal to be invested with gains reinvested, so that it can generate revenue for years to come and continue to grow independent of further fundraising activities. We would then be able to grant scholarships to new Shesans, champion more and larger projects at SHC, and beyond.

Fundraising Progress

Initial Goal: \$100,000 Current Balance: \$86,000

Please make your donations directly into the SHESA-America Treasury via these methods (Be sure to use SAEF for differentiation purposes): CashApp, Zelle or Paypal: shesausa@gmail.com

Help us meet our goal by donating today!



GROWING OUR ORGANIZATION FROM THE SOURCE

This objective is geared towards growing our organization from the source. It gives us the opportunity to positively influence our own progeny and provide them with information that they will hopefully treasure once they leave the confines of Sacred Heart. Shesans have only one source hence it is important to excite that source about the organization so they will seek out the organization once they become Ex-Students. Career day and award of scholarships form part of this objective. Such exemplary display of support shines a positive light onto our organization & hopefully will attract these budding Shesans to it.



OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR COMMUNITY BACK AT HOME

Sacred Heart College has been priced out of its host. The average family in Mankon/Bamenda cannot afford to send their child to that institution anymore. In other words, the jewel that the people of Mankon/Bamenda are so proud of has suddenly become too pricey even for them. This objective is geared at restoring hope to these our people. It is essential that our people reap some benefits for supporting us all through our stay at Sacred Heart. This objective allows us to develop programs that will enable us to have a presence on the ground within this community. We have the responsibility to be the eyes of our people and we intend to shoulder that responsibility appropriately. We are hoping to work with partners on the ground and develop relationships that will put our sustainable programs at the heart of this community. A community center run and managed by us would be ideal for this objective.

