



VOS Heartbeat



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Achievements and Success Stories

The Volunteers of Sean (VOS) is a child and youth development Liberian NGO working for the educational, social, and humanitarian welfare of young people. Personnel of VOS are all unpaid Liberian volunteers whose ambition to work is driven by their commitment to end poverty and change the living standards of impoverished and vulnerable Liberian children. Founded in 2005, VOS works in the provision of academic scholarships to deserving child (kindergarten to grade 12), human rights education in high schools, smallholder agriculture production, and awareness-raising campaigns on HIV/AIDS, Ebola, girl child education, and child protection. On average VOS supports 100 children at a time all over Monrovia. This number is expected to dramatically increase due to the huge demand as more and more children are applying. Liberia is the 4th poorest country in the world and nearly 18% of its people (4.5 million) are considered food insecure. VOS is undergoing a gradual ODC (organizational development and change) process. Our Motto is the very inspiring famous statement of our Patron and Mentor, Sean Devereux: *“While my heart beats, I have to do what I think I can do - and that is to help those that are less fortunate”*

VOS Impact Highlights

The work and activities of VOS have left families and children happy. Above all else, the activities of VOS have positively contributed to academic, social, and humanitarian wellbeing of hundreds of Liberian children, including the below, who would not have completed or attended school without Sean’s vital intervention. Many of our beneficiaries have completed high school, one is an upcoming artist, while another is an emerging electronics technician able to repair electric fans, radios, and TV. Several have God-given melodious singing voices while there is one we think has all the trimmings to become a vibrant statesman or a great orator and diplomat. Our work is to help them achieve their dreams. We do all of this through the generous financial assistance of the Sean Devereux Children’s Fund UK. Here is a snapshot of our achievements and successes.

My name is Theston Baar am 20 years of age and a graduate of the Canterbury Christian High School. Am so happy and blessed God for Volunteers of Sean (VOS) tremendous support to my future (academics). After the death of my father, my mother, in fact my entire family was so very confused as though to start life over again. Our Mother then decided to send us to school one after the other child graduates which would have not allowed me to go to school sooner, because we are about six (6) in sibling with a single Mother. VOS came in, we went through the process and my oldest sister and I were accepted on grounds that more than two children cannot be taken from a family. Thank you to Sean Liberia and Sean UK. GOD is going to bless your work.

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My Name is Roosevelt Hoof, age 18 and is in the 12th Grade at the Lutheran High School on the Oldroad. I have received a lot of support and inspiration from VOS and I am appreciating it because it has given me energy to learn and acquire skills for tomorrow for me and my family to come. I thank VOS and Sean Devereux in England family for their continued support toward my education. Here is the truth: If VOS had not existed I don't think I would have gone to school and be a twelve grader this year. Besides thru their courage I have learned another trade (that is Electronic Technician) which could be or is a plus in my life today. I am sure I will pursue this as my profession and even further my education at a higher level if there is future support at the university level, The Sean Devereux family has done a lot in my life that only GOD can bless them.

My name is Amelia Baar I am a graduate of the Matthew R. Walker High School, am 22 years of age. Am very grateful to God and the VOS family for that overwhelming support provided to me and my brother, Theston Baar, who also graduated. Due to my illness I had to drop from school and VOS did not drop me and waited for my recovery and placed me back on the program. Today am boasting of been a high school graduate and feeling the importance of education, especially the power of literacy which I attained through the help of Sean Devereux in Liberia. When my father died I broke down completely thinking how to get help because my mother became a

single the moment our father passed away. Mother became hopeless and did not have a turning point. So what could I have done? Thank God VOS came in right immediately and they continued where my father stopped. Again today based on their motivations (VOS), I am able to practice as a beautician, which I think with more support I can make life better for me and my family. I have the practical skills just the technical skills are the ones required. Many thanks to Sean Devereux of England for empowering African children thru school. Many children in Liberia are not going to school because their parents cannot afford. May God touch your hearts to help them.



I am Ras Doe 21 years of age, am a graduate of the Greater Outreach Christian Academy with the 2018/2019 class. I want to forever remain grateful to the Volunteers of Sean (VOS) and the Sean Devereux Board in England for that unbending and unwavering support they rendered me and my family. My father knew and worked with Mr. Sean Devereux

before he died in Somalia which news brought big sorrow to my father's heart. I and my Pa want to be grateful to those who had developed the idea of keeping Sean's name alive. Thank you. Had it not been those who kept Sean dream alive I wouldn't have been a high school graduate today, maybe I would have ended up been a wayward or something else, but am grateful that Sean's name and dream are alive and am opportune to be a part of this program and a successful graduate. Where would my father and mother would have gotten money to support me and my younger sisters and brothers is the big question. Sean provided the answer. I pray for you all for strength of our Trustees and the Volunteers. I am sure that with this help from the Sean family I and other young people will work hard to get a better future where we will be happy.