



## **SUNRISE FOREVER, INC**

### **YEAR IN REVIEW – 2020**

Launched in 2016, SunRise Forever, Inc. is a registered 501(C) 3, non-profit organization under the laws of the State of Rhode Island in the United States. Mrs. Alice Madia Dine Howard is the Founder/Executive Director, and Dr. Carla White Ellis serves as the Chairperson of the Board.

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## OUR MISSION

Together we can make a difference. We serve under-privileged children and families who find themselves in very troubling and concerning situations.

## Our Work:

Our work is driven by a passionate belief that we all have a responsibility to be one another's keeper. That we all have the obligation to fight and eradicate or mitigate poverty within our poorer communities especially in:

- Rhode Island, USA
- Liberia, West Africa and
- Other parts of Sub-Saharan Africa



**Alice M. Howard**  
Founder & Executive Director



**Dr. Carla White Ellis**  
Chairman of the Board

Imagine having the opportunity to attend school but not have the resources such as a simple pencil or a backpack to secure your books. This is a very real problem in many of our communities, but it is critical in Liberia.





Children are like wet cement,  
anything that falls on them  
leaves a lasting impression

*Haim Ginott*

At SunRise Forever Inc, we are inspired by the belief that positive early experiences lay the foundation for future learning. We want our children to have a strong foundation and prosper.



## Impact 2020:

Like many other communities/organizations, the Impact of COVID-19 created an economic crisis leaving a large number of Rhode Islanders especially in poorer communities without the means to feed their families.

The outbreak of COVID-19 devastated Rhode Island's economy. Thousands of people were furloughed from work or permanently laid off.

In addition, the pandemic prohibited us from undertaking our major annual program.



## Despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, SunRise Forever, Inc.:

- Built community relationships with other nonprofits and partners to create awareness of our mission
- Collaborated with Most High Industries, a social enterprise organization in Rhode Island, by offering haircuts and hairstyles to 100 young Rhode Island students before going back to school
- Provided school supplies for 100 Rhode Island students
- Delivered 100 bags of groceries to local veterans
- Launched “SunRise Fuels with Fish”: a collaboration with the Rhode Island Food Policy Council (RIFPC) and the Commercial Fisheries Center of Rhode Island (CFCRI) to distribute, on a weekly basis, several pounds of fresh fish to 300+ Rhode Island families.
- Created opportunities for local students to earn volunteer credits by supporting our ongoing efforts to serve the Rhode Island community.





# TESTIMONIALS

“Madam Martha Gweh, one of the beneficiaries had this to say: “Receiving this fish every week has helped me and my family a lot. This fish is so expensive in the market. This is a great help. We are thankful and the program is helping me save money to buy other food.



Alphonso Moseh had this to say: the fish distribution is “helping me and so many other people in our community save money.” This is what we want to see in our community. Thank you so much Mrs. Howard and Sunrise team. Please call me anytime to help.

“Madam Edith Dennis, says thank you people so much. God will continue to bless you.





## International Work

### Liberia:

SunRise Forever, Inc. supports a socio-economic empowerment project for adolescent girls and young women. The project equips participants with the tools to develop their pastry and business skills while growing their confidence and income. SunRise will provide support to encourage the young women to remain in or return to school.



Due to the disproportionate gap of income ability for many families, adolescent girls in Liberia continue to have limited access to resources and services. Studies show that Bomi County, located in Western Liberia, is the poorest region of the country. Many young women drop out of school due to poverty, teenage pregnancy, and other factors.

In efforts to combat these challenges, SunRise has provided scholarships to eleven students who are now enrolled in the socio-economic project in Bomi County.







“When girls are educated, their countries become stronger and more prosperous.

**Michelle Obama**

*Former First Lady of The United States Of America*



# Call to Action 2021:

This year's goals:

- 1) Raise funds for 1000 backpacks and school supplies for students in Liberia
- 2) Build connections and support for the refugee youth and young adults in Rhode Island through
  - a) social and educational networking
  - b) cross cultural interaction among new arrivals
  - c) bridge lines of communication between Latino, Asian and African-American communities
- 3) Cultivate cultural awareness and educational enrichment opportunities to help Refugee youth transition into the American community successfully.
- 4) Open a reading room in Rhode Island where students will be encouraged to sit, read, and do their homework.
- 5) Continue to build and invest in community relationships; create more awareness and collaboration with other non-profits and partners.

Sunrise Forever, Inc will work tirelessly and diligently with people from all localities without discrimination.

You are encouraged to donate generously to this effort.  
Volunteers are welcome to be a part of this endeavor!



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*"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." 1 Samuel 7:12*

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