



# TKA NEWS SPOTLIGHT

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### THE FORMATION OF TEAM KAKATA ASSOCIATION....How Did It All Start?

In early 2020, a group of US-based Liberians from Kakata, Margibi County, saw the need to organize themselves into an association after attending two separate funerals of two of their friends. The idea aimed at securing services and assistance for the people of Kakata in the areas of education, infrastructure, health, and social welfare. Instead of meeting at funerals and have nothing to show, they decided to help with the needs and improve the lives of our people in Liberia. With the brilliance of key founding members, Teamkakata (TKA) was formed as a non-profit charitable organization. Since its founding, it has provided hospital and educational materials, as well as food to the less fortunate families of Kakata.

Kakata has more than 33,945 residents, it is the second largest students' population in Liberia, with about 5,000 high school students and more than 10 high schools in the city, including the Booker T. Washington Institute (BWI), LIBERIA's oldest and equipped vocational institution established in 1929, and named in memory of an African American educator, and an intellectual of the 19th century.

### TKA 2022 CHRISTMAS RICE DISTRIBUTION TO KAKATA.

Owing to the ingenuity and passion of the President, Ms.Yassah Kortu Dennis, TKA gave birth to the rice distribution project in 2021, initially when she personally provided 100 bags of rice of the 300 bags sent to the less fortunate residents in Kakata, which has become the association's yearly rice distribution project, chaired by Mr. Gay Sleh. According to chairman Sleh, the 2022 outreach brought smiles on faces and fed over 500 households who could not afford during the Christmas and New Year holidays. Distribution pictures in reflection. 

The next edition will feature **TKA's Achievements and Prospects** in just two years and how to become a member, with other developments..... **Don't Miss Publication 23-02.**



Ms. Yassah K. Dennis  
President, TKA



Board Chair, Mr. Holmes in a brief chat with some members at Renion 2022.



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### ATTENTION!

**DON'T MISS OUT!!**

**Teammates, TKA Reunion will soon be here before you know it. Book the Date: August 3rd through August 6th, 2023.**

### A PITCH PRESENTATION

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### HOW DOES ONE BECOME A MEMBER OF TEAM KAKATA ASSOCIATION (TKA)?

The Association was founded in 2020 by the Kakata born residents based in the United States. However, once you resided and schooled in Kakata, and also passionate about the needs to help the people of the city, your membership is approved. Moreover, you automatically become a member when your fiancé or spouse is a member originally from Kakata. So dear members, let one bring one, to help the numerical growth and strength. For the Association's sustenance and upkeep, is through members' minimum monthly contribution of \$10.00 monthly or \$120.00 annually. TKA is a non-profit organization that is non-political.

### JUST TWO YEARS OLD...LET'S COUNT TKA'S ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROSPECTS

Despite its relatively short existence after two years, Teamkakata, with its members' support, is proudly pointing out the successes the association has achieved. A few examples: The association acquired an acre of land in 2021, for the construction of the Kakata Student Resource Center (KSRC), a modern facility for study and research purposes for students and residents of the city. Meanwhile, a groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for December 2023, in Kakata, Margibi County, Liberia, and the project's estimated cost is \$300,000.00. We trust that God will provide.

### IRS Grants TKA 501c3 Permit

Among the most significant achievements in the two years of TKA's history was the IRS 501c3 Permit. The IRS granted the association permit in 2021, just three months after submitting registration documents. Maintaining a legal status and now privileged to partner with credible institutions and individuals.

### C.H. Rennie Hospital Fire Disaster

After the C.H. Rennie Hospital Fire disaster in 2021, the association's Emergency Relief Committee was formed and Mr. Gaye D. Sleh, Jr. was appointed as chairman. Under Mr. Sleh's chairmanship, the association quickly gathered a relief package from members and friends. Donations included medical supplies, beddings, utensils, a commercial grade washer and dryer, as well as food items. Assorted school supplies were also given to deserving students, including backpacks, copybooks, pencils, and pens. Without your generosity and cooperation, we couldn't have accomplished what we did. It's just the beginning of the long way are to go. Together we can do more, and in unity there is strength!

### THE UPCOMING TKA REUNION 2023

In the past two years,TKA has made significant efforts by uniting its members through two successful friendly reunions.The annual reunion is an opportunity for members across the United States and from other parts coming together to interact and celebrate the friendship that was cultivated over the years as well as strategizing plans during our general assembly to help identify and assist with the needs of the people of Kakata.This year's reunion is the 3rd since our formation, and will be held in Frederick, Maryland, from August 3rd through the 6th 2023. The three days will be filled with a variety of activities, including social gatherings, queen contests, food sales, a ball, general assembly, and elections. The 2023 Reunion Committee Chair, Ms. Genevie Holmes, has contacted the Mayor of the city of Frederick, in Maryland, as one of the association's guests of honor for this year' event. The Media/Tech Committee will keep you updated!



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Some Committee Members  
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