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*During a soap-making training with our girls*

## WHY I STARTED A NON-PROFIT

*By Theresia Fuh-Tabe*

**I** started the [No Girl Left Behind](#) initiative because as a young woman raised in a little seaside town called Limbe and lived through several other small towns in Cameroon, I noticed that many young women like myself had a common plight that was a huge limitation, poverty.

The majority of girls were not born into privileged homes. Struggling to survive was the order of the day, and I hated it but had no choice. As a kid, I knew life had more to offer and was determined to work hard and explore what was in life for me. I made a promise to give as many

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girls as possible the opportunities I did not have.

After my university studies, I immigrated to America at the age 23 years in search for a better future. Despite my struggles and little triumphs in America, I remained determined to help the situation back home.

In 2017 after saving up

some money, I launched the non-profit “[No Girl Left Behind](#).”

[No Girl Left Behind](#) (NGLB) is an academic and faith-based organization. Its mission is to educate, enlighten, and empower young women through career and vocational skills training programs following a bible-based coaching model that outperforms

other approaches.

This initiative offers sponsorship for training in programs such as; Nurse’s Aide, Fashion designing, Secretarial duties, interior decorations, cookery, Cosmetology, and other technical skills to promote productive employment.

## *WHY WE INVEST IN GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN*



*During our Feminine Health Drive at the Cameroon IDP camp in Ogoja, Cross River State, NG.*

**E**ducation of the girl child in Cameroon is of urgent need and should be of national significance regardless of culture or geographical location. The only way to help Cameroon recover economically faster and bigger is to invest in the career skills training of young women. For women to help in the economic resuscitation of Cameroon, there has to be increased access to education by tearing down boundaries that have held

so many girls and young women behind. The unprecedented economic crisis in Africa, in addition to the current political unrest in Cameroon, has led to an uncertain financial future for many families.

The majority of the young women and girls in Cameroon do not fail or are not left behind necessarily because someone or something is against them, they are left behind

and eventually fail because they do not know what it takes to be a success.

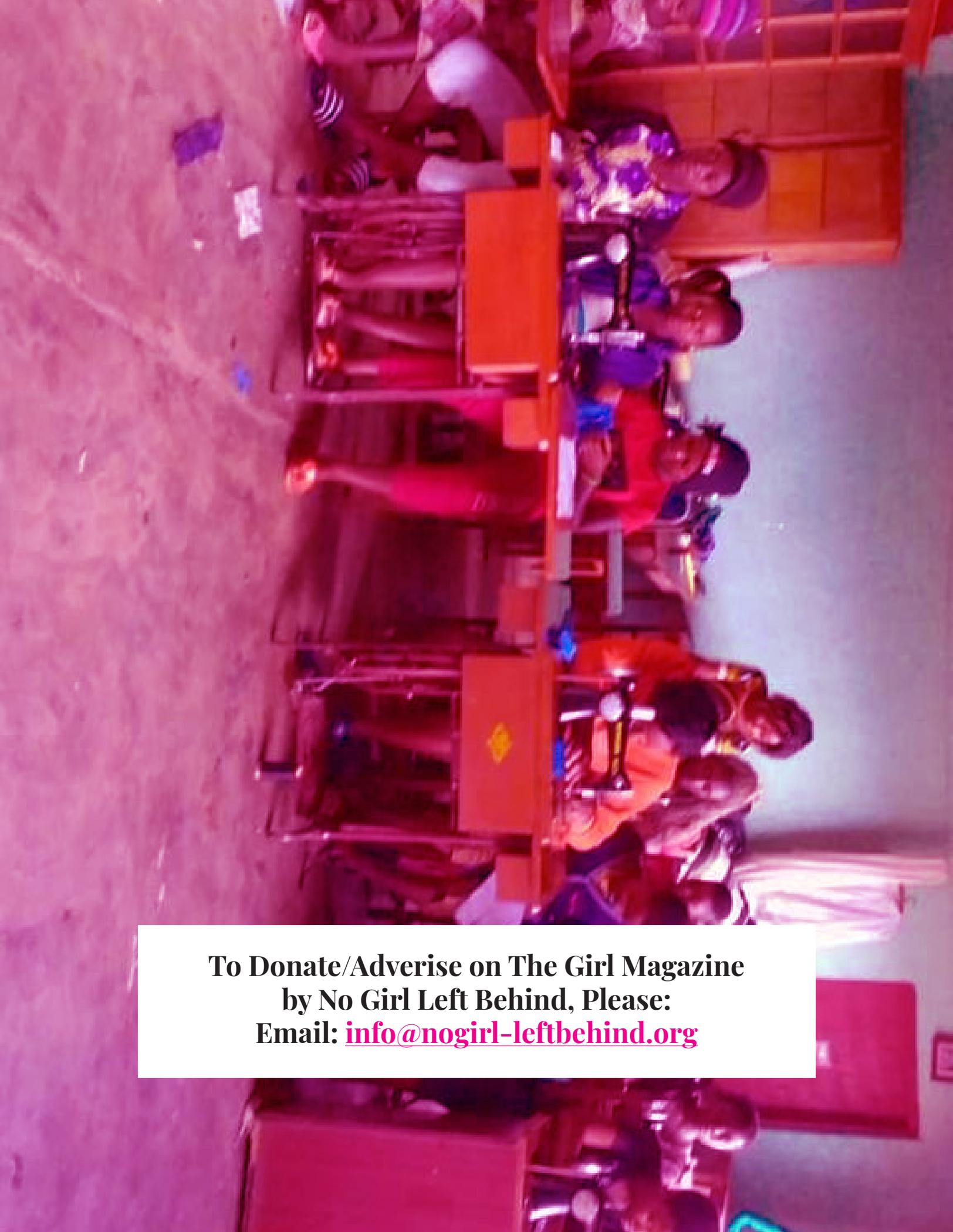
Our focus is young women because catching them young is like fetching water upstream. It is better and practical to catch them young. So, we are invested in career and vocational skills training to prepare them for gainful employment. When women thrive so do their economies.

## OUR VALUES

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**I**n achieving our mission, we are guided by a set of values; Spirituality, Discipline, Integrity, Accountability, and Creativity. We also mentor girls during our quarterly seminars to help sharpen their decision-making skills and to develop responsibility and integrity. Focus areas during our sensitization seminars and summits include; Identity in Christ, Healthy relationships, Feminine hygiene, Spiritual growth and develop-

ment, Domestic violence, Sexual abuse, Reproductive Health, Leadership skills, and Prevention of Teenage Pregnancy. This initiative is run by a dedicated community of women and a few men. We operate under guided laws agreed upon by the board of directors. We have a host of volunteers as well. Over 300 girls have benefited since inception.

A group of young girls are seated at their desks in a classroom. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The desks are wooden and have small orange boxes on them. The girls are wearing various colorful clothing. The background shows a typical classroom setting with a whiteboard and a window with a striped curtain.

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