

Program

At the Entrance

Welcome

Mrs. Violet Bola-Williams

Cutting of the Tape

Mrs. Remi Sawyer

Prayers (1st floor)

1st Floor

Rev. Abraham George

Brief tour of the 1st floor

2nd Floor

Scripture Lesson (Psalms 115:1-16) Mrs. Henrietta Blyden-Johnston

Song

Dedication Prayers of DSD Center Rev. Abraham George

History of the DSD Center

Mrs. Ekundayo Gabbidon

Remarks

Friends of Sierra Leone

Acknowledgements

Mrs. Sylvia Lengor

Closing Prayers

Rev. Mrs. Nancy Ademu-John

Refreshment

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History of DSD Center

It all started as a dream that one person put into action.

As far back as 2004, the late Daphne Sawyer-Dunn called her siblings on the phone, wrote letters to her cousins and all concerned with ties to this building, to tell them that she wanted to have this property torn down and re-built.

In 2005, when she learned that her sister-Sylvia was planning a trip to Sierra Leone, Daphne gave her a lump sum of money with these words "go get the building started."

Her goal was to build a store and one floor on top of it, to be used as a dwelling.

Sylvia did just that and turned to her trusted friends, Violet Bola-Williams, who recommended the builder and Henrietta Blyden-Johnston who became the treasurer. Daphne was in line with Sylvia's suggestions and continued providing the funds until she completed the ground floor. As time went by, her late uncle Mr. Frederick E. N. Kawaley showed an interest in supervising the building project, and Daphne transferred the job to him.

In December of 2006, Daphne came home to celebrate her mother's birthday and inspect the completed part of the building-the ground floor. In August of 2007, she was called home. Her family then decided to continue the work Daphne had started, and help fulfill her dream in her absence.

This floor is devoted to her memory, hence we have The Daphne Sawyer-Dunn Center.

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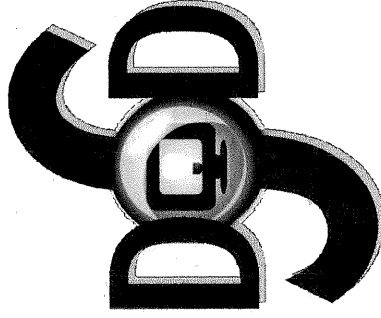
Daphne's family would like to thank everyone who in one way or the other helped to bring this building to completion. Special thanks to the following people:

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- ◆ Mrs. Violet Bola-Williams
- ◆ Mrs. Ekundayo Gabbidon
- ◆ Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Koroma

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- ◆ Anita Correa
- ◆ Svetlana Sharipova
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Grand Opening Ceremony of the DSD Center



On Wednesday, July 20, 2011
at
4 Upper Brook Street
Freetown, Sierra Leone
at 6pm