

### **Opportunity: I learned a great deal.**

One year ago today, on January 20, 2022, I was offered a fellowship (LIFT). I was given this opportunity even though I had only recently left aftercare six months earlier, in June 2021, and had only recently started to observe or engage with society. I thank God.

However, as a newcomer to this sector, it was a little challenging for me at the beginning of the fellowship (research). And to make matters even more challenging, my English wasn't very strong, and since my project involved the entire world, I felt unsure of my ability to complete it. But every week when we spoke on the phone, my mentors gave me the confidence. Step by step, I then began working and gained knowledge about how to create invoices, reports, use trackers, and present.

Aside from planning events and holding competitions, I've observed that excellent individuals occasionally visit my care home, play games with us, give us gifts, spend time with us, or leave. Because of this fellowship, I had the opportunity to meet wonderful, joyful people. The best part for me was that I came to the same CCI where I had previously held the event, which made the workers there proud of the work I was doing. It was probably the same time for me, as it is probably every child's goal to have his parents be happy for him when he obtains a job.

Only the LIFT was able to accomplish this. My new buddies, who functioned as our LIFT fellows, in the meantime. I can't believe this is our first trip as eight people from six different states. This could have only been accomplished with the elevator. We all grew close to one another so quickly that we created a family in just three days. Time went by and I completed my projects as a result. There were some challenges, but I learned a lot, got over them, and kept working on my projects. Every single talent, whether it is for personality development or work coaching, is learned. It is currently December. This mission seems to be just getting started.

To better my future, though, I intend to keep putting in a lot of effort and seizing every chance.