



November 14, 2013

Dear Friends of the Home,

As you are aware, The Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children has been in existence for the past 92 years. It was developed to provide a shelter for African Nova Scotian children and youth who had no other placement options. It is documented that the opening of The Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children was a proud moment in the history of African Nova Scotians with over 3000 Community members travelling from throughout Nova Scotia to Dartmouth for the opening of the facility.

After ten years of operating, the Board of Directors was forced to launch its first Annual Broadcast for Funds in 1931 as a means to supplement their operations. The Broadcast transitioned from radio to TV and the production grew from a one room studio to the spacious NS Community College, Waterfront campus setting. Unfortunately, this year, as a result of circumstances beyond our control, there will not be an annual Broadcast. The Nova Scotia Home's telethon was the oldest fundraising campaign in North America. Our inability to hold the broadcast will have a major impact on programming for our residents of the Akoma Family Centre. Funds raised the past couple of years supplemented our programming and have been utilized to purchase and install 2 new playground units, replace household appliances and provide recreational and cultural activities for children in our care.

On Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the World Trade and Convention Centre, Halifax, we will hold a Fundraiser Dinner as a way to celebrate Akoma and raise funds for our programming. In 2014 we will be celebrating 3 years of existence for the Akoma Family Centre. Our keynote speaker for the dinner is our Honourary Board Member, Dr. Wayne Adams, C.M., O.N.S., C.C., ECNS, CEO of the Adams Management Group, and V.P . Marketing, Nova ReNew Inc., who will speak on 'Rising Above Challenges'. Tickets for the dinner are \$100.00. Income tax receipts will be issued for \$50 if requested. We encourage you to assist us in meeting our financial goal of \$10,000.00 by purchasing dinner tickets or providing a donation amount of your choosing.

On behalf of the Children, Staff and Board of Directors at The Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children/Akoma Family Centre, we thank you, and wish you many blessings.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Sylvia Parris  
President, Board of Directors