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Teenagers bare their heart on TGWAC

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ccording to an Indian Author, in person of Vinod Sehgal. "Teenage is a period of great upheaval and tempestuous rage. So the standard norms don't fascinate the teenagers. They yearn for absolute independence and tend to assert their identity. This is the period of adjusting to bodies that are still growing and changing, and there is a strong urge for experimentation". This makes the life for teenagers become a struggle to



assert independence though we teenagers are aware that we still need monetary and emotional support from our parents/guardians.

Moreover, it has been proven that teenagers spend more time with their friends and phones, than their parents. With such proven fact, the problem becomes, "how do parents and guardians, now guide their teenagers?". Well, based on this logics and statistical fact, In the year 2020 a very intelligent woman, in person of Mrs Comfort created an online forum know as "Teenage Guide With Aunty Comfort", and popular referred to as T.G.W.A.C. This was done with the intention to guide teenagers in this trying time of their lives, using their most comfortable, time consuming and loved medium, which is their phones.

However, T.G.W.A.C. started as a small platform on the popular social media app, which we all know as WhatsApp. This is where teenagers get to relate with Aunty Comfort and Some highly knowledgeable persons, we call Counsellors. The group has been up and doing till date, with a vision to raise Teenage ambassadors, as well as a generation of Godly, visionary and outstanding teenagers that will positively impact there world.

To meet up with this vision, Aunty Comfort, with the help of the Counsellors, has put in place numerous strategies, one which is "Writing and publishing T.G.W.A.C's own handout". This handout was distributed at the groups first meeting in the year, 2020. The handout contained a lot of knowledgeable write ups to help build a teenager on positively impacting his or her world.

Secondly, Mutualization. Every Counsellor as well as Aunty Comfort, has built a mutual relationship with the teenagers, both physically and on social media. Through this method she has won the hearts, love, minds and even the time of the teenager, and this has made it very easy to guide her teenagers on the path to positively impact their world's. Also she has bridged the gap between herself and that of most parents of the teenagers in T.G.W.A.C. This was achieved by paying personal visits to the parents of the teenagers as well as communicating with them on phone and even indulging them in the weekly assignment carried out by the teenagers.

Thirdly, weekly assignments. As started above, is all about daily activities, assigned to T.G.W.A.C's teenagers by Aunty Comfort, to ensure they have something to learn every day and in a whole every week.

Also, regular recognition of outstanding teenagers, has been the culture of T.G.W.A.C., since her first year. "To every good deed they say deserves a good reward", in line with this quoted T.G.W.A.C. has expanded with her nature of giving out tokens in cash, kind, and awards her outstanding teenagers.

Furthermore, T.G.W.A.C. holds her quarterly meeting, four times every year. First three months, second three months, third three months and the last three months of the year, she gathers her teenagers together, to discuss on how their world could positively be impacted. With all this and more T.G.W.A.C. has come this far, to an extent that her second year anniversary, was just recently celebrated with children in an orphanage home, around the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

As a result of all this and more, I can confidently say that T.G.W.A.C. hasn't slacked in her pace of building teenagers, who will positively impact their world. For me I don't think there is any other thing lacking in T.G.W.A.C., I just advise that Aunty Comfort, All T.G.W.A.C's Counsellors and her teenagers, keep up with the pace they have started with. Also from all indications, there is really nothing about T.G.W.A.C. that should be stopped, rather I encourage that more of all this Good deeds should continue inorder for T.G.W.A.C. to keep up with her pace of positively impacting the world.

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