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2017 "BRIDGING THE GAP" SUMMER CAMP



From the Executive Director's Desk



We are pleased to bring to you, the 2nd Edition of the Potential Newsletter for the year 2017.

In July, 2 members of the Foundation's Youth Centre attended the 2017 Women's Technology Empowerment Centre (WTEC) Summer Camp, which exposed participants to latest trends in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Ovie Brume Foundation held its annual Summer Camp for members of the Youth Centre in August 2017.

The 4th Lafarge Africa National Literacy Competition (LANLC), a partnership project of Lafarge Africa Plc and Ovie Brume Foundation, kicked off with the Planning Meeting in July 2017. Run offs held in all senatorial districts across the country to produce finalist for the Regional Competitions, which held across the six geopolitical zones of Nigeria. Winners at the Regional Competitions thereafter converged in Lagos for the Grand Finale.

The Aspire Coronation Trust (ACT) Foundation, also supported the vision of the Ovie Brume Foundation to provide Vocational training skills for Nigerian youth. Future's Project is integrated with Financial Literacy and Business Management training. 40 young people have been selected to undergo trainings ranging from Fashion Designing to Leather Works, Beauty & Spa, Catering, Soft Furnishing and Make-up. The project, aims at reducing unemployment among rural and urban youth in Nigeria.

In addition, Sage Foundation supported programs and activities of Ovie Brume Foundation Youth Centre with a grant of 5,000 Pounds. The grant supported programs of the Livelihood unit such as the Global Peace Games, Taekwondo Competition, Dance and ICT Training. Staffs of Sage Foundation also anchored a session of the quarterly programme, "Meet the Professionals" on 14th December, 2017 to mentor members of the Foundation's Youth Centre.

The Foundation rounded up the year with the hosting of 2017 Annual Bazaar; a strategic Fund Raising and CSR event, on Saturday 9th December, 2017. Please find more details of our work and impact in the community.

About Ovie Brume Foundation

Oviehire Adeyemi Kesiena Brume was born on July 21, 1973. He passed away unexpectedly on December 11, 2002, aged 29 Years. He was a big thinker with a keen entrepreneurial spirit. He firmly believed that the future of Nigeria lies in its youth, and was concerned that the present generation of business and political leaders were not doing enough to nurture and support the country's youth.

The Ovie Brume Foundation was established in 2003 by his family to commemorate the memory of Ovie by supporting his commitment to Nigeria's development. At the core of the foundation is its Youth Centre, which provides young people with a wide range of recreational, social and educational opportunities, through which they are encouraged to develop positive attitudes; discover their own gifts and talents; recognize opportunities that are available to them, to reach higher levels of achievements in all their endeavours.

Our objective is to create a positive and safe environment where youths have access to a wide range of structured character building activities, meet appropriate role models, and obtain support and counseling at no cost to them.

OUR MISSION

The Ovie Brume Foundation is dedicated to creating an enabling environment for young people to reach their goals and give back to their communities.

OUR VISION

Our vision is a society where everyone is educated and empowered.



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OVIE BRUME FOUNDATION GIRLS ATTEND THE WTEC SUMMER CAMP

Two members of the Ovie Brume Foundation Youth Centre attended the 2017 Women's Technology Empowerment Centre (WTEC) Summer Camp, from 23rd July to 4th August 2017. The 2017 Camp brought together 40 girls aged 13 – 17 years to encourage them to build and explore the possibilities of technology in creative ways, inspire them to get involved in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) as well as groom them to be technology solution creators and innovators. The girls were privileged to learn programming concepts such as robotics programming with LEGO, 3D animation with Alice, 3D design and printing, Java programming, blogging, team building, gender and leadership, etc.



Chikezie Precious giving a presentation on Taekwondo during WTEC Summer Camp



Cross Section of participants with Oreoluwa Shomolu Lesi



Chikezie Precious and Sessi Victoria with their certificates

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY 2017

The Ovie Brume Foundation (OBF) joined the rest of the World to commemorate the 2017 International Literacy Day on Friday, 8th September, 2017. The panel discussion focused on the theme "Literacy in a Digital World". Two student members of the Ovie Brume Foundation Youth Centre, Abubakar Jubril and Rosemary Adibe moderated discussions on the topic, "New ways young people can use technology and other available tools to improve their literacy level". The panelists who analysed the various technological opportunities to improve literacy also stressed the need for literacy development in Nigeria. The panel was a mix of professionals in different fields; they included Adeola Awogbemi - Executive Director, OBF, Taofeek Adeleye - Head of Programs, OBF, Emilia Asim-Ita - Senior Consultant, Thistle Praxis Company and Maureen Alasa - Talk show Host, Classic FM.



Participants and panelist at the International Literacy Day



Cross Section of panelist at the International Literacy Day



Group pictures of participants and panelist

Interview with Muhammed Ali - Alumni of the Ovie Brume Foundation Youth Centre.



Can we meet you?

I am Muhammed Ali from Borno State. I was born on 12th June, 1990. I am the second born of a family of Seven. I studied Information Technology at Novenna University in Delta State, I like playing, partying, watching football and swimming.

How did you hear about Ovie Brume Foundation?

I heard about the Ovie Brume Foundation in 2003 when I was in High School, some of my colleagues talked about the Foundation in school as a new place where students could go and learn different type of things based on their interest. Based on their feedback, I came to check the Foundation out and I was able to join in 2004.

What activities were you involved in while in the Foundation?

I took part in Music, Art, Drama and Literacy Classes. Through the Foundation, I got a scholarship to Society of Performing Art Nigeria where I studied different forms of Dance. In addition, the Literacy classes I took part in helped polish my vocabulary which has made me stand out among my peers. Also, I got

fascinated about how Computers work when I joined, the Foundation kindled my passion for Computers.

Education

Thanks to Ovie Brume Foundation, I started University in Pentecost University, Ghana. Then I transferred to Novenna University in Nigeria. I graduated with a Second Class upper in Information Technology. While in the University I noticed that some graduates of Computer related courses were not proficient, I created a group where I taught people Computer Programming, Networking and system administration

What do you do now?

I am a Freelance Web developer, Software Engineer and Brand Consultant. I run my IT company called Mohali Designs which offers various IT services such as Mobile & Software application, Brand creation and Web development for start-ups and existing businesses. I actively volunteer with the Foundation, I give back to the Centre by volunteering for the Art, Dance and ICT Classes. I also work on the Foundation's website.

What role did Ovie Brume Foundation play in your career?

My development all started here. Ovie Brume Foundation has played a huge role in my career and as a person. My interest in computer started from the Foundation, which has driven me to follow my career path. Through the

Foundation, I had my Industrial attachment in the I.T department of Bank of Industry. This gave me some practical work experience and passion to focus on my career development with regards to Information Technology. Also, I benefitted from the "Project No Excuses" scholarship scheme which catered for the better part of education, this is something I will always be grateful for.

What message would you like to give the current members of the Ovie Brume Foundation?

1. First, nothing good comes easy, dedication, having a foundation that offers this unique programs and activities in this part of Lagos is a privilege which they shouldn't take lightly.

2. Be dedicated, commit fully to the skills you are learning while at the Foundation, you don't know where these skills might be needed.

3. Stay connected to the Foundation and always help out in your own little way.

4. There is a purpose of you been a member of the Foundation, ensure that you make the best use of it.

Finally, the motto of this centre is "To God who gives joy and purpose to my youth", I found purpose and achieved a lot in my life through the Foundation. I am grateful to the Foundation for the great impact it has had in my life.

2017 “BRIDGING THE GAP” SUMMER CAMP

Annually, Ovie Brume Foundation organizes a Summer Camp for its Youth Centre members with the objective of influencing children to discover their strength, passion and skills early in life. The 2017 Summer Camp themed “Bridging the Gap” held from 7th to 25th August 2017 in two phases; the Livelihood Unit Summer Camp for secondary school students held at the Ovie Brume Foundation with the support of Viju Industries Limited. While the Education Unit Summer Camp for primary school pupils, held at White Light Montessori School, Victoria Island, Lagos, in partnership with the Discovery Place.

The Livelihood unit trained eighty-seven (87) Youth Centre members in the following skills: Catering - Local and Continental dishes, Makeup & Gele, Tie & Dye, Ankara Accessories and Baking. The Education unit trained 39 children in the following skills: knitting, baking, coding, poetry, dance, craft making, photography and life-building. The Summer Camp rounded up with mentoring sessions for all the children.



FUTURE'S PROJECT

Future's Project is an initiative of the Ovie Brume Foundation funded by the Aspire Coronation Trust (ACT) Foundation. The project, aimed at providing young people with practical vocational training integrated with Financial Literacy and Business Management, kicked off in September 2017 with 45 beneficiaries. The Foundation partnered with eleven training centres to train beneficiaries on different skills such as Fashion Design, Soft Furnishing / Interior Decoration, Leather Works, Beauty & Spa, Catering and Make-up.

The Foundation also partnered with the Association of American Exchange Programs Alumnus to train beneficiaries on skills needed to manage and grow a business and the realities of being a successful entrepreneur.

Beneficiaries are to undergo internships after their training to perfect skills learnt. At the end of the project, beneficiaries will be provided with Tools kits to support their business start-up. In addition, there will be an Exhibition to showcase skills learnt as well as link beneficiaries with potential clients.



Chiaka Ebeniyo training at Zizi Cardow Fashion School



Opeyemi Adewusi attending to clients at Veni Vici Beauty and Spa



Popoola Babatunde addressing other Future's Project beneficiaries

SAGE Foundation supports Ovie Brume Foundation Youth Centre

On behalf of Sage Foundation, Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) UK donated a grant of Five thousand pounds to support programmes and activities of the Ovie Brume Foundation Youth Centre.

The Livelihoods unit (Youth Centre) provides an array of empowerment and training programs for students from public secondary schools in Lagos and Delta states and the grant supported the implementation of the following programmes: ICT training, Taekwondo training and competition, Music, Dance, Make-up training and the 2017 Global Peace Games.



2017 Global Peace Games

The annual Global Peace Games for children and youth takes place at the grassroots level in communities around the world through the initiative of civil society participants. The Games founded by Play Soccer International in 2001 promotes a global network of children and youth committed to a culture of friendship, understanding and peace.

On 25th November, 2017, the Ovie Brume Foundation celebrated the 2017 Global Peace Games with about 1000 youth from 22 public primary and secondary schools at the Methodist Boys High School, Victoria Island Lagos. In attendance were students, head teachers, vice principals, sports officials from the Nigeria Association of Physical and Health Education, Media, medical team of Lagoon Hospital, Youth Centre members and staff of the Ovie Brume Foundation. The program kicked off with the signing of the manifesto and reading of the 2017 Global Peace Games message, centered on winning and losing with grace and dignity, respect for others, fair play, tolerance, understanding and teamwork. Dance and Taekwondo displays preceded the competition proper which had all the participants compete under their houses (Blue, Green, Yellow and Red) in the match past and track & field activities.

Green House emerged the winner of the competition winning Gold, Blue House was second (Silver), Red House, third (Bronze) and Yellow House came fourth. The Games demonstrated the value of sports to unite, motivate, educate and improve health and well-being. It also strengthens the links between children and adults.



Ovie Brume Taekwondo Competition

Taekwondo is a scientific and the most systematic Korean traditional martial arts, that teaches more than physical fighting skills; it is a discipline that shows ways of enhancing the spirit and life through training the body and mind. Taekwondo is an officially recognized game in the Olympics and it is one of the Sports for the Development programs at the Ovie Brume Foundation, which benefits member's physical and mental fitness, as well as safeguard them from sexual molestation and abuse.

The 3rd Edition of the Ovie Brume Foundation U-15 Taekwondo Championship held at the National Stadium, Surulere, Lagos. The competition had in attendance, 109 contestants aged 6 – 14, 20 Taekwondo officials from Taekwondo clubs and public / private schools, Coaches, Lagos state Taekwondo Federation president, National Taekwondo president and Ovie Brume Foundation staff. Contestants competed based on their categories and winners emerged in the various categories. The Ovie Brume Foundation Taekwondo team emerged first with 5 Gold, 7 Silver and 22 Bronze medals. Dove International School came second 4 Gold, 5 Silver, and 5 Bronze medals while the Bells School came third with 3 Gold, 3 Silver and 5 Bronze medals.



"Meet the Professionals" with Sage Foundation



"Meet the Professionals" is a quarterly activity of the Ovie Brume Foundation which gives beneficiaries the opportunity to network and build relationships with professionals who can also serve as role models. The objective of the program is to equip students with necessary skills that will help them remain in school as well as acquire other skills to excel in life through engagements with various professionals that will provide them career guidance. The program also seeks to expose beneficiaries to career options to help them chart a course for a productive future as well as provide a glimpse of professional life and instil a sense of responsibility in the students.

The Foundation hosted the Sage Foundation to its 4th quarter, "Meet the Professionals" on 14th December, 2017. The program had in attendance about 110 members of Ovie Brume Foundation, and 20 staff of Sage Software Nigeria. The program had two sessions, the general and the breakout session. The general session introduced the various stakeholders present followed by discussions on career choices and growth by the Sage team. This was followed by the breakout session, which allowed for more personal interaction and mentoring between the students and Sage team.



2017 Lafarge Africa National Literacy

The Lafarge Africa National Literacy Competition (LANLC) implemented by the Ovie Brume Foundation kicked off in March 2017. The competition has over the last four years, provided literacy enhancement options for public primary pupils in Nigeria as well as provide opportunities to improve literacy skills of beneficiaries through Reading, Writing, Pronunciation and Spelling. The literacy competition is an offshoot of the “Book on Wheels” copyright project of the Ovie Brume Foundation and the Foundation has been the technical partner on the initiative since 2013.

The competition kicked off with the Planning Meetings, which held on 4th July 2017 for states in the North Central, North East and North West and on 6th July 2017 for states in the South East, South South and South West. For the first time, the competition held in the three senatorial districts of each state bringing together pupils who competed in the “run off” stage of the competition and which has created more awareness and visibility for the project across states in Nigeria.

The Regional competitions held in the six geo-political zones of Nigeria with each state represented by two contestants, a male and a female, from public primary schools. Ondo state emerged winner in the South West; Anambra state in the South East; Edo state in the South South; Kano state in North West; Plateau state in North Central and Gombe state in the North East. The Grand Finale of the competition held on 16th November, 2017 at Eko Hotel and Suites, Victoria Island, Lagos. The Edo state team of Yusuf Hassan of Eson Ne Rie Model Primary School, Benin City and Faith Toun-Agbai of Eguare Primary School, Irrua, emerged overall winner of the 2017 competition. All states contestants received prizes of tablets, school bags and books at the Regional competition while the entire finalist received a scholarship award at the end of the competition. The 1st position received N250, 000 each, 2nd position receive N200, 000 each, 3rd position received N150,00 while the 4th, 5th and 6th positions received N100, 000 each. In addition, all the State Universal Basic Education Board were recognized and awarded with Certificate of Participation and all officials and students also received monetary gifts.

On 17th November 2017, all the finalist, teachers and SUBEB officials, attended a “Creative Writing and Managing School Based Literacy Intervention” training facilitated by the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) and supervised by the Ovie Brume Foundation.

The literacy competition featured the following: Summary Writing, Literacy Assessment Test and Spelling Bee. The competition was supported by, the States Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEBs), Federal Ministry of Education (FME), Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) and National Commission for Mass Literacy, Adult and Non-formal Education (NMEC).



Participants taking part in Spelling Bee exercise



Michel Pucheros and Mobolaji Balogun presenting Prizes to Edo State

2017 Ovie Brume Foundation Christmas Bazaar

The Ovie Brume Foundation held its annual Christmas Bazaar on 9th December, 2017. The Bazaar is an important annual event of the Foundation as it brings together past and present Youth Centre members, staff, board, friends of the Foundation and the public, in a relaxed atmosphere. The event also serves as a Fund Raising avenue to support the programs and activities of the Foundation.

Highlights of the 2017 Bazaar included the sale of luxury items by the vendors and the Foundation's Charity shop at affordable prizes. The hallmark of the event was the exciting raffle draw, where people won various prizes. A member of the public, Adewale Abdullahi won one of the return tickets to London while others won prizes such as iPhone 6 XPlus, Coronation bank Mutual Benefit Vouchers, Microwave, Weekend Stay for a couple at Virgin Rose Resort, Lunch at Brown Cafe Restaurant, Daviva fabrics, Xmas Hamper, Rice Cooker, etc.



Ms. Evelyn Oputu with one of the winners of a Return Ticket to London



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