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RAISING INFLUENTIAL LEADERS

From the Executive Director's Desk



Greetings from Ovie Brume Foundation. We are glad to bring to you the first edition of our bi-annual newsletter for the year 2016. We are excited to share with you our program activities during the first half of the year. The Foundation took off early in the year precisely on the 7th of January 2016 with a visit to the Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) at Lekki for an excursion with one of our Board members Ms. Jite Brume and twenty-seven young people from the Youth Centre. A myriad of other events took place between January and June, such as the Ovie Brume Foundation Taekwondo Team emerging as the overall winners of the 5th Kenny Taekwondo Competition.

Bobo Omotayo a friend of the Foundation was also at the Foundation to read his Book titled "Honourable" to the Children at the Youth Centre. The Foundation kicked off her partnership project Smart Kids Club with Bays Water Industries Limited makers of Mr. Cheff Seasoning clubs in Five Secondary schools in Ado-Odo, Ota Local Government Sango- Ota, Ogun-State. The project is expected to reach five hundred students and thirty Volunteer teachers directly with nutrition education and interventions. Our music classes waxed stronger and our members lived up to the mission of the foundation and 14 young people from the Foundation wrote different stages of examinations at the Music Society of Nigeria (MUSON) passed.

Our Youth Centre members volunteered their time at the Red Cross Orphanage home in Makoko and cleaned the streets within Eti Osa Local Government area. Our Youth Centre based activities is now more robust with more activities and increased membership. This newsletter gives more insight into the work we are doing at the Foundation and the impact we are having on the lives of our target beneficiaries.

About Ovie Brume Foundation

Oviehire Adeyemi Kesiena Brume was born on the 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 lay 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 by his family in 2003 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 range of recreational, social and educational opportunities, through which they will be 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 endeavors.

Our objective is to create a positive and safe environment in which the youth have access to a range of structured character building activities, meet appropriate role models, 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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I NEVER IMAGINED THERE WAS A PLACE LIKE THIS!

By Enejo Maria *(JSS 3A Victoria Island Junior Secondary School)*

Lekki conservative centre is a 78 hectare (190 acre) in Lekki, Lagos State, established in 1990 to serve as biodiversity conservation icon and environment education centre, protecting the wildlife and mangrove forests of Nigeria's South West coastline from the threat of urban development.

To this end, an excursion was undertaken to the Nigerian Conservative Centre in Lekki area of Lagos State on 7th January 2016. The Excursion was led by Ms. Jite Brume, a member of the Ovie Brume Foundation's Board with twenty seven (27) students comprising of ten Males and seventeen female members of the Foundation. On arrival at the centre, the students were registered by the administrative department before, a tour guard was assigned to the team who educated the team on what to expect as we embark on the tour in the visiting hall.

The students were taken round the centre which is about 78hectares according to the tour guard. During the

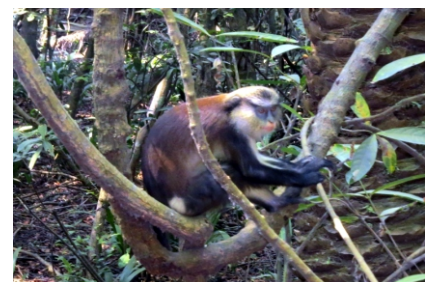
tour, the guard pointed out some significant landmarks within the centre and took time to answer questions along the way. Within the Centre, Mona Monkeys were seen on the trees, and even on the bridge walking around. Some of the highlights of the excursion were different birds flying to and fro singing in lovely rhythm on the trees. The 400metre bridge (when climbed) gives the view of the Atlantic Ocean and many other places due to its height. We also saw the canopy spot, Tilapia Pond, Koi Pond, Draft Spot, Igbo Efon Canopy spot, a 135year old Tortoise and Tilapia Fishes (India and Nigeria Breed).

The tour guard led the way, and showed us that the Centre is made up of Mangrove and the Savanna areas. The ground was swampy, thus everyone had

to walk on a bridge constructed with wood.

The students assembled at Igbo Efon canopy after the tour to ask questions. Rosemary Adibe, one of the Ovie Brume Foundation's members was curious to know who owned the Centre, its history and what are the economic importance/ contribution of the Centre to Nigerian Economy. The tour guard gave answers to the entire questions and the students were better informed.

According to Temitope Fatima, going to Lekki Conservative Centre was an eye opener for some of them who were visiting for the first time. While Ibrahim Mohammed said it widen his scope, creative abilities as an artist and also increased his knowledge base of the environment.



OVIE BRUME FOUNDATION PILOTS BOOK CLUB AT JINADU ANGLICAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

To improve the reading comprehension and spelling ability as well as enhance the general literacy of pupils in public primary schools within Eti-Osa Local Government, the Ovie Brume Foundation commenced a Book Club at Jinadu Anglican Primary School, Ikoyi, Lagos in the month of May, 2016.

The Book Club which holds every Wednesday is facilitated by staff members of the Ovie Brume Foundation, as well as volunteers for the reading project. The Book Club is targeted at pupils in basic 3 to basic 6 classes. This term, the following books were read to the pupils: "Brume the Captain" by Jane Agunabor and "The Invisible Eye" by Olajire Olanlokun



Cross section of pupils at Jinadu Anglican Primary School
during the Book Club reading section

“CHILLING” WITH BOBO OMOTAYO



Rosemary Adibe

JSS 3A Victoria Island Junior Secondary School

As part of activities to improve the reading and writing culture of Youth Centre members, friends of the foundation engage in reading sessions on a regular basis with members. To this end, Bobo Omotayo the author of “London life, Lagos living” and “The Honourable” was our guest in the Month of April to read to students or members of Ovie Brume Foundation as part of the Foundation’s monthly activities.

It was a great opportunity for members of the Foundation to learn from Bobo Omotayo as he read a chapter from his book titled, “The Honourable”. He took the students on a Question and Answer session after the reading session. The class was fun and exciting as the young people did not want him to go. Some of them expressed the privilege of being part of the reading session.

According to Hauwa Mohammed, “I love his diction and his style of writing, the way he read and pronounced the words would never make anybody bored”.

Thank you Bobo Omotayo for coming to read to us at the Foundation, on behalf of members of Ovie Brume Foundation we say “Thank you”.



Bobo Omotayo reading to the children



Cross section of Youth Centre members during the reading section



Bobo Omotayo in a group picture with the children

“GO FOR FUN LEARN FOR LIFE” PROJECT

In the month of March 2016, **Ovie Brume Foundation** in collaboration with **Bayswater Industries Limited (Mr. Chef)** held a training workshop on managing the “**Smart Teens Club**” as part of project activities under the “**Go for Fun, Learn for Life**” Project at D CZARS Hotels & Suites, Ilo- Awela Road, Off Toll Gate Sango Ota, Ogun State.

The objective of the training was to equip the teachers with skills for managing the project and conducting selected monitoring and evaluation activities using the manual developed for the school and community- based programs.

The Training of Trainers was held for 5 Secondary Schools in Ado – Odo Ota local government area, Ogun State. The training was facilitated by Mrs. Iwalola Akin-Jimoh (Nutritionist), Mr. Karunwi Abayomi (Head of programs), and Mr. Akinlolu Akinpelumi (Communications and Advocacy Officer). Mr. Olawuyi Seyi provided extensive Media coverage for the event.

The following schools took part in project. A.U.D Comprehensive College (senior) Sango-Ota, St. Michael's High School(senior) Sango-Ota, Ota, A.U.D Comprehensive High School(junior), Lafenwa, Anglican Grammar School (senior) Sango Ota and Iganmode Grammar School (senior) Sango Ota.



OVIE BRUME FOUNDATION HOSTS “THE GENESIS” A CHARITY ARTS EXHIBITION

The Nineteenth day of March, 2016, Ovie Brume Foundation in partnership with ten Nigerian artists displayed their works in a group exhibition tagged “The Genesis” a charity arts exhibition.

The exhibition was put together by the Ovie Brume Foundation essentially to raise funds to help young people in the area of education. According to the Ms. Evelyn Oputu, the founder and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, the Foundation is delighted to present an exhibition of Nigerian arts to showcase the works of contemporary Nigerian artists.

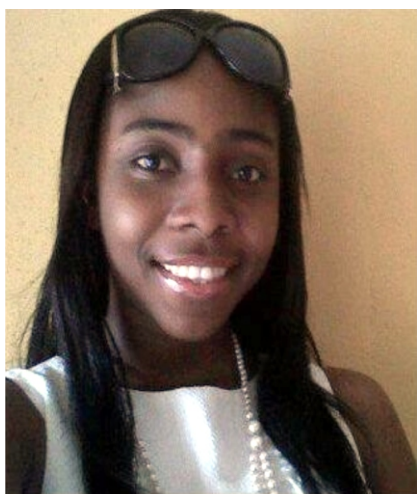
It is also to raise funds for the continuation of our programmes at the Foundation. Ms. Oputu whose love for the arts is unequivocal, opined that if properly articulated, “Art is a language that we as human beings can all understand and this resonates with us all in some form, be it music, dance, drama or painting, just like those on display today.”

A total of 39 artworks were displayed from paintings. Some of the dignitaries who graced the event include; Chief Agnes Ojehomon, Wale Iroksu, Andrew Alhamdu Yila, Niyi Bankole, Adeligba Oluwakemi.



Cross section of pictures from the event

INTERVIEW WITH VICTORIA OKORO



1. Please can you give me your name and age?

My name is Victoria Okoro, I am 29 years old.

2. When were you a member of the Ovie Brume Foundation Youth Centre?

I was a member of the Ovie Brume Foundation in 2004.

3. Which Secondary School did you attend and when?

I attended Girls' Secondary Grammar School Obalende from 1999-2005.

4. While you were a member of the Youth Centre, what were your favorite activities?

My favourite activities were: acting, writing and literacy.

5. How did being at Ovie Brume Foundation impact your life?

Being a member of the Foundation transformed my life, through the activities at the centre. My vocabulary, drama and presentation skills

improved, I discovered and developed a talent I never knew I had, I got interested in Bead designing I went for further trainings which helped me improve and I have attended a lot of exhibitions such as: Untapped resources (Abuja), NAFEST (Bayelsa), NBA Conference (Calabar & Kaduna), Black Heritage Festival (Badagry), Glitz Africa Show (Accra Ghana) I was been granted an interview by TV continental and I am learning and acquiring new skills in beads designing. I am working towards producing beads in Nigeria and Africa at large as that seems to be a key area that is posing challenge to Bead-makers.

6. What are you doing Now?

I registered my company De Creativicky Collectinz Ltd with Corporative Affairs Commission; my company has a vision and a compelling objective to produce young entrepreneurs who will help solve problems in our society from unemployment to social vices. I am currently the Bead instructor/Assistant. Project Director of Southern Business Academy (A Vocational Centre).

7. What would be your advice to the current students of the Ovie Brume Foundation

My advice to the current students of Ovie Brume Foundation is to:

- Always seek God for direction and guidance
- Read books that will help them unlock their potentials and creativity.
- Seek responsible mentors to help them through their career decisions and life in general.
- Always be determined and focused to achieve their dreams.
- Be Change-agents who are self-less to meet a need in their community.
- Make good use of opportunities that are available most especially in the centre
- They should leave impactful and positive footprints in the centre so that other younger ones can emulate.
- They should always help other people to grow.



Sports for Development: Ovie Brume Foundation Taekwondo Club emerges as the Overall Winners at the 5th Kenny Martial Art Competition.

Taekwondo training is one of the featured sports for development activity that the youth centre members undertake at the Foundation. The Club started with eighteen members and has continued to grow. The club has grown from the initial eighteen members to fifty in the last six months.

The team has continued to gain more recognition, after emerging as the Overall Winner of the 5th Kenny Martial Arts Competition held in March 2016 a competition that had over twenty team/clubs represented.

International Taekwondo observers at the competition were thrilled by the display of talent and determination exhibited by the team. They promised to extend an invitation to the team for the Under 15 Taekwondo competition in United States of America later in the year.

At the end of the competition the Ovie Brume Foundation emerged as the overall winner with 8 Gold, 8 Silver and 7 Bronzes Medals. 18 members of the team were also invited to display their skills at the commissioning of FITNESS KONNECTIONS, a new GYM in Ogun State.



Training Session at the foundation in preparation for the competition



Cross section of overall winners of the 5th Kenny Martial Art Competition



Taekwondo display at Fitness Konnections

NEWS HIGHLIGHT OF PAST EVENTS

27th of May 2016

Ovie Brume Foundation joined the rest of the world in celebrating Children's Day with the aim of bringing many young people together and making them understand that they are of immense value to the society. The young people were encouraged not to look down on themselves because they are the future of the nation and the world at large. After educative and mentoring sessions, some group of young people went to Young Men Christian Association to celebrate with other children, while some visited the Red Cross Orphanage Home to volunteer and others engaged in environmental sanitation, and cleaning at the Eti Osa Local Government.



NTA News interviewing Rosemary Adibe
At Motherless Babies Home, Makoko



Youth Centre members decorating
the Motherless Babies Home during
the children's day party at Makoko



Ovie Brume Foundation members
engaged in sanitation exercise
during children's day

NEWS HIGHLIGHT OF COMING EVENTS 2016

July 2016

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Summer Camp in Lagos • 8th - 12th
International Youth Day • 12th
Summer Camp in Warri • 15th - 19th

September 2016

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International Literacy Day • 5th
Taekwondo Competition • 17th

October 2016

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World Teachers Day • 5th
International Day of Girl Child • 11th
Global Hand Washing Day • 15th
Global Peace Game • 24th

November 2016

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World TV Day • 21th
International Day for the Elimination
of Violence Against Women • 25th
Christmas Bazaar • 26th

December 2016

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World AIDS Day • 1st
International Day of Disabilities • 3rd
The Foundation's Anniversary • 11th

OVIE BRUME FOUNDATION THANKS THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN 2016

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| Access Bank | Mouka Ltd |
| Adeniyi, Ashaye & Co. | MOE+ |
| AKT-II | Net Library |
| Apple Nigeria | Nigerian Bottling Company |
| Bank of Industry | Nigerian/Italian School |
| Bays Water Industries | Online Assessment UK |
| Bogabiri House | Organique Spa |
| Brown's Café | Pro – Optics Limited |
| Cedar Works | Promasidor |
| Chellarams PLC | Protea Ikeja |
| Coca Cola Nigeria Ltd. | Qualitex Limited |
| Cool FM | Raddisson Blu Hotel |
| Coscharis Motors | RCCG (Joshua Ville) |
| Coronation Merchant Bank | Retrospective Shop |
| Crestech Engineering | Rimsom Associates |
| Dayo Olajide & Co. | Royal Group |
| Daviva Fashion Limited | Ruff 'n' Tumble |
| Deli Bake | Sesema PR |
| El Alan | Semiloge Textile |
| Emzor Pharmaceuticals | Silver Bird Group |
| Flying Doctors | Southern Sun Hotel |
| Friesland Campina, Nigeria | Spice Bar |
| GSK | Standard Chartered Bank |
| Honeywell Flour Mill Chin Chin | Storm Entertainment Group |
| Indomie Noodles | Suha Bekki Ltd |
| Junior Achievement | Superior Equipment |
| Kachifo Books | Temi's Jump |
| KFA Rentals | Tino Electronics |
| Kasabella Boutique | UNICEF |
| LADOL | United States Embassy, Nigeria |
| Lafarge Holcim | United States Information Service |
| Lagos Oriental Hotel | Veni Vici |
| Lagos State | Virgin Rose Resort |
| Laterna | Wamco / Friesland |
| Living System Sustainable Architecture | Zinox Technologies |
| Mandilas Motors | Zenith Bank |
| Mappamundi Design | |



Charity Shop



Charity Shop sales holds Monday to Saturday from
10:00am - 7:00pm daily.

During the sales, various items ranging from
electronic and electrical gadgets,
furniture, household utensils and gently
used or new clothes are available for purchase.

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