

### From the Executive Director's Desk



It's a pleasure to bring you the 1st edition of the Ovie Brume Foundation bi-annual newsletter for the year 2018.

The year started on a very high note with a visit from international recording Artist and Humanitarian, Vanessa Mdee. Her visit afforded her the opportunity to learn about the Foundation's activities as well as use her personal story to motivate members of the Foundation. The Foundation thereafter commemorated the 2018 World Cancer Day at Akande Idahunsi Memorial High School to sensitize students on myths and misconceptions about different types of Cancer.

At the core of Ovie Brume Foundation's activities is Education and, in this vein, the Foundation hosted a School Managers Forum focusing on issues affecting teacher performance and student's attendance in school vis a vis other educational challenge. Members of the Foundation's Youth Centre also visited the Eko Atlantic City to expose them to latest Infrastructural development in the state.

The Future's Project Exhibition supported by Aspire Coronation Trust (ACT) Foundation held in April to showcase skills of the project beneficiaries as well as help them raise funds and acquire initial customer base for their businesses.

In conjunction with Youth Service America (YSA), Ovie Brume Foundation commemorated the Global Youth Service Day with a Bake Sale and Election Awareness Campaign to raise funds and enlighten the public on their voting rights and collection of their Permanent Voters Card (PVC).

To commence preparation for the 2018 Lafarge Africa National Literacy Competition (LANLC) and contribute to literacy improvement in Nigerian public schools, Ovie Brume Foundation organized the annual stakeholder's forum tagged, "Planning Meeting". In attendance were, Desk Officers of the State Education Boards (SUBEBS), from the 36 states and Abuja, the Universal Basic Education Commission, Lafarge Africa Plc and Ovie Brume Foundation team members.

We are thrilled by the number of lives we have been able to impact positively during the first half of 2018, which motivates us to implement more impactful programmes. We enjoin you to support, partner and collaborate with us as we take giant strides towards improving the lives of youth in our society.

### 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.



#### **Potential**

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# Vanessa Mdee visits Ovie Brume Foundation

As part of activities planned by Victory Lane Production to profile notable African personalities who reside in and outside the Continent through its "ALL ACCESS" TV documentary, Ovie Brume Foundation hosted International recording artist and Humanitarian, Vanessa Mdee on 2nd February 2018.

Executive Director, Adeola Awogbemi and Head of Programs, Taofeek Adeleye welcomed the international artist and took her on a tour of the Foundation. Vanessa Mdee's visit to the Foundation afforded her the opportunity to learn about the Foundation and its activities. As part of the planned activities, Vanessa Mdee met with the Foundation's Youth Centre members and motivated them to believing in their vision regardless of challenges they may face. Vanessa shared with members, how she rose from poverty to become a renowned changemaker in her generation.









## 2018 WORLD CANCER DAY







Prevention is better than cure, thus goes the popular saying. In lieu of this, Ovie Brume Foundation commemorated the 2018 World Cancer Day On 6th February, 2018. The 2018 World Cancer Day was commemorated in partnership with Lagoon Hospital and Hygiea HMO. The event, which was specifically targeted at young people, held at Akande Idahunsi Memorial High School, Osborne Road Ikoyi, Lagos. The event had in attendance 149 participants from Wahab Folawiyo Senior High School, Ilado Community High School, Akande Idahunsi Memorial High School, Principals, Vice Principals, Teachers, Counsellors, Lagoon Hospital, Hygiea MHO and Ovie Brume Foundation staff.

Focusing on students from senior secondary school, the program achieved its objective of addressing the myths and misconceptions about cancer as well as a conscious sensitization on the cancers of the reproductive system. The students had the opportunity to get first-hand and accurate information from the doctors who explained Cancers, its risk factors and prevention as well as addressed risk factors to be avoided from a young age. Free breast examination and medical consultation was thereafter provided for all the students.

## OVIE BRUME FOUNDATION YOUTH CENTRE MEMBERS VISITS EKO ATLANTIC



On 23rd February 2018, 65 members of the Ovie Brume Foundation's Youth Centre went on an Excursion to the Eko Atlantic City. The Excursion, which was aimed at providing the students first-hand information about infrastructural development in Lagos State, proved to be an eye opener for the students as it exposed them to recent developments in the on-going mega city evolvement of the state. Michael Ogwu, an Administrative staff at South Energyx Nigeria Ltd, gave an overview on the making of Eko Atlantic City, a planned city of Lagos State, being constructed on land reclaimed from the Atlantic Ocean. The students were also taken on a tour of the Eko Atlantic City facility. The Excursion was an educative experience for the students, to help them develop their aesthetic sense, give them an insight into nature and kindle their interest in the exploration of the environment.









### "Meet The Professionals" with Lost in Lagos Magazine Crew

To provide access for young people to network and build relationships with professionals, Ovie Brume Foundations hosts a quarterly activity called "Meet the Professionals". The event affords beneficiaries opportunities to acquire relevant skills to excel in life through engagements with various professionals that will provide them career guidance.

To this end, Ovie Brume Foundation hosted the "Lost in Lagos Magazine" crew as special guests at the "Meet the Professionals" on 16th March 2018. The Lost in Lagos Magazine crew comprised of Mona Opubor (Columnist and Editor), Tannaz Bahnam (Managing Director) and Diana Jarmakani (Graphic Designer). The session had in attendance one hundred and fifteen (115) members of the Ovie Brume Foundation Youth Centre. The provided the children with an opportunity to meet key contributors of the "Lost in Lagos" magazine who provided the students with first-hand information on career development, goals and values setting as well as inspiration to strive harder for a better life. At the end, participants were motivated by the experience and this reignited their passion in creative writing.

Worthy of note, is the special feature of the Ovie Brume Foundation in the June edition of the Lost in Lagos Magazine showcasing alumni's and beneficiaries from activities and projects of the Foundation.

# Interview with Emmanuel Benjamin - Member of the Ovie Brume Foundation Youth Centre.



#### Can we meet you?

I am Emmanuel Benjamin from Anambra State. I was born on 2nd December, 2002. I schooled in Kuramo Junior College and currently in JSS2. I lived with my grandparents, sister and my uncle.

## How did you hear about Ovie Brume Foundation?

I heard about Ovie Brume Foundation from a Student who attends Victoria Island Senior School. She mentions the activities carries out at the Foundation whenever we go home together. I decided to follow her to the foundation in the year 2017. Upon visiting the foundation, I was impressed seeing the dance and sport activities members of the foundation took part in. This motivated me to join the Foundation, I have also been taking part in the weekly ICT classses and. Eversince, the foundation has been a second home for me and my fellow colleagues. I and students from different school come together as brothers, sister and friends to learn and develop ourselves while taking part in various activities.

## What activities were you involved in while in the Foundation?

Since joining the Foundation, I have been actively involved in Dance and Creative writing classes. My dance moves have significantly improved through the dance classes through which I have learnt both classic and contemporary forms of dance steps. I was opportuned to exhibit this during the Children's Day Celebration event at Muri Okunola Park. Also the creative writing class has improved my essay writing skills. This adequately aided me while preparing for the Childrens Day Essay Competition. I won the Best Male Essay Award to the Glory of God. My achievements and improvement has made me standout among my peers.

## What role did Ovie Brume Foundation play in your career?

Ovie Brume Foundation has played a huge role in my life. Prior to joining the foundation, my family were struggling to cater for my school expenses, feeding, transportation and others needs, but after joining the

Foundation, all my needs have been able covered through the "Project No Excuses" scholarship program carried out by Ovie Brume Foundation. I wont be pay for the exposure and learnings gotten from the foundation if I am to monetize it. Thanks to the Foundation, I won an educational Tablet during the Children's Day Essay Competition.

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

First, I would enjoin members of the foundation to and invite their friend from other public schools because of the great advantage given to us. Also I will advice them to be dedicated and commit fully to the skills learnt while at the Foundation. Lastly, always represent and potray to Good image of Ovie brume Foundation wherever you find yourself.I acknowledge that God has given me the gift of wisdom and excellence. When I become successful in life, I will establish a Foundation which help me give back to the society and pass on the values Ovie Brume Foundation has instilled in me.

# Planning meeting 2018 Lafarge African National Literacy Competition



The ability to communicate, read and write is a priority and the ultimate investment that can be made for the future of younger generation. Against this background, Lafarge Africa Plc in line with its Corporate Social Responsibilities of building better cities partnered with the Ovie Brume Foundation to implement the Lafarge Africa National Literacy Competition. The project is aimed at improving the literacy level of public primary school pupils in Nigeria by providing opportunities for literacy enhancement options through healthy competitions. The 2018 edition of the project started with a planning meeting which brought together all SUBEB representatives from the 36 states and FCT. The Planning Meeting focused on planning the series of events for the year's competition as well as addressing key issues from previous competition and agreeing on specific terms for the competition. The 2018 Planning

which held in Abuja had all SUBEB representatives, 3 Ovie Brume Foundation staff, 6 Lafarge staff, a representative of Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) in attendance. Major highlights of the meeting were the feedbacks from the Desk Officers and Directors, which included challenges, recommendations, lessons learnt and best practices for the project, setting timelines for state-run offs and regional competitions as well as review of key competition processes.







Thirty-Six (36) members of Ovie Brume Foundation Youth Centre participated in the 2018 Oracle Academy Data Science Boot Camp tagged, Code Week Nigeria. Code Week Nigeria is an annual empowerment event targeting youth and aimed at equipping secondary school students with skills required to compete globally. The two-day program provided students with practical knowledge on the preparation of Oracle Database and SQL Register. Four members of Ovie Brume Foundation, (Ikechukwu Simon, Adebowale Racheal, Muhammed Hauwa and Enejo Maria) performed excellently at the training and were selected to undergo intensive training with Wifi Combat Academy. All the participants received a "Certificate of Attendance" as well as souvenirs from the Oracle Academy.

# OVIE BRUME FOUNDATION MEETS WITH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS





On 20th February 2018, the Ovie Brume Foundation held the 1st Edition of its "School Managers Forum" with school heads and teachers from public schools in Lagos State. The meeting focused on recognizing the role teachers play in impacting youths as well as acquaint them with opportunities and programs of the Ovie Brume Foundation. The program had in attendance principals, vice principal and teachers from 30 public primary and secondary schools in Lagos state. Provision of quality education was a major focus of the meeting, as well as other educational and entrepreneurship training opportunities at the Ovie Brume Foundation. Other salient issues affecting teacher performance and student's attendance in school were also discussed at the interactive session that followed; the meeting however laid emphasis on quality teaching and mentoring of students to build a world class generation of future leaders.

### CHILDRENS' DAY CELEBRATION





Ovie Brume Foundation prioritises activities which ignites ideas and motivates children to improve their educational and personal development. In lieu of this, the Foundation celebrates the annual Children's Day with public primary and Secondary schools in Lagos and Delta States. The 2018 Children's Day celebration kicked off on 10th May 2018 with an Essay writing competition; two representatives from 27 schools (10 Primary, 9 Junior Secondary and 8 Senior Secondary Schools) within communities in Eti-Osa Local Government participated in the exercise.

The primary school pupils wrote an essay on "Nigeria of My Dreams," using the conventional method of writing (pen and paper), while the junior and senior secondary school students wrote essay on the topics: "Social Media, A Friend or Foe" and "The Role of the Family in Bridging Gender Equality in Nigeria" respectively using the computer. The essays were reviewed by judges from Kachifo Limited, Edu-celeb Africa, Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board and Ovie Brume Foundation.

The Children's Day celebration held on 24th May 2018, at Muri Okunola Park, Victoria Island, Lagos. The event had in attendance about 1, 300 children from public primary and secondary schools and 115 adults comprising of teachers, school heads and dignitaries from the education ministry in Lagos State, Access Bank Plc, Wapic Insurance Plc, Kachifo Limited, Lagos State Parks and Garden Agency and Lagoon Hospital.

Key highlights of the event includes a short talk on Financial Literacy by Olubusola Ogundipe, Segment Manager, Access Bank Plc and presentation of gifts to winners in different categories of the Essay competition by Mr Ganiyu Sopeyin, Chairman, Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board) and Mrs Adeola Awogbemi (Executive Director, Ovie Brume Foundation (SUBEB). The children participated in other activities such as Cultural Displays, Spelling Bee, Brainteasers, Games, Talent hunts, Spoken words and Dance.

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# Ovie Brume Foundation Commemorates Global Youth Service Day (GYSD)













On Friday 20th April, 2018, Ovie Brume Foundation commemorated the Global Youth Service Day with a Bake Sale and Election Awareness Campaign. The 2018 Global Youth Service Day, themed #LeadASAP centered on creating awareness on volunteering and service as well as engaging youth in philanthropic activities. The Bake Sale was a fund-raising initiative to support the educational needs of underprivileged members of the Ovie Brume Foundation Youth Centre while the Election Awareness Campaign aimed at sensitizing the public particularly women on the need to register, pick up their Permanent Voters Card (PVC) and vote in credible leaders in the upcoming 2019 elections. 50 members of Ovie Brume Foundation Youth Centre actively engaged in the activities.

Ovie Brume Foundation wishes to thank the following for their support and donation towards the event: Arrowhead Automobile (Event Venue) Karis & Sazii Limited (Branded Polo Shirts), Debbie's Cakes (Cupcakes), The Cake Shop (Cupcakes), Exotique Cakes(Cupcakes) and SmoothieVille (Smoothies).



The Future's Project empowered 38 young prospective entrepreneurs with vocational and business skills. The beneficiaries acquired skills, which has in turn birthed business enterprises as well as increased employability of beneficiaries. The project equipped prospective entrepreneurs with training and business support services to ensure a smooth take-off of their respective businesses.

To achieve these outcomes, the Ovie Brume Foundation partnered with various successful business outfits to provide beneficiaries with trainings in pre-selected vocations pro bono. Trainings were complemented with weekly Financial Literacy and Business management sessions to prepare beneficiaries for core enterprise challenges. Upon completion, tools were provided to the beneficiaries to aid their start-up process.

The Future's Project cycle ran from August 2017 to April 2018 during which 46 beneficiaries received training across 6 different skills with 38 completing the training. With support from ACT Foundation, Ovie Brume Foundation was able to implement the project in partnership with organisations and bodies that provided trainings and facilitated sessions for the Financial Literacy and Business Management classes.

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