

2007 AOOF EVENTS NOTES

THE SCHOLARSHIP GALA: 13TH OCT.

“Seeing is believing.” This adage aptly describes the experience of the dignitaries that made it to the 2007 AOOF Scholarships Gala. After the 46 awardees were recognized, and the individuals were presented with their scholarship certificates and awards, the guests of honor were overwhelmed by the altruism of the whole event.

The special guest of honor, General J.O. Olorunfemi, represented by Colonel Jide Adaramoye presented the General’s NGN50,000 pledge to AOOF. Standing in his own capacity, Colonel Adaramoye pledged NGN40,000, saying, “the whole event speaks for itself.”



But the highlight of the event was the declaration of the chairman of the occasion, founder and Deputy Vice Chancellor of Lead City University in Ibadan, Professor Jide Owoeye of a grant of NGN5,000,000 scholarship to Lead City University to be administered through AOOF. For us at AOOF, it marks a major milestone and again validates our efforts and underscores the confidence well-meaning people have or are developing in our mission.

Overall, the turnout to the event was great. We look forward to continued growth in the vision and hopeful for increased local support in all our future endeavors.

HEALTHCARE OUTREACH DAY 1: 14TH OCT.

The 2007 AOOF Healthcare Outreach event was kicked off on Sunday October 14, 2007 with a health care education session presented to about 900 people at the First Baptist Church Ilora. The pastor and congregation were gracious in allowing us to insert this educational video session into their service.

The subjects of education were around regular exam for and early detection of prostate cancer in men and breast cancer in women.

After the church service, the children’s outreach event was commenced. We started with about 150 children waiting and probably saw about 400 children by the conclusion of the event. All the children dewormed were also provided with vitamins and candies.



For the lucky ones, they were able to walk away with balloons, which proved to be a major hit/thrill for the kids.

HEALTHCARE OUTREACH DAYS: 15-17TH OCT.

Bravo to the team!

Although the crowd was still large, and the first attendees claimed they arrived shortly before 6 o’clock in the morning of Monday October 15, 2007, it was immediately evident that the organization/control of the crowd was much better than in previous years. This is as a result of leveraging our experiences from previous years and the participants’ willingness to take active role in the organization.

There were several unsolicited volunteers, either helping with the crowd control or assisting with some of the administrative tasks. Most of the healthcare specialists came from out of town, and with bad roads and challenging transportation, they arrived later than expected. Once the lab technicians were seated, it was fairly easy to move the patients along through the various stations.

The earliest arrivals at this year’s event were the folks turned back on the last day of last year’s event!

WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

In four years, we have awarded over 130 scholarships to deserving indigent students across the AFJIO local government community in Oyo State of Nigeria! The competition for these scholarships has become very intense, but a good percentage of our awardees are repeat awardees. Our volunteer pool is also widening as some of the students are coming back and actively participating in our outreach events. When ordinary people become unsolicited volunteers, that's when you know you're touching lives . . .



The borehole project went online earlier this year, providing much needed supply of safe, clean drinking water to the Ilora community. Because of the commitment of our supporters, incidents of deadly water-bourn diseases would be reduced in the community. This major accomplishment augments our efforts in community health outreach where we educate, screen, medicate and intervene to keep thousands of people healthy for a productive engagement in their various communities.

Just after midday on October 15, 2007, a crew of the Nigerian Television Association (NTA) Oyo arrived on the scene, having learned about the ongoing healthcare outreach event. The crew was so enthusiastic about the events that they waited a couple of hours for an interview. A few members of the AOOF organization were interviewed and some participants in the event were also interviewed. Our outreach efforts continue to generate positive support and hopefully will begin to prompt replication in other communities across the country. We are "infectious" and we're making a difference!

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WHO'S BEHIND US?

GOD . . .

What seemed like an impossible fundraising goal at first was made possible in the end only by divine intervention. Although funding didn't come exactly as planned, we effectively met our goal! God works in mysterious ways.

FAMILY, FRIENDS & WELL-WISHERS . . .

Our close friends have always been the lifeblood of the foundation funding. As expected, they came through resoundingly. As a unit, the Odeleye family commits to contributing 25 - 40% of the total fundraising goal annually. 2007 was no different. What we saw different this year is the notable contribution of well-wishers, young & old.

. . . IN THE U.S.

A 5 year old girl raised \$22.60 for AOOF by selling lemonade in her subdivision; a 22 year old man donated \$100.00 from his first paycheck; a retired philanthropist donated \$750.00 after reading an article about AOOF; and many friends generously recommitted themselves to the shared vision.

. . . IN THE U.K.

Where the awareness of the AOOF continues to grow, contributions increased from 5% in 2006 to nearly 15% in 2007 of total goal.

. . . IN NIGERIA

The number of donors continues to increase as the publicity of the foundation events continue to spread. An old widow gave NGN500, and several villagers pledged monthly stipends. What's most notable is that with the 4-year, NGN5,000,000 commitment from Lead City University, Nigeria appropriately took the lead in commitment to the AOOF vision!

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