

Bright One Educational Support Fund Newsletter

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The Mid-Year Newsletter!



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Welcome to the mid-year newsletter for the *Bright One Educational Support Fund!* First of all I would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who has supported the fund in one way or another; your support and contributions have been a major factor in the fund's growth and success which has in turn made a huge difference in the lives of the four children currently sponsored by the fund. I would also like to take this opportunity to announce the launch of the fund's website at <http://www.brightonesupportfund.org>. It provides updates on the children benefiting from the fund and will house pictures from each event. This newsletter will be introducing the St. Michael Primary School Library Reformation Program and shows highlights from the 2nd Annual Awards Ceremony. I am so excited for the children sponsored by the fund and look forward to seeing them again in December and meeting the two additional children who will be awarded the six year scholarship!

Children are our future and every child deserves the opportunity to excel and be successful in life

About the Fund

Setting the path for others by giving back to the community!

The *Bright One Educational Support Fund* was established in 2006 to provide educational support to primary 6 level children who attend St. Michael's Primary School in Okemesi, Ekiti State. The selection is based on the children with the best academic performance during a given school year and whose parents have ambitions for them to attend secondary school.

The goal of the fund is to sponsor each of the selected children through six years of secondary school as long as they maintain their exceptional academic performance. The fund initially began with the selection of two children, a boy and a girl, that had the highest academic record in the primary 6 class.

Future Goals

As the fund grows in size and contributions, the plan is to expand the efforts of the sponsorship to include more children as well as surrounding primary schools within the town of Okemesi. ❖

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CONTRIBUTIONS UPDATE - As of May 2008 we are currently at 25% of our \$2000.00 contributions goal!

The BOESF Library Reformation Program at St. Michael's Primary School

After visiting St. Michael Primary School last December, we discovered the Library was in major need of a change. There were old and torn books on the floor and a lack of adequate furniture for students to study and interact with each other. And so the library reformation program was established as a new initiative to improve the quality of education that students receive at the school. The plan for this program is to revitalize the library over a period of 2 years. In 2008, the BOESF plans to begin the reformation program by painting the library and ordering new furniture. We have also received a generous donation of children's books from Vicky Onabolu to be restocking the Library. In 2009, we plan to have the Library fully stocked and provide a desktop computer for the students to gain some experience with computer technology. The launch of the reformed Library will take place in December 2008.

Updates on the progress of the reformation program and picture of the Launch will be provided in the next newsletter.

The 2nd Annual Bright One Educational Support Fund Scholarship Awards Ceremony - highlights

The 2nd annual awards ceremony was held in December, 2007 at St Michael's Anglican Church, Okemesi, Ekiti State. The event was graced by the presence of Oba Michael Gbadebo Adedeji, Ariyowonye II, The Owa-Ooye of Okemesi Land, Mr. Bukola Oluwadiya who facilitated the event, Dr and Mrs. Abodunde, Dr and Mrs. Omotosho, Mrs. Bola Adetunji, the headmistress of St. Michael's primary school, the primary six class teachers, pupils, parents and other supporters. We were

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also graced by the presence of teachers and students from the surrounding primary schools in Okemesi.

The two lucky children selected for the Bright One Educational Support Award for 2008 were Anu Ayodele and Victor Muyide.



Anu Ayodele with her mother, Mrs Ayodele



Victor Muyide with his mother, Mrs Muyide

Per the fund's guidelines, both children were at the top of their primary six class at St. Michael's Primary School for the year 2007 and will be attending secondary schools of their choice in September of 2007. They will receive full sponsorship for the entire six years of their academic career provided they maintain good grades.

The Primary school headmistress as well as the primary six class teacher also received gifts of appreciation for the efforts they have made towards the education of the children that attend St. Michael's Primary School.

Sunday Babatunde and Blessing Idowu, last year's scholarship recipients were present to receive their awards and to offer words of encouragement to the new recipients. They also received their school supplies for 2008.

Other students present were provided with school supplies such as pencils, pens, calculators and of course they also got candy.



Blessing Idowu and her mother



Babatunde Sunday receiving his 2008 award



School supplies for the 4 award recipients

Seeing the smiles on the faces of the students and being able to make a difference in their lives is worth everything. Thank you again to everyone who supported the fund. Please visit the website <http://www.brightonesupportfund.org> for more pictures from the event and details about the upcoming 3rd Annual Awards Ceremony.

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KEY CONTRIBUTORS

A very special thanks goes out to the following key contributors to the *Bright One Educational Support Fund* –

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If you would like to contribute to the fund please send an email to mojibola01@gmail.com or call 856-308-5858.

For more information visit <http://brightonesupportfund.org>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2008 – 3RD ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY AND LIBRARY REFORMATION LAUNCH, ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OKEMESI, EKITI STATE

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE?

There are various ways in which you can contribute to the *Bright One Educational Support Fund*. Types of contributions accepted include the following –

School Supplies e.g. school bags, pens, pencils, cases, art supplies, erasers, sharpeners etc

Monetary Support – as little as N5000 will support one child through a year of school but no amount is too little!

And of course – **Candy!**

WHAT WILL YOU GET IN RETURN?

If you decide to fund a child for one year, you will receive the following –

A picture of the child you are supporting

A thank you letter from the child you are supporting

Updates of the funds progress via current versions of the newsletter

All other types of support will receive a thank you letter from the fund and updates of the funds progress via current versions of the newsletter.

