

REPORT OF JAKIN N.G.O 2011 DRESS A CHILD FOR SCHOOL PROJECT

DATE: September 8th, 2011

VENUE: Panda event complex, 112, Commercial avenue, Oyadiran estate, Sabo, Yaba, Lagos

TIME: 12noon – 2.30pm

BACKGROUND

To commemorate the annual September 8th INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY, **JAKIN N.G.O** organizes a special annual event for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC'S) within Iwaya and Makoko communities of Lagos State. The event tagged "DRESS A CHILD FOR SCHOOL PROJECT" provides basic school items required for the new academic year starting in September every year for OVC's. The 2010 inaugural edition, dressed 200 OVC's attending mostly public schools within the Mainland local Government.



This year, 300 selected children from the same locality have gathered to be dressed for the 2011/2012 academic session. The children are mainly members of Jakin Children's Club for OVC's (JCC) which was inaugurated on March 13th, 2010. Each beneficiary will receive 2 brand new school uniforms, a school bag, two pairs of socks, a pair of school sandals, a dozen of exercise books, a mathematical set (secondary school students only) and a branded pencil case containing a biro, pencil, eraser, sharpener, and ruler.

REGISTRATION

Representatives of 55 organisations including other N.G.O's and partnering organisations and also government parastatals such the Lagos State Ministry of Women Affairs & Poverty Alleviation, Ministry of youths and sport and the Ministry of Justice were also represented. The selected 300 (149 male and 151 female) children to benefit were also present with 74 caregivers. 34 volunteers and 13 members of staff of JAKIN N.G.O were on ground to ensure the success of the event. Distinguished guest present include the Chairperson of the occasion Mrs Kehinde Adenrele and the renowned Nigerian Music Producer – Mr Cobhams Asoquo.



OPENING PRAYER AND INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS



Koffi – the renowned comedian gave his skills to charity as he was the compere of the event.



He kicked off the event with a warm welcome after which Pastor Oladipo Obisesan of 9th hour prayer ministry led a profound opening prayer.

WELCOME ADDRESS



Dr Olubunmi Adebisi – JAKIN N.G.O Co – President came up next with a welcome address on behalf of the Board of Directors of the organization. He also gave a brief information on the vision of JAKIN N.G.O, and the presentation ceremony of 2011 DRESS A CHILD FOR SCHOOL PROJECT which was the very reason we are gathered. Importantly too, he mentioned the unrelenting effort of his dear wife, Mrs Olubukola Adebisi the President and founder of JAKIN N.G.O. Dr Adebisi further acknowledged the presence of the Guests, Partners, guest artists, Ministers of God, beneficiaries, Gentle men and women of the press, staff , volunteers and the soon-to-arrive Chairperson of the occasion.

1ST BOOK READING

Koffi returned to the podium, exhorting parents to watch closely and censor the kinds of music, films, and programs their children watch on television or other media channels.



Up next was the first book reading by a beneficiary 8yrs old Master Israel Adebajo. He read the first three chapters of ENO’S Story, an award winning children’s book by the Guest speaker of the occasion - Ms Olofintuade a renowned author and nominee of the 2011 NNLG Nigeria Prize for literature. The book was well read and audible.

JAKIN N.G.O PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS

The MC gave a remarkable introduction of the President of Jakin N.G.O - Mrs Olubukola Adebisi as he invited her up stage for her speech. Mrs Olubukola Adebisi nee Akinlosotu, is

the President/Founder of Jakin N.G.O. She studied Mgt and Accounting from OAU, Ile-Ife. She is also a recipient of Goldman Sachs Scholarship for 10,000 women entrepreneurs worldwide. She obtained a Certificate in Entrepreneurial Management from Pan African University (LBS).



In her speech she spoke at learnt on the deplorable educational system in the country and poverty has prevented many children from getting basic education. She further stated that the DRESS A CHILD FOR SCHOOL PROJECT is an initiative established to mark the September 8th, annual International literacy day declared by UNESCO in 1965. The event is brought together annually to encourage literacy among less privileged children.
(A COPY OF THE PRESIDENTS SPEECH IS ATTACHED)

1ST PRESENTATION BY SPIRIT OF DAVID DANCE MINISTRY

Koffi came back again; applauding the Dress a child for school project initiative by reminiscing his teen days back in school. He noted that the children who looked unkept were always less confident and suffered extreme low-self-esteem compared to their pairs who had necessary school items. Up next was the first presentation by the renowned Spirit of David dance Ministry.



This fantastic presentation was a dance drama titled “FREEDOM”. It was the story of a young lady once bound. She doggedly fought her way through shackles bestowed on her and finally, with strength and consistency, liberation came, grace showed up and freedom came alive!!!

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Koffi later gave a special recognition to Pastor Oladipo Obisesan, the author of the book; LIVING WITHOUT AIDS and CEO of Doorposts International Limited who donated 100 copies of his award winning book – LIVING WITHOUT AIDS to JAKIN N.G.O.



A copy was handed over to each guest at the registration desk.

MUSIC PRESENTATION BY JAKIN CHILDREN’S CLUB MEMBERS



The choir group of the beneficiaries of the day JAKIN CHILDREN’S CLUB came next on stage. Led by blind Master Anu Ojo, they outstandingly rendered the song “verily verily you are good” in diverse languages including egun.

MAIN TALK ON EVENT THEME

After a resounding applause for them as they left the stage, the guest speaker from Ibadan - Miss Ayodele Olofintuade, a renowned children’s book author and nominee of the 2011>NNLG Nigeria Prize for literature was called up stage. She delivered a lecture on the theme of the event “Education, the bedrock of nation building”.



She stated that Education does not only have to be in the four walls of a school. It's anything you learn that adds value to you. Education is what you take away from or achieve from. It is whatever you are involved with- be it at home, on the streets, whilst in the company of friends, in public place etc. Miss Olofituade rounded up by enjoining parents to buy books for their wards; inculcate reading and knowledge acquisition habits in their children.

SUCCESS STORY

Koffi returned to the stage to introduce and welcome on stage, Iya – Anu a blind beneficiary of Jakin N.G.O who is to share her success story with the audience. Koffi acknowledged that though she is without sight, she sees much more. Iya Anu said she got blind at a young age of 20yrs and her husband abandoned her when her son –Anu was just four months old. Anu was returned home from school at 4yrs old when his teachers noticed he was writing alphabets on each other.



After parading hospitals and doing various tests, he was confirmed to be permanently blind. By God's grace and intervention, she heard about JAKIN N.G.O. and since then, her life has changed drastically for good. She and her son used to sleep on a corridor but Jakin has now rented a room for them at Mushin. JAKIN also enrolled and still sponsors Anu to Pacelli school for the blind in Surulere. Iya - Anu was equally enrolled by Jakin into the Farmcraft School for the blind in Ikeja where she has been empowered in different types of handcraft. She exhibited

samples of her handmade slippers, handbags and key holders and people applauded her extensively. She also learnt soap and Izal making during the one year residential training school. She boldly said she has been well trained and she is now AN ENTREPRENEUR who makes customized bags, shoes, key holders....and more!!! She finally appreciated Jakin and encouraged Partners to keep on supporting.

CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS

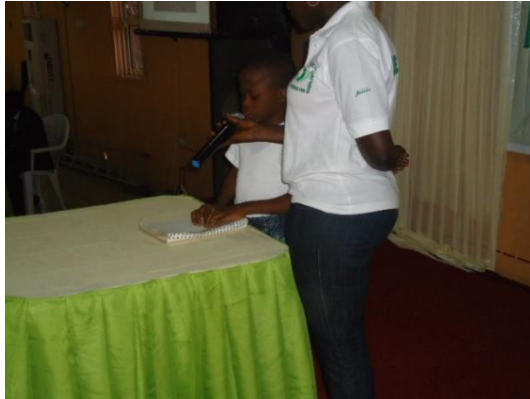
After the touching success story which left many in tears including the MC who had to take a break to hold back his tears. The Chairperson of the Day, Mrs Kehinde Adenrele – CEO of 10a Ventures limited was introduced up stage for her speech. The MC started by reading her profile – she is a Legal practitioner with over 38yrs of experience. She served as a state counsel at the Lagos State Ministry of Justice before entering the corporate sector through Union bank and later she became the first legal adviser and company secretary of Intercontinental bank. She's a Director in several other esteemed boards including that of a microfinance bank and the Lagos State Development and Property Commission (LSPDC). During her speech, she invited 3 beneficiaries to join her on stage, two of the children were physically challenged while the third was not.



She demonstrated that they are equal before God so we must give them equal opportunities to succeed in life. She later emphasized that the girl child should be given equal opportunities with their male counterparts. (A COPY OF THE CHAIRPERSON'S SPEECH IS ATTACHED).....

2ND BOOK READING AND SUCCESS STORY

The second book reading was taken next by 9yrs old -Master Anu Ojo, who started by sharing his own success story of how Jakin gave him a hope to continue his education few years after he got blind at the age of four.



Using his brail – a reading aid for the blind, he fluently read a story titled “horse and the donkey”.

PRESENTATION BY GUEST ARTIST (1)



NUELCHI an upcoming Guest artiste later came on stage and he encouraged the children with an acapella song. After which he did a really nice track from the album “Soul Inspiring Sounds”.

2ND PRESENTATION BY SPIRIT OF DAVID DANCE MINISTRY

SPIRIT OF DAVID dance ministry returned on stage for a second dance presentation titled “JUST COME TO GOD THE WAY YOU ARE”.



The presentation spiced up the atmosphere in an amazing way.

LAUGHTER TIME

Immediately after this, M.C Koffi took everyone present through a fantastic laughter time with his well rendered extremely hilarious jokes.



PRESENTATION BY GUEST ARTIST (2)



Up next was DIVINE BROTHERS (Artiste) who transformed the entire event with a Yoruba gospel praise song that got everyone on their feet dancing.

PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL ITEMS BY CHAIRPERSON

Finally we got to the main reason why we are gathered, the presentation of school items to 300 orphans and vulnerable children from mainly public schools in Iwaya, Oko- Agbon, Ago - egun and Makoko communities of Mainland Local Government, Lagos State .



The presentation of school items was done by the chairperson – Mrs. Aderenle and four children were selected to represent the hundreds of children present to benefit from the heap of school bags and other items mounted and neatly decorated on the left side of the stage. Mrs Adenrele appreciated all partners that supported in making the items available before saying a short prayer and cutting the ribbon.



She presented school packs containing 2 brand new school uniforms, a school bag, two pairs of socks, a pair of school sandals, a dozen of exercise books, a mathematical set (secondary school students only) and a branded pencil case containing a biro, pencil, eraser, sharpener, and ruler to four selected children (two boys and two girls) - Tope Adewunmi, Anu Ojo, Seun Ikuopenikan and Israel Adebajo who represented the children.

Mrs. Aderenle further gave a wow announcement of a **“LIFE TIME SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE BEST STUDENT IN THE COMING YEAR”**.

FASHION PARADE BY SELECTED CHILDREN NEWLY DRESSED FOR SCHOOL

The uproar was uncontrollable after this announcement and the atmosphere was further charged as selected beneficiaries from eight different schools blew the minds of the audience with an excellently coordinated fashion parade showcasing their newly sown uniform, school bags and other items.



The parade was going on simultaneous with the distribution of items to the remaining almost 300 children in the auditorium.

2ND ADDRESS BY JAKIN PRESIDENT

Amidst the excitement, JAKIN PRESIDENT -Mrs. Adebisi came back upstage to give a short address. She further appreciated everyone present and shed a little more light on the challenges of the organization.



She mentioned the availability of pledge forms and encouraged guests to request for it if needed. Challenges mentioned include the need for a bus, computers, accessories and office automation machines to set up a free computer centre for youths and children.

POETRY RENDITION

A beautiful poem was presented by a renowned POET - Mrs. Tosin Otudeko

GOODWILL MESSAGE

Next was a good will message rendered by Mrs Oniyitan, the CEO of W-holistic business solutions ltd on behalf of partners of the event.



Mrs Elliot, the representative of the Mrs Fadairo - Director of Child development, Lagos State Ministry of Women Affairs and poverty alleviation gave a brief speech to cap the event.

VOTE OF THANKS



A vote of thanks was taken by JAKIN N.G.O co – president – Dr Olubunmi Adebisi. He appreciated all for making the event a great success.

CLOSING PRAYER



Finally - Pastor Chibuzo of the Saint's Christian Centre, Ilupeju led the closing prayer.

COMPILED BY

Mrs Adebiji,

President.