

Welcome to the first edition of DJOOF newsletter; our e-newsletter that will be delivering the latest DEACONESS J.O. OBANIYI FOUNDATION news and stories to your inbox quarterly.



The Foundation seeks to alleviate suffering of widows and the less privileged in the society and is committed to providing support in the area of human capacity development, skills acquisition, and the establishment of small and medium enterprises (SME) for the targeted beneficiaries so they can be self-sufficient and be able to afford the basic things of life.

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OPERATIONAL UPDATES

The Deaconess J.O. OBANIYI FOUNDATION that was officially launched on the 23rd of January 2021 has fully registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC). In a bid to effectively achieve the aims and goals of the

foundation, the DEACONESS J.O. OBANIYI FOUNDATION has set up operational offices both in Lagos State and Ilesa in Osun State, the offices are always opened to attend to people from 8am-5pm weeks days.

GOOD PLANS

The Foundation aims to touch the lives of many Nigerians through its programs and project. Part of its good plans for the targeted beneficiaries are:

- **WIDOWS EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM:** To alleviate suffering among the widows and their children, the DEACONESS J.O OBANIYI FOUNDATION have made plans for quarterly empowerment program for widows which will help them get back their normal life and be independent. The empowerment program includes acquisition of new skills and establishment of small and medium enterprise (SME) for the widows so they can be economically empowered.
- **EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR INDIGENT CITIZENS, CHILDREN OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS:** Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world that is why DEACONESS J.O. OBANIYI FOUNDATION has chosen to advance the living standards of orphans, indigent citizens, and children of widows in the society through scholarships, wherein the foundation assumes full responsibility for the education of our beneficiaries (mostly at the elementary and secondary education levels); and bursary grants to support other bright students at the tertiary level.
- **HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR THE WIDOWS AND LESS PRIVILEGED:** Health service program for widows and less privileged remains a priority for us at the foundation and that is why DJOOF has reached out to some select hospitals, and we have equally partnered with providers of health insurance so we can give adequate health care service to our beneficiaries. The Foundation will be responsible for services that will be rendered to beneficiaries that are qualified for the health support program.



PAST EVENTS

COMMISSIONING OF DEACONESS J.O OBANIYI FOUNDATION OFFICE

Thanks to everyone that came out for J.O OBANIYI FOUNDATION on Sunday 23rd January 2022 to felicitate with us at the commissioning event of the DJOOF office in Ilesa. The commissioning of the office was done by the Archbishop of Methodist Church Nigeria Ilesa Archdiocese, His Grace The Most Reverend Amos Akindeko, JP who was accompanied by his amiable wife and other senior members of the clergy team in the Diocese. The event which was well attended also had the Presbyters of Ile-Ife Circuit, Otapete Circuit, and Ifofin Circuit of the Methodist Church Nigeria in attendance. Community leaders, member of the Board of Trustees, church leaders and family members of Deaconess J.O. Obaniyi were also in attendance.

DJOOF Q1 2022 EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

The first edition of DEACONESS J.O OBANIYI FOUNDATION quarterly empowerment program was done alongside the office launch on Sunday 23rd January 2022. Widows from various parishes of Methodist Church in Ile-Ife, Ilesa and the office vicinity benefited from the program. In the bid of the foundation to keep widows economically empowered, items including grinding machines, refrigerators and sewing machines were given to

widows to support them to start small scale businesses while cash grants were also given in the form of working capital for the widows to support their new businesses. The Archbishop also supervised the handing over of all the equipment to the widows.

At the maiden edition of our quarterly empowerment programme, a full scholarship was equally awarded to one of the widow's children. The boy, who was seven (7) years old at the time has been withdrawn from school for a while due to his family's inability to fund his education. The foundation therefore awarded the boy a complete scholarship which covers his primary level education to tertiary level. The boy is now a bona fide student Hope Mobolaji International Academy Ilesa and he is doing very well with his studies.



DJOOF Q2 2022 EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

The second edition of DEACONESS J.O OBANIYI FOUNDATION quarterly empowerment program took place in the Foundation office at Ilesa on Saturday 30th April 2022, the event was anchored by the office Administrator. Present at the event was The Very Reverend O.A Oke, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation, the Director of Partnership & Projects, and our Special Guest for the event the person of Mr. Oluwafemi Adekanola.

Several widows were empowered at the event with some receiving grinding machine, sewing machine, and refrigerators while some received seed capital to start small scale businesses. All the widows that received small scale



enterprises equipments were also supported with working capital for smooth takeoff of their respective businesses.

In addition to empowering widows, 2 orphans were also qualified to benefit from the program, one of them was given funds for her graduation ceremony at her training center. The young girl has completed her apprenticeship training, but she was unable to gain her freedom because of the death of her parents. With the intervention of the Foundation, she is now a certified Fashion Designer and her younger sibling who's is a girl of 10years was awarded a complete tuition scholarship.

Also, among the beneficiaries of DJOOF Q2 2022 empowerment program are widows' children. A widow's child who gained admission into one of the universities in Nigeria was given a Bursary award of #100,000 for his tuition and other things he needs to do to complete his registration. A young girl of 12years whose mother is a widow was also awarded a complete tuition scholarship.

After the presentation of grants to the beneficiaries, Mr. Femi Adekanola who was our Special Guest for the event supported the good work of DJOOF with the sum of #200,000.



· DJOOF Q3 EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

The third (3rd) quarter empowerment program for the year 2022 took place in the Foundation office in Ilesa on Monday 3rd of October 2022. The event was graced by the Very Reverend Oke, the Chairman of the Foundation, Director of Partnership/Project, and the Administrator.

During the program DJOOF COOPERATIVE AND MICROCREDIT SCHEME was launched. We seek to support widows with interest-free loans through the initiative and handhold them on their journey to financial independence. The widows are encouraged to make monthly contributions in the form of savings and can borrow 2 times of their savings after participating for a minimum of 6-months. The foundation seeded the initiative with take-off funding and will continue to support the cooperative on a need-basis going forward.



Two women that qualified for DJOOF skills acquisition program were enrolled at a salon for six (6) months hairdressing training and they were supported with monthly allowance for the duration of their training. The foundation will also set them up with equipments and seed capital on the completion of their training.

A young boy who happened to be a victim of fatal accident that has been using catheter since year 2020 was given a cash grant of hundred thousand naira (#100,000) needed for his surgery and the foundation administrator was there through the surgery procedure to provide succor and comfort to the family and ensure that everything went smoothly, in addition to the cash grant.

Some widows were given grinding machine while others received Hairdryer and sewing machine.



FUNDING MODEL / DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

Some members of our Board of Trustees and some children of DEACONESS JULIANAH OLUSESAN OBANIYI with the permission of the board of trustees for the DEACONEES J.O OBANIYI FOUNDATION have promised that for every donation that comes into the Foundation from our Donors, they would MATCH it by 100% and publish the list of donors in the foundation bi-annual Newsletter and annual audited accounts.

In our bid to align our operations with globally acceptable best practices, and in the spirit of accountability and transparency, the foundation will also publish its detailed summary of activities and financial statement detailing all expenses on our website. This level of openness is to reaffirm our strong belief in being accountable to all our partners.

We have equally been registered by the Special Control Unit against Money Laundering (SCUML) of the Economics and



Financial Crimes Commission. This is in accordance with the provision of Section 17 (2)(a) of the Money Laundering (Prevention and Prohibition) Act, 2022 and any other law or regulation against money laundering. We will thus ensure that all the finances of the foundation is structured within the ambient of relevant laws.

PARTNER WITH US...

If you would like to support the good work of touching lives that the foundation is doing, you can make your donations directly to our bank account with details below:

Account name: DEACONESS J.O. OBANIYI FOUNDATION
Bank Name: United Bank for Africa (UBA) Plc
Account number: 1024810646

You can also make donations with the payments links on our website: www.joobaniyifoundation.org

We encourage you to visit our website from time to time to read about us, keep yourself abreast our operations, and support us.

Thank you.

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