

The Rose of Sharon



FOUNDATION

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reach out and touch...

*Celebrating a Decade of
Faith, Hope and Transformation*



COMMEMORATIVE BROCHURE



HER EXCELLENCY,
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FIRST LADY, LAGOS STATE &
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CHAIRMAN, THE ROSE OF SHARON FOUNDATION



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FOUNDER, THE ROSE OF SHARON FOUNDATION



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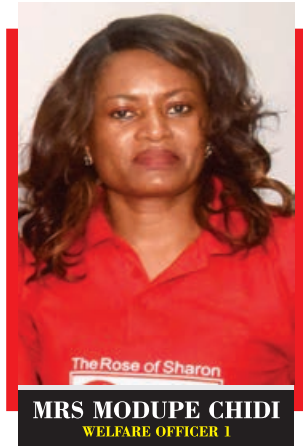
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MR. FOLARIN ALAKIJA



MR. ROTIMI ALAKIJA



It is with great pleasure that I update you on the activities of the Rose of Sharon Foundation over the last decade. We are immensely grateful to God for all He has used us to accomplish in the lives of our widows, their children and orphans. This Foundation commenced from a divine call by God in James 1:27, instructing me to assist His widows and orphans.

A journey that started with three (3) widows on 23rd May 2008, has empowered over 3000 widows through vocational skills acquisition. We have also given over 1000 widows interest free loans and awarded scholarships to 1,366 widow's children and 86 orphans to take them through to university.

God has used us to touch their lives in ways they never thought of nor imagined. Many a tear has been wiped away, many a sorrow has been transformed into laughter, inferiority has been changed to confidence, helplessness to hopefulness, weakness to strength; fear has turned to courage, poverty to economic independence and many children have been taken off the streets and into classrooms. The details of the stories of our beneficiaries are included in this brochure. There is also a separate booklet on some success stories narrated in our video documentary.

I feel tremendously privileged to be a part of this vision and hugely elated at the commitment shown by the Chairman and the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for the furtherance of our work. Our administrative staff have worked tirelessly over the years. It has indeed been a walk of faith, victory and celebration.

I appreciate all our partners who have given of their time and talents to be a part of our journey and story. I also appreciate the press who have been making sure that all our activities are given favourable coverage, we could not have gotten this far without your assistance.

I look forward to the next 10 years, and encourage you to join hands with us, so that together we can "reach out and touch" our world and make it a better place for every widow, their children and orphans.



Folorunso Alakija (Mrs)

Founder, Rose of Sharon Foundation

ABOUT US

The Rose of Sharon Foundation (RoSF) was birthed as a revelation in James 1:27 which the Founder received from God during prayer, which says: “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world”(NKJV)

We are an NGO focused on alleviating the plight of widows and orphans through the design and execution of programmes that give financial independence and educational opportunities to widows, their children and orphans.

A journey that started with three (3) widows on 23rd May, 2008, has amalgamated into a network of almost a thousand widows today. Since inception, RoSF has empowered over 3000 widows through vocational skills and awarded scholarships to 1,366 widow's children and 86 orphans. The loans to widows are interest free and the scholarships have no conditions attached. We have also provided accommodation for residential and business purposes for 82 widows. Furthermore, in conjunction with our partners, we have provided some free healthcare checkups and free legal services to our widows.

Our board comprises people of integrity, professional excellence and achievement. Our work is produced by faith, our labour prompted by love and endurance inspired by hope.

OUR VISION

We provide help and succour for widows and orphans across Nigeria.

OUR MISSION

To guarantee financial independence & educational opportunity for our widows & orphans through schemes & programmes that assure greater self esteem & ease of socio-economic integration.

OUR VALUES

Love and Compassion, Obedient to God's call, Long Term Commitment, Respect for Every Individual, Partnership and Teamwork, Integrity and Accountability.

THE JOURNEY SO FAR.....

Many amazing things have happened since we started in 2008. God has used us to touch the lives of widows, their children and orphans in ways they never thought of nor imagined. Many a tear has been wiped away, many a sorrow has been transformed into laughter, inferiority has been changed to confidence, poverty has been transformed into economic independence and many children have been taken off the street and into classrooms

Our work has predominantly focused on alleviating their plight and our programmes provide financial independence and educational opportunities to tertiary level or vocational training as the need arises. Many have successfully graduated

I feel tremendously privileged to be a part of this vision and hugely elated at the commitment shown by the Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Foundation for the furtherance of our work. It has so far been an extraordinary journey for us, one that is filled with good experiences, significant learning processes and the creation of many memorable moments

THE TALE OF 10 YEARS OF VISITING ORPHANS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR MANY TROUBLES...

With more than 10 years of on-the-ground experience working with widows in Nigeria RoSF understands that deploying comprehensive programmes that addresses their social and economic empowerment are the most effective ways to impact them directly. Since inception in 2008, RoSF has intervened in the lives of over 3,500 widows and orphans directly and more than 10,000 households indirectly. This is because, when a widow who is the breadwinner of the family is empowered, the entire household becomes the direct beneficiaries of the impact.

Above all, creating opportunities for widows through financial support, education, decent work, can also help to protect their children and avoid the cycle of inter-generational poverty and deprivation.

Our successes are wrapped around the following programmes:

- RoSF Widows' Empowerment Programme (WEP)
 - i. Micro Credit Scheme (Interest Free Loan)
 - ii. Enterprise Development and Skills Acquisition (EDTP)
- RoSF Educational Programme (REP)
- RoSF Advocacy programme (RAP)
- RoSF Agric-Business Programme (RAB)



Feature Story.....

Mr. ADEDOKUN SUNDAY ADETOLA

My Story of GRACE.....from the Street to a Fashion Icon

Surulere. I joined the street boys' gang called "agbero" or "area boys". I became everything "raw" on the street to survive.

Our parents died leaving nothing behind so there was nothing to live on. It was indeed a difficult time for us as things got tougher as the day passed by. All the promises from extended family members, family friends and well-wishers at the death of our parents were nowhere to be found till date. ***But I thank God today; I am a living testimony of the humanitarian intervention of the Rose of Sharon Foundation in the lives of orphans.***

I was born into the family of Late Adedokun Ademola and the fourth born of the family of six children. We lost our parents to poverty because there was no money to take care of them when they took ill. My father died in December 25th 2000 of Hypertension while my mother who could not manage the shock of her husband's death, died five years (2005) later of malaria.

Though I have three older siblings but we needed to do more to care for the rest of the family. Therefore, taking some of the responsibilities of providing for my younger ones at the age of 24 was a role I never applied for. However, I took courage to face the premature responsibility nature assigned to me. I became the bread winner for my family when I should have been in school. The pressure to ensure we had daily bread pushed me to the street of

We were introduced to the Rose of Sharon Foundation in 2009 through a Lecturer at Yaba College of Technology, Dr. (Mrs) Stella Mofunaya then (Mrs. Stella Awoh).

God remembered us through Mrs Folorunso Alakija and healed our pains. From the depth of my heart, I say this, I would have ceased to exist had I continued on the street, because each day, we were faced with life-threatening dangers on the street as area boys.

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As we became beneficiaries of the Rose of Sharon Foundation Orphans Scheme things changed for my siblings and I. The Foundation empowered us with **scholarships up to university level, they also provided monthly upkeep, clothing, food stuffs and rents for our accommodation.** We were able to come this far with the benefits received from the Rose of Sharon Foundation.

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I was taken off the street and was enrolled at Yaba College of Technology where I studied Industrial Design and Fashion and obtained an OND certificate. I did not stop there, at the completion of my one year Industrial Attachment (IT), I went back for my HND in the same field. Today, I am a graduate of Yaba College of Technology with an HND in Industrial Design and Fashion, I am a certified tailor (smiles) and my company's name is **Beyond Stitches Clothing (BSC)**.

My plan in the nearest future is to be one of the best in the fashion and design industry in Africa. I desire to own a fashion outfit that will house different departments like, Illustration Department, Pattern Drafting Department, Cloth Construction Department,

Designers Department etc. I also intend to run free empowerment training and support to the needy as a way of giving back to the society.

I always feel so blessed and happy each time I remember the day I was introduced to The Rose of Sharon Foundation.

My gratitude goes to the Founder of RoSF, Mummy Folorunso Alakija, may the Almighty God continue to strengthen her and her family, the good Lord shall renew her strength like that of the eagle day by day in JESUS NAME Amen. I am so grateful and I believe that I am speaking the minds of all the orphans who are beneficiaries of the Foundation.

RoSF has 1,366 students on its scholarships scheme, comprising widows' children and orphans studying in various nursery/primary schools, secondary schools and tertiary institutions. RoSF is the number one NGO with the highest number of internally funded educational scholarships (up to university level) awarded to students in Nigeria. Our beneficiaries spread across over 300 schools throughout Nigeria. Since 2008 till date, a total of 7 widows and 137 students have graduated from various higher institutions across the Country and have successfully become the Rose of Sharon Foundation Alumni. This is just the beginning, we are still counting..... Praise the Lord!

Amazing stories and testimonies of some of our scholarship beneficiaries are included here. RoSF Scholarship Scheme takes about 70% of annual programme budget. An investment worth celebrating as the joy and fulfillment of the dreams of these orphans are the reasons the foundation exist.

A few of their stories are featured in this Special Anniversary Brochure.

Primary School Students



ABBA-HABIB SERAH
BRIGHT FUTURE SCHOOLS
BAC. 3



ADEKEYE NIFEMI
SEYLEK CITY COLLEGE
PRY. 5



ADELEYE ABIGAE
BOLA IMMACULATE
NUR/PRY SCHOOL
PRY. 4



AGBASONU SAMUEL
NEW COVENANT N/P SCHOOL
PRY. 6



**AHAMEFULA
PRISE-GOD CHINEMELA**
FRANCEL MONTESSORI SCHOOL
PRY. 2



**AHAMEFULA VICTORY
UCHECHI**
FRANCEL MONTESSORI SCHOOL
JS2



**AIBONI GRACE
CHIOMA**
MAVLON INT'L PRIVATE SCHOOL
PRY. 2



AJAWARA JEREMIAH
HELPERS INT'L SCHOOL
PRY. 6



AJAYI TEMIOLUWA
SUMMER RAIN SCHOOLS
BAC. 5



AKINREFE AYOMIDE
HIS GLORY NUR & PRY. SCHOOL
BAC. 4



ALIMI MICHEAL
ORE-OFE NUR & PRY SCHOOL,
ODOGBOLU
PRY. 5



ALLI FUAD
TAQWALLAH LATMAR
CALIPH MODEL SCH
BAC. 4



ALUKU JOSEPH
KEMRONT
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
BAC. 2



ANTHONY GOLD
BIMSTAR INT'L SCHOOL
PRY. 3



ASHIRU TEMITAYO
BETTER DAYS COLLEGE
PRY. 4



ATAKAN CHRISTIAN
COMMAND CHILDREN SCHOOL
PRY. 4



FAKOYA FEYISAYO
SEYLEK SCHOOL
PRY. 5



FELEYAN ISRAEL
BETHEL SCHOOL
BAC. 4



**NNAMANI
CHIMDINDU JOEL**
DORCAS MEMORIAL
NUR & PRY. SCHOOL
PRY.5



NWANKWO ISRAEL
CANAN CHILDREN SCHOOL
PRY. 4



OGUNNIYI VICTORIA
ROYAL CHILDREN SCHOOL
PRY. 5



OKEOLA ISRAEL
JESUS REBUILD PRIV. SCHOOL
PRY. 6



OLAOGUN CHRISTIANAH
JACOBS MODEL SCHOOL
PRY. 4



OLORUNFEMI BUSOLA
ROYAL CHILDREN SCHOOL
BAC. 5



OLORUNFEMI MARVELOUS
ROYAL CHILDREN SCHOOL
BAC. 4

RoSF Educational Scholarship Scheme



OMABALLA JOY
CONFAB CHILDREN SCHOOL
BAC. 6



ONYEBUENYI IKECHUKWU
TWINS NUR & PRY. SCHOOL
PRY. 5



POPOOLA TESTIMONY
ACHIMOTA INT'L SCHOOL
PRY. 4



SAMAILA SHAMMAH
WINSFORD SCHOOL
BAC. 4



**SHODAMOLA
OLATUNJI MICHEAL**
GLORYLAND SCHOOL
PRY. 4



SHOKUNBI TEMILOLUWA
FLO-STARS CHILDREN ACADEMY
PRY. 6



**SIMON-OKORO
CHIAMAKA**
BLESSING N/P SCHOOL
PRY. 3



UBA CHISOM
ENIS SCHOOL
BASIC 5



UDENZE HINAZA
ENIS SCHOOL
BASIC 4

Secondary School Students



ABAH JOEL
SS3 GRADUATE
NIMASA SCIENCE AND
TECHNICAL COLLEGE WARRI



ABDULKAREEM FATHIA
SS3 GRADUATE
MERRYPLANT SECONDARY
SCHOOL IGBOROSUN



ABIDANG DAVID OKON
WINEPPES PRY. SCHOOL
SS2



**ABIDANG
RACHEAL OKON**
SS3 GRADUATE
LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE



OGUNIYI ADEBAYO
SS3 GRADUATE
LOOK AND LIVE PRIVATE
SECONDARY SCHOOL



ADEBAYO VICTOR
EVERGREEN HIGH
SCHOOL, IBADAN
JS3



ADEBOWALE TEMIDAYO
SEYLEK CITY COLLEGE
SS2



ADEDOYIN NOFISAT
NEW LAGOS COLLEGE
SS3



**ADELAKIN
AYOMIDE ISRAEL**
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
COLLEGE, OGBOMOSO
SS2



ADELAKIN HANNAH
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
GIRLS' COLLEGE, AKURE
SS1



ADELEYE PETER
AYOTAYO NUR/PRY SCHOOL
SS1



ADEOTI ADEBOWALE
HOMAT GROUP OF SCHOOLS
SS3



ADEOYE ADEJOKE
LIVING SPRING
GROUP OF SCHOOL
SS2



ADEREMI DOLAPO
SS3 GRADUATE
ROSEBILLE COLLEGE



ADETAYO YEMISI
MARIGOLD COLLEGE
SS3 GRADUATE

RoSF Educational Scholarship Scheme



ADEWALE AYOMIDE
GREAT HAVILAH
MODEL SCHOOL
JS3



ADEWALE FAVOUR
AGGS UGHELLI
JS2



ADEWALE PEACE
AGGS, UGHELLI
SS2



**ADEYEMI
SUNDAY MATTHEW**
MEMKAD SECONDARY SCHOOL
SS1



ADEYEMO SOLOMON
GULF FLOWER HIGH SCHOOL
SS3 GRADUATE



ADOGA RILWAN
EBEN NOBLE COLLEGE
SS2



AGBA MARY
YINTAB PRIVATE ACADEMY
SS1



AGBAI MICHEAL
MIKETUY COLLEGE
JS1



AGBEDO CHIDINMA
BETTER DAYS COLLEGE
JS1



**AGBEDO EBUBE
VICTOR**
SS3 GRADUATE
BETTER DAYS COLLEGE



AJANAKU ISAAC
XPLANTER PRIVATE SCHOOL
JS3



AJANAKU TEMIDAYO
XPLANTER PRIVATE SCHOOL
SS3



AJAYI TOLU
ST. SAVIOURS HIGH SCHOOL
SS3



AJAYI YEWANDE
ST. SAVIOURS HIGH SCHOOL
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AKINBOYEWA FOLARIN
GRIMES INTERNATIONAL
COLLEGE
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BOSOL GOD WILL
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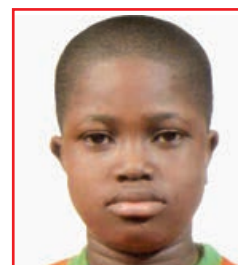
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IDEAL FOUNDATION
SCHOOLS
SS2



AKINREFE ABIOLA
HIS GLORY
SECONDARY SCHOOL
SS1



AKWANJI DANIEL
SS3 GRADUATE
DELIGHT SECONDARY
SCHOOL



ALAKA TITILOPE
LAGOS STATE MODEL
COLLEGE, IGBOKUTA
JS3



ALIMI ABRAHAM
THE TRUTH PRECIOUS
SEC. SCHOOL
JS2



ALLI FAIZOL
TAQWALLAH LATMAR
CALIPH MODEL SCH.
JS2



**ANADI CHIKELUBA
EMMANUEL**
SS3 GRADUATE
HANS SECONDARY SCHOOL



ANDOH FREDRICK
FSTC, LAGOS
SS3 GRADUATE



**ANDOH KWAME
OMOTAYO**
FSTC, LAGOS
SS3 GRADUATE

RoSF Educational Scholarship Scheme



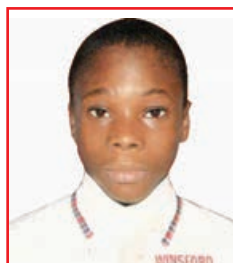
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ANIFOWOSHE ABIGAE
WINSFORD SCHOOLS
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ANIFOWOSHE CALEB
WINSFORD SCHOOLS
JS1



**ANORUO CHIBUNDU
KENNEDY**
ROSYLAND COMP. COLLEGE
SS3 GRADUATE



ANTHONY DORCAS
BIMSTAR INT'L SCHOOL
JS2



ARASI OLUWASEUN
PRECIOUS SCHOLARS SCHOOL
SS2



ARIBE CHIWENDU
BRIGHT KIDS
PRY. 5



AROGUNYO OTITO
SS3 GRADUATE
AGEGE COMPREHENSIVE
HIGH SCHOOL



ASHIRU BUSAYO
BRILLIANT CHILD
PRIVATE COLLEGE
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AUDU PAUL
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SECONDARY SCHOOL
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**AWOFESO ESTHER
TOWOBOLA**
TOPGREEN PASTURES
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TOPGREEN PASTURES
HIGH SCHOOL
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AWOLUMATE RONKE
YABA COLLEGE OF
TECH. SEC. SCH.
SS3 GRADUATE



AWOLUMATE TOBILOBA
EAGLE'S TOWERS SCHOOLS
SS1



BABATUNDE RILWAN
SEYLEK CITY COLLEGE
JS3



BALOGUN OLUWAPELUMI
LAGOS STATE JNR. MODEL
COLLEGE, BADORE
JS3



BALOGUN OLUWASEMILORE
LAGOS STATE SNR.
MODEL COLLEGE, BADORE
SS1



**BAMITEKO AYOMIKUN
ROSELINE**
SS3 GRADUATE
LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE



**BAMITEKO ELIZABETH
ORIYOMI**
LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE
SS2



BAYONLE ITUNU
CORIANDE GROUP
OF SCHOOL
SS1



BAYONLE SAMUEL
CORIANDE GROUP
OF SCHOOL
JS1



BHATE DANIEL
MOST HIGH COLLEGE
SS2



**ORAEKWUOTU
CHIBUIKE**
CINAC ROYAL COLLEGE
SS1



**CHUKWU FAVOUR
EZINWA**
DAMILAND HIGH SCHOOL
JS1

RoSF Educational Scholarship Scheme



CHUKWUEBUKA PRECIOUS
SURE FOUNDATION SCHOOLS
SS2



CHUKWUEBUKA SOLOMON
SURE FOUNDATION SCHOOLS
SS3



CHUKWUEKA FRANK
JNICE GIFT PRIVATE SCHOOL
JS1



DIAL DAVID
IFEANYICHUKWU
SS3 GRADUATE
REDEEMER'S SECONDARY
SCHOOL



DIYAOLU EMMANUEL
GYASI SECONDARY SCHOOL
JS1



DIYAOLU OLAMIDE
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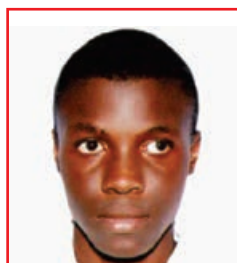
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JOYLAND HEIGHT
SEC. SCHOOL
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EFFIONG VICTORIA
BAPTIST BOWEN
SEC. SCHOOL
SS3 GRADUATE



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NORMAL CHILDREN
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NORMAL CHILDREN SCHOOL
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**EGWUONWU DANIEL
GODSON**
SS3 GRADUATE
RISING SUN PRIVATE SCHOOL



**EGWUONWU SAMUEL
CHIDIKE**
SS3 GRADUATE
RISING SUN HIGH SCHOOL



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HAPPYDAM COLLEGE
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HOPE SPRING INT. SCHOOL
SS3 GRADUATE



EKWONYE AGNES
SAPPHIRE STONE COLLEGE
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ELEMARU CHISOM
HIGHLIGHT BRAIN BUILDERS
JS1



**EMMANUEK
CHIAMAKA IBEH**
HILLCREST COLLEGE
SS2



EMMANUEL VICTOR
LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE
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ENOBABOR EMMANUEL
SUMMER RAIN INT'L SCHOOL
SS2

RoSF Educational Scholarship Scheme



**ESOM EMMANUELLA
CHIDINMA**
SS3 GRADUATE
DEEJEWEL INT'L COLLEGE



EZE STEPHEN
LAOYE COLLEGE
SS3 GRADUATE



**EZEMEGBU
CHUKWUEMEKA**
HEIRS OF SALVATION SCHOOL
SS2



OLUFADDEBO COMFORT
APPOLLIAN SCHOOL
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OLUFADDEBO PEACE
APPOLLIAN SCHOOL
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**FAGBEMI
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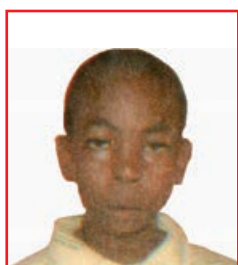
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QUEEN'S COLLEGE, SABO
SS3 GRADUATE



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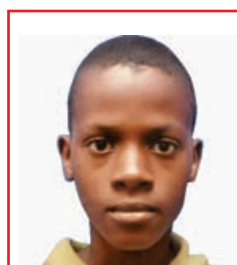
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AKINOLA**
REDEMPTION
STORYLAND SCHOOL
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**GODWIN MERCY
ORSHOBUG**
SECONDARY SCHOOL
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SAVIOUR OKON**
HIS GLORY
NR/PRY SCHOOL
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IDOWU DEBORAH
SURE GUIDE ACADEMY
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KINGS AND QUEENS
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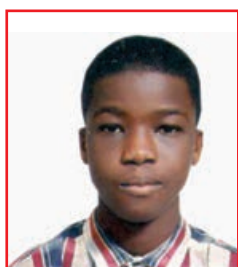
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MARJOS INT'L COLLEGE
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OLAYIWOLA IRETUNDE
SEYLEK CITY COLLEGE
JS2



ISEBAGA DANIEL
COMMAND DAY SCHOOL
SS1



ISEBAGA DIVINE
COMMAND DAY SCHOOL
JS2



ITUA E.O. SYMBOL
HIGHLIGHT COMPR. COLLEGE
SS1



ITUA VICTOR
HIGHLIGHT COMPR. COLLEGE
SS3 GRADUATE



**IWUEZE IHECHUKWU
VICTOR**
SURE FOUNDATION SCHOOLS
SS2

RoSF Educational Scholarship Scheme



JIMOH ISMAILAH
SS3 GRADUATE
HIS GLORY GROUP
OF SCHOOLS



JOHNSON BLESSING
SS3 GRADUATE
SUCCESS SECONDARY
SCHOOL



JOHNSON PRECIOUS
IDEAL FOUNDATION
SCHOOL
SS1



JOSEPH RUTH O.
BRIGHT FUTURE COLLEGE
SS1



ONWUAMA JOSHUA
OUR LORD'S STANDARD
NUR & PRY. SCHOOL
PRY. 4



JUDE CHINWEIKE
ST. MICHAEL ANG.
CHURCH, OKER
JS1



KING INUMIDUN
BETTER DAYS COLLEGE
SS3



KULUJE GIFT
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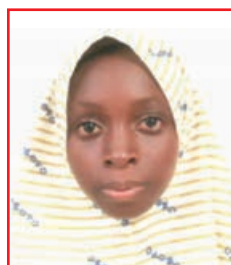
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**MADU DANIEL
UCHECHUKWU**
SUMMER RAIN
SEC. SCHOOL
SS2



**MADUKA JULIET
OLUCHI**
COMMAND DAY SEC.
SCHOOL, OSHODI
SS3



**MAJEKODUNMI
MUNIRAT**
OBA ADELANI
GBOGBOADE MEM COL.
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**MAKINDE PRECIOUS
OLUWABUSAYO**
SPRING ROYALE LTD.
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MATTHEW DANIEL
LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE
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MATTHEW ELIZABETH
DE-EXCELLENCE
SHINNING STAR SCHOOL
JS2



MTAH WISDOM CYRIL
OJKUTU MEMORIAL SCHOOL
JS2



MONYEI EUNICE
TOPVILLE PRIVATE SCHOOL
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MONYEI JOSEPH
TOPVILLE PRIVATE SCHOOL
SS3



MUHAMMED NOHEEM
SEYLEK CITY COLLEGE
SS3



NDUKA DEBORAH
DORCAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE
SS3 GRADUATE



**NNAMANI
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GRAMMAR SCHOOL
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LIZZY SCHOOL
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UMBRELLA SCHOOLS
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OBIA JOSHUA
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KING'S COLLEGE, LAGOS
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ST. SAVIOURS
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SCHOOL, OWO
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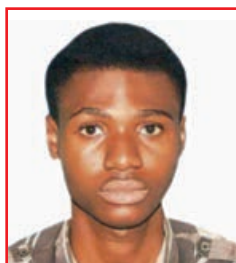
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HEAVENLY DOVE COLLEGE
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HIGHLIGHT
COMPREHENSIVE COLLEGE
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TITUSJANE SCHOOLS
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OKERE CHIOMA
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SCHOOL
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PRIVATE SCHOOL
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DIVINE TOUCH GROUP OF SCHOOLS
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JOSHUA**
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SS2



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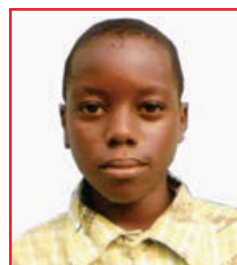
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COLLEGE
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SECONDARY SCHOOL
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GOODLUCK COMPR.
COLLEGE
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PRAISE SCHOOL
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NIGERIAN NAVY SCHOOL,
OGBOMOSO
JS1



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EMMANUEL COLLEGE
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JS2



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BOLA-OLAT
PRIVATE COLLEGE
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NORMAL COLLEGE
SS2



UDE ORJI
OBA ADELANI
GBOGBOADE MEM. COL.
SS2



UDE UCHENDU
OBA ADELANI GBOGBOADE
MEM. COLLEGE
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ENIS COLLEGE
SS1



UKPONG U. VICTOR
ST. MARGARET SCHOOL
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OF SCHOOLS
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WARRII EDAFE
ABC SCHOOL
SS3



WILLIAMS OPEMIPO
SHOMS INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL
SS3



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GEORGE**
REDEMPTION
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JS1



WILLIAMS GBENGA
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SS2



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SS2



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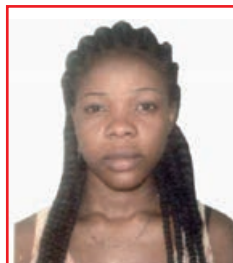
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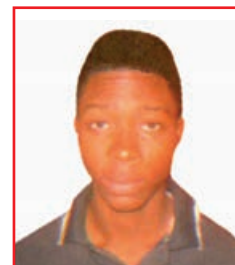
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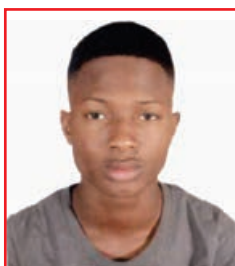
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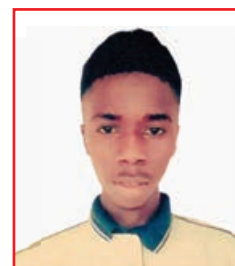
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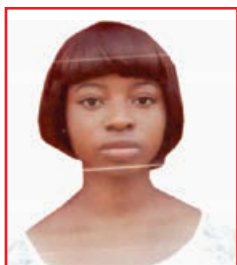
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OKERE CHINWENDU CORDELIA

With tears in my eyes and a smile on my face, I take this walk down memory lane. This is my story.

Life was great. In fact it could not have gotten any better, living with Dad, Mom and four siblings. We could eat whatever we wanted, visited places to catch fun, attended a very good school; the list goes on and on.

Then Dad became sick, he could not go to work anymore. Mom had to struggle to make ends meet with her second-hand clothes (okrika) business. Things started going downhill but were still manageable. Then Dad died – 13th of May, 2008, he left us on our own. No fatherly care, no macho figure, nothing.

Things went from grass to rock bottom. We were sent home from school. Mom would always say “If they send you away from the school, they cannot send you away from your house”. We were living from hand to mouth. Mom had to rob Peter to pay Paul. Life went down the drain so fast. Before we could say jack, we were in a deep ditch of abject poverty. The landlord was on our necks, the microfinance banks visited us at least twice a week. To worsen it all, Mom wasn't there anymore, because she had to make ends meet.

To cut the story short, our silver lining in the cloud came forth. My school Principal introduced The Rose of Sharon Foundation (RoSF) to my Mom and things slowly got better. Since her empowerment by RoSF, schooling, feeding, payment of bills etc has been made easier. In fact, life became easy.



OGBUSUE AMARACHUKWU MAY

My name is Ogbusue Amarachukwu May, I lost my dad in 2010. My mum was introduced to the Rose of Sharon Foundation by Rev. Mrs. Lemo in 2012. That same year I was admitted into the University, and I was awarded a scholarship by the Rose of Sharon Foundation. Throughout the course of my study my school fees were paid by the Foundation. I am now an Accounting graduate. All thanks to the family of Mrs. Folorunso Alakija and Almighty God. I am glad to be a part of this family.

My profound gratitude goes to the Founder, Mrs Folorunso Alakija. May God bless you for what you did for my family and what you are still doing. Thank you Ma.

EZEH CHIOMA

I lost my father on the 8th of May, 2000, but did not feel the impact of his absence, until I left secondary school in 2008. I had just written my WASSCE Examination which I passed in flying colours. Then came my first JAMB- my performance was not quite wonderful, I was not happy, but I never knew that wasn't the real worry. My worry came when my mother told me that I couldn't go to the university even if I had passed well not because she didn't want me to go but because the burden would be too much for her to carry. I forgot to mention that I had three [3] siblings who were still in school, whom she had to cater for, and other family expenses since she was both our father and mother. The entire burden was on her meagre income as a nanny.



Although it was a devastating reality that I could not further my education, I was determined to get a university degree. So, I started working to save up for university but I realized it was going to take me a while to do that. Some uncles and aunties offered some help but they all ended in not so pleasing episodes. Notwithstanding, I continued to sit for the JAMB examinations, two more times.

One fateful day in March 2010, my mum bumped into a friend (who is also a widow) and she shared her testimony of how the Rose of Sharon Foundation had helped her. She gave my mum the Foundation's address and my mum followed up on it. She went through all the registration processes and she was given a letter granting scholarships for her two (2) children up to university level, of whom I was one of them. She was also given some money to set up a business. September of that same year, I gained admission into the prestigious Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka to study Cooperative Economics and Management.

As if that wasn't enough, after the completion of my B.Sc program and during my service year, I was awarded another scholarship to study for my M.Sc. for emerging the best graduating student under RoSF scholarship scheme in 2015.

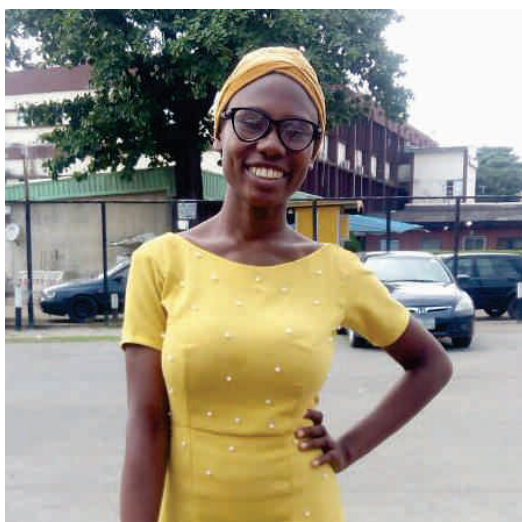
Fast forward to now, I hold a B.Sc in Cooperative Economics and Management, and I am currently studying for my M.Sc in the same course courtesy of this great Foundation. If not for this life transforming Foundation, which God sent to my rescue when all hope was lost, who knows what or where I would have been. For all these, I am forever indebted to the RoSF for giving me the platform to rise.



ONUOHA CHRISTOPHER CHINONSO

My name is Onuoha Christopher Chinonso. Rose of Sharon Foundation has been of great help to me. I am a student of Yaba College of Technology and just completed my ND1. Rose of Sharon Foundation has been sponsoring my education as one of the beneficiaries of its scholarship scheme. This has relieved my mum of the burden of paying my fees.

Secondly, my life was transformed with the words of inspiration Mrs. Alakija gave at the last Christmas party we held last year in my school. After that day, I discovered there are certain things I could do on my own. This made me discover my entrepreneurial skills and developed myself both financially and mentally, thanks to Mrs. Alakija. Everyday I thank God for making her come our way. She is a blessing to our generation.



OLASENI OLAJUMOKE

Being brought up by a single parent (mother) due to the untimely death of my father, life was not easy, as anyone could imagine. I hated to see my mother struggle hard in order to feed, clothe and pay the school fees of my sister and I. My mum is actually a super Mum but she needed help. And as God would have it, someone told her about the Rose of Sharon Foundation, when I was about to resume Ss1 and she was empowered with scholarships for 2 children.

Ever since, the RoSF has been paying our school fees and helping us with skill empowerment programmes. The Foundation is really a blessing to my family. I now hold a National Diploma Certificate in Science Laboratory Technology and I also aspire to achieve more.

My prayer is that great help should arise for Mrs. Folorunso Alakija all over the world. Her generation shall not lack any good thing, because of what she has done and what she is doing, all her descendants shall be free from evil and the devil's devices. May GOD continue to strengthen her and the Foundation in Jesus name. AMEN



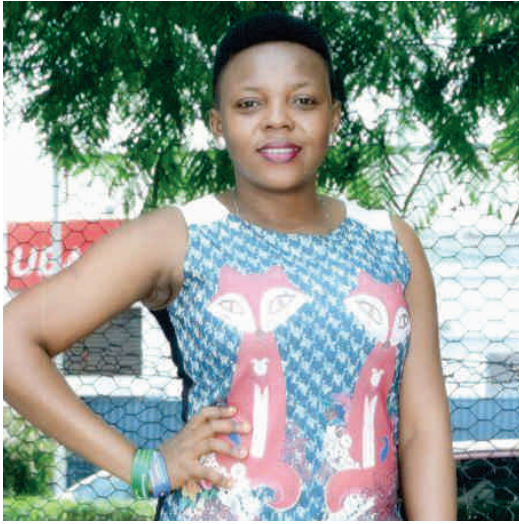
FOLAMI OLAJUMOKE DEBORAH

I am so grateful to the Rose of Sharon Foundation because they have made a great impact in my life. They changed my story by helping to pay my school fees right from secondary school till I finished my ND [National Diploma].

I appreciate all that has been done for me because without their help, I would not have thought of attending school at all, or even think of being a graduate. They raised me up from the gutter and changed my life.

May God continue to bless and enrich the purse of this organisation. The Rose of Sharon Foundation will flourish all over the country and never go down, they shall not regret changing our lives. To the Founder, Mrs. Folorunso Alakija and her family, may you live long to see the glory of your Foundation. Untimely death will not take you away from us. The Lord

Almighty will continue to enrich your purse as you are helping us. You will never get tired of helping us. Thank you, Rose of Sharon Foundation and the members. My gratitude goes to my helper – MRS. FOLORUNSO ALAKIJA. Thank you mummy [love you endlessly ma'am]



OLAJUBU OLAJUMOKE OMOTOLA

My name is Olajubu Olajumoke Omotola. I am 24 years old and the daughter of Mrs. Olajubu Sherifat Abigail, a beneficiary of the wonderful, loving and ever caring Rose of Sharon Foundation.

I want to thank and bless the name of the Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Beginning and the End who has made my brother, my mother and I to be beneficiaries of the prestigious Rose of Sharon Foundation Empowerment Scheme. Words alone cannot express how grateful we are to you our ever loving and caring mummy and daddy FOLORUNSO AND MODUPE ALAKIJA and the Rose of Sharon Board of Trustees for your unfailing support and assistance since we joined the Foundation in 2012. The Lord has used you to wipe away our tears and also given us a hope for a brighter future. We pray that God Almighty will meet you at the point of your needs and restore every lost glory in Jesus name.

We the Olajubus say “we love you mummy and daddy FOLORUNSO AND MODUPE ALAKIJA and the Board of trustees of the Rose of Sharon Foundation “

OKERE CHIBUZO MARY VICTORIA

First of all, thanks be to God for the opportunity to be one of the RoSF beneficiaries.

I lost my dad at the age of 10. Being the eldest, you can imagine the ages of my four younger siblings.

My mum fought tooth-and-nail for us to be on our feet at the demise of our father.

Honestly, it was difficult but today I am a testimony. Rather than benefiting from the empowerment alone, my immediate younger sister was also given a scholarship.

Ever since then, our education has been solely sponsored by the RoSF. Presently, I am a holder of National Diploma Certificate in Mechanical Engineering from Yaba College of Technology.



This gives me courage, vision, mission and determination to build an empire like Mummy Alakija. I intend to make a positive difference to all-and-sundry. And with God all things are possible.

Thank you Rose of Sharon Foundation for being the best helping hand, wiping our tears and giving a beautiful picture to us, being the sole painter in the big picture of life.



UWASOMBA ANGELA 200L STUDENT UNIZIK

It all began in 2009 after my father, Mr. Micheal Uwasomba died. It was tragic and glorious all at once. My mom had gone through a lot. She had 3 children to cater for. But I knew God would make a way and He did. My uncles had told my mum that we would have to change from the school we were attending then [Yaba Tech Secondary School] to a public school. It sounded funny to me. I felt my life would be shattered but I had hope. That hope turned out to be The Rose of Sharon Foundation. After my mother attended their first meeting, she came home and we went for thanksgiving. I was happy; some part of her burdens had been lifted.

Since then, it's been God's grace shining on me through the Foundation. I don't walk, talk or feel like a widow's child. I walk with confidence and a high self esteem.

God's grace kept me going and The Rose of Sharon Foundation is His instrument. I can't thank Mummy Alakija enough for helping widows and orphans, especially for the fact that she isn't a widow. She won't be by God's grace.

I want to say thank you for giving me a reason to dream big again.



JOAN UWASOMBA

I am a 100L student of the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka studying Early Childhood and Primary Education. I lost my dad in primary 6 when I was 9 years old. He was my role model so it really took a toll on me. I thought my life had come to an end especially in the academic aspect and then God sent The Rose of Sharon Foundation to my aid.

The foundation gave me a reason to smile again. They took up my bills from the secondary school and they have continued till now that I am in the university.

Mummy Alakija has become another mother to me and many other young people I can't even count, because of her kindness. I know I owe this society a lot and I intend to give back someday.

I am really grateful to the Foundation for including my educational bills in their budget as it is not an easy one. I pray God blesses them and give Mummy Alakija more years to live, celebrate and be celebrated. Amen.



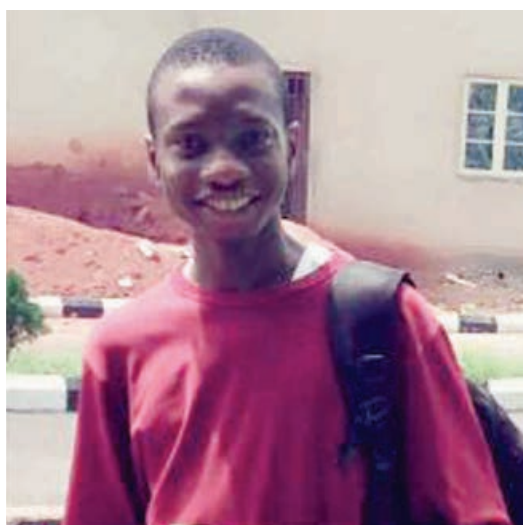
ADELEKE IBUKUNOLUWA N.

All glory and praise to God Almighty for His goodness, mercy, protection, divine wisdom and comfort to me and my family. Only He is worthy to be praised.

I am also using this medium to appreciate "THE ROSE OF SHARON FOUNDATION" for their love, tender care and support in my educational pursuits which has lifted the burden on my family.

I also appreciate the support of my family, their love and advice which has always been showered on me.

I pray that God will continue to bless and enlarge their coast and may the Almighty God reward you abundantly.



ROBERT UNWANA

I am Robert Unwana, a son of a widow and a beneficiary of The Rose of Sharon Foundation.

It is with great delight I write this. A testimony, they say, is to be shared and not kept to oneself. All thanks be to the Almighty God for His grace, support and care towards my family and I. I thought I was a nobody, but due to His intervention my mother was able to experience His favour through my Mother II, as I call her. She is the one and only Mrs. Folorunso Alakija.

As one of the beneficiaries of the Foundation, I have been helped by the one who cares for the widows, the orphans and even the fatherless. I have been awarded a scholarship, which has helped

me right from my junior secondary school. Seeing the opportunity, I decided to help myself by applying for admission to a Federal Government School in Ekiti State.

Notwithstanding, my efforts did not end there. I made my way into becoming a champion that the school will have in their records. I had the opportunity to represent the school in summits, e.g. The 20th Nigerian Economic Summit and in other competitions. My testimony is that I would not have gotten exposed if I had not gone to school. Despite my poor background I still made it to some of these competitions.

I am also pleased that, the burden on my mother to pay my school fees each term had been taken off. I had always been worried concerning my fees in the past, but now I feel joyful and much more relieved.

My aim of becoming a Neuro-Surgeon will be achieved if fully aided. I will not be a disappointment to my mother, siblings, The Rose of Sharon Foundation and the nation as a whole. So help me God.

With these, I say a big shout out of thanks to The Rose of Sharon Foundation.



IBITOYE OLANREWAJU

I am Ibitoye Olanrewaju John, a 400 level student of the University of Ilorin (UNILORIN) who is privileged to be under the sponsorship of the Foundation.

There is no word that could express the sincere appreciation I have to a loving mother who deems it fit to come to the succour of the less privileged in the society.

You are indeed a saviour, humanitarian and a philanthropist who has been sent to come to the rescue of the "not-well-to-do" in Nigeria. Your sheer sense of giving has put smiles on the faces of so many widows and the less privileged, which has in one way

or the other alleviated poverty and improved the lives of many.

According to Proverbs 19:17 which says "When you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord – and He pays wonderful interest on your loan". May God continue to bless you more abundantly Ma. May you increase in wisdom, stature and in favour with God and man even as our Lord Jesus did in Luke 2:52.

I remain forever grateful ma, God bless you ma.

ODEBISI TAIWO & KEHINDE

It was on Monday 11th February, 2008, mum alongside other people came in and said in a very sad voice "**Baba yin tiku o**". We wished it was a nightmare, alas, it was a reality that dad was really dead. We lost the Breadwinner of the family and things became really hard for us.

In 2009, our proprietor Mr. Bayo Olajide introduced us to the Rose of Sharon Foundation (ROSF), the hand that gives the rose, where widows, orphans and fatherless children were being helped. At first, we ignored it, but later went to the Foundation's office, and it was real.

A great woman I have ever known in the world, a God fearing, God-sent mother, a wife, a role model and a mentor: Madam Folorunso Alakija came to our rescue, and provided scholarship for us and Idowu.

As though the misfortune of the death of our father was not enough, on Tuesday March 15, 2011 we lost our home to a fire outbreak but there she was again to guide and assist us.



The Foundation started a skill acquisition programme where our mother, learnt Tie and Dye making and has been doing well with this skill to increase her income.

We, the Odebisi twin, Taiwo and Kehinde, are today final year students of Tai Solarin University, courtesy of the RoSF scholarship scheme. Mrs. Folorunso Alakija, an unrelenting helper has been there for us through thick and thin, closely as a mother and a friend. She never gets tired of our complaints. Words and ink cannot express our level of gratitude. We salute you Ma. We the children have come to realise that the surest way to reciprocate this undying love and care is to excel in our studies. Thank you mummy. God bless you and The Rose of Sharon Foundation.



IKPEAMA IJEOMA

I was about to resume classes in my 2nd year as a medical student when my beloved Dad passed away. It was the most hurtful experience I've ever had as I felt a part of me left with him that fateful day. He retired as a Deputy Director after working for the Federal Government of Nigeria without receiving his entitlement. He battled a terminal illness for many years before his demise. One would wonder how my mother also a civil servant at the time, would train all four children up to the university level with me being the first.

God being true to His word sent us a helper in the person of Mrs.. Folorunso Alakija through this Foundation. Even with the worsening economic situation, she has never relented in paying our school fees.

In no distant time I would achieve my dream of becoming who I've always wanted to be. This isn't just about the financial assistance but more importantly her tender-loving heart. Words alone cannot express my gratitude. It is my sincere prayer that God will keep you in good health of soul, mind and body to enjoy the fruits of your labour. Thank you so much Ma. God bless and enrich you.

LONG LIVE MRS. ALAKIJA!

LONG LIVE ROSE OF SHARON FOUNDATION!

ANTONIO TITILAYO MARY

My name is Antonio Titilayo Mary, I am a student of Lagos State University (LASU). I was in JS3 when my mother was informed about the Rose of Sharon Foundation for widows and fatherless children by a fellow widow.

Since then my life and that of my mother has not remained the same. RoSF, founded by Mrs. Folorunso Alakija has been a helping hand, the motto "Reach out and touch" has indeed reached out to me in every aspect of my life.

I have been able to get a sound Secondary School education. The scholarship continued after I gained admission into the university. RoSF has never failed in paying for my school expenses.

In addition, RoSF has helped me through their YEP career development programme. I was taught how to compete in the labour market after the completion of my university education. I also learnt wig making from the YEP Skills Acquisition Programme..

If I was asked to describe Mrs. Alakija. I would call her my HERO sent by God to do extraordinary things in my life. I thank her for being the brain behind the Foundation. She has become a mother to me and many others. May God increase her in all areas of her life and I promise to be a good ambassador of the RoSF.

ANTHONIO TITILAYO MARY
LAGOS STATE UNIVERSITY
LAW DEPARTMENT [300L]



Antonio Motunrayo

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to Mrs Folorunso Alakija for this generous opportunity of being a beneficiary of Rose Of Sharon Foundation.

This great Foundation has been more than a blessing to me, It was a great help all through my academic session In the College Of Medicine for 6 Years .

By the special Grace Of God I will be a Medical Doctor this year. God bless you Mummy Alakija.

You are an Amazing MOTHER to many.

Happy 10th Year Celebration ROSE OF SHARON FOUNDATION.

Antonio Motunrayo





OPEOLUWA AKINYEMI

My name is Opeoluwa Akinyemi, a final year medical student of the college of medicine University of Lagos, and a beneficiary of the Rose of Sharon Foundation.

I lost my dad at the age of 13, shortly after junior secondary school, and it looked like my dream of becoming a surgeon was never going to materialise, until a family friend introduced my mother to the Foundation.

Indeed, the Rose of Sharon Foundation has been a blessing to my family and I, from secondary school till date. This relieved my mother of the financial burden of sponsoring a medical student to school. This is due to the attendant cost of school fees which include: Tuition, accommodation, textbooks and sundry levies, every session. Furthermore, the YEP career development programme organised yearly, provided me with the requisite knowledge needed to compete in the world of work after my university education.

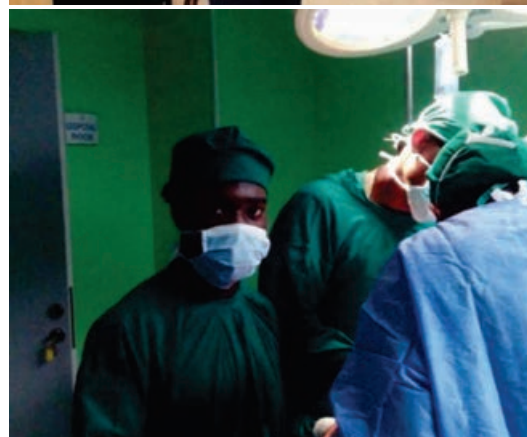
Having played their immense role, all that was needed for me was to do my bit by studying hard and getting committed to my education. It paid off, as I won myself several scholarships which includes the University of Lagos scholarship for distinction students, the Agbami scholarship for Engineering and Medical Students, Ekiti state bursary. I was also opportuned to travel to England, to undergo a medical student training program in urological surgery, at the University of Liverpool where a presentation was done outlining the differences between the United Kingdom health care system and the Nigerian health care system.

I thank the Rose of Sharon Foundation for sponsoring my research paper on "STROKE" (which happens to be one of several global health issues with public health importance). This paper has been accepted for poster presentation in the forthcoming neurological disorder summit in USA this year.

For these and many more blessings, I will forever remain grateful and indebted to the RoSF and its Founder Mrs Folorunso Alakija. She has consistently shown her unwavering love for youths as displayed by her keen interest in education and empowerment programs. This has consequently unearthed several hidden potentials in the youth which could have hitherto been lost due to the demise of one or both parents. She has with grace carried out this divine assignment, thereby creating a veritable legacy and etching her name in the annals of history, never to be forgotten.

Looking forward, I also plan to pursue a master's degree as well as a surgical residency in the US. I aim to emulate the gesture of philanthropy demonstrated by Mrs Folorunso Alakija and contribute my own quota with respect to mentoring, youth empowerment and health education in Nigeria: so that the country can take her rightful place amongst the comity of great nations.

Indeed my success story will be very much incomplete if the Rose Of Sharon Foundation and Mrs Folorunso Alakija do not feature prominently in it.



reach out and touch...

Ifeanyi Nwagu

My name is Nwagu Ifeanyi Peter. I am the first child in a family of four children. I lost my dad when I was young and ever since then it has not been easy for my Mum and the family.

But all thanks to God for having brought me thus far. And I will not forget the one whom God brought into the picture of my life, in the person of Mrs. Folorunso Alakija. By the grace of God through the existence of the ROSF, my sister and I were awarded scholarships for our education. My mother was also empowered with a start-up loan for her business. Today, I am a graduate of Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering. My sister is also a secondary school graduate.



Currently, I am undergoing the NYSC scheme with few months left. I look forward to a better tomorrow after service year

All thanks to the RoSF for making the above achievements possible. I also wish everyone reading this will emulate the legacy of the RoSF towards putting smiles on the faces of widows and orphans. Long live ROSF.

Thanks
Nwagu, Ifeanyi P.



Mabadeje Hammed Ayowale

I am Mabadeje Hammed Ayowale, an orphan from Ijebu–East Local Government Area of Ogun state. I got empowered by Mummy Alakija as I fondly call her on 7th December, 2011, when she awarded me a full scholarship to run my undergraduate studies which spanned until I graduated in 2014.

Fortunately and divinely, I was selected and ranked the best graduating student on scholarship by her foundation and was awarded another scholarship for my MSc in year 2016. Currently, two of my siblings are on the scholarship roll and equally on monthly allowances. Mummy Alakija is an Enigma, a mother to the Motherless, a mother with a Golden heart, a care giver, a Philanthropist sans frontier.

Mummy, on behalf of my siblings and I, as well as many other lives you have impacted, I want to say Thank you and May God continue to increase and protect all that concerns you.

Happy 10th Anniversary to the Rose of Sharon Foundation as it keeps growing in strength.

#Long Live the Rose of Sharon Foundation
#Long Live Mummy Alakija
#Long Live Nigeria

reach out and touch...

MONDAY MERCY

My name is Monday Mercy, I am from Edo State, born on the 11th of August 1993 to the family of Mr & Mrs Patricia Ezebhijie. First of all, I want thank Mrs. Folorunso Alakija for the wonderful things she has been doing in the life of widows and orphans, for the love, care, support for the people, I say may the Lord bless you ma and give you more grace in Jesus name.

Knowing the Rose of Sharon Foundation has been a blessing to me and my family. I got to know about the Foundation through my neighbor Mrs. Adaeze, in 2011.



The Foundation has impacted my life in no small measure. I was awarded a scholarship to university level and for this I am very grateful.

The scholarship enabled me to enroll at University of Benin where I studied Foreign languages from 2011-2015. I was privileged to obtain the mastery of my course of study and I also undertook my Industrial Training at Lomé, Togo. This international exposure expanded my horizon about life and human relationship: through my interaction with people from various cultures and backgrounds.

Through the Rose of Sharon Foundation, I was opportuned to acquire entrepreneurship skills such as interior decoration, catering, hair and bead making. With the knowledge I acquired through school in conjunction with my entrepreneurship process, I am contributing my quota to the economy of my country - Nigeria and I hope to contribute more in future.

In conclusion, I want to say a very BIG thanks to the Rose of Sharon Foundation for her inestimable contribution to human development in Nigeria, which I am a beneficiary.

Mummy, I must say you are my role model, thanks for always being there for us.

Long Live the Rose of Sharon Foundation!
Long Live Mrs Folorunso Alakija!
Long Live the Federal Republic of Nigeria!

Ezeala Mercy Ada

My name is Ezeala Mercy Ada. And here is my story... As a young girl growing up I never knew life could be this terrifying until i began to face the realities of life myself, although it started so early. I bless God for His grace and mercies to overcome. The realities of life have made me a better person today.

It all started in November 2000 when we lost our Dad to the cold hands of death, after a brief illness. I was still in primary school so I didn't feel it that much, because mummy was always around to protect us. She taught us how to pray and fight for our daily living, we hawked and sold in the street to support her. My elder brothers didn't bother to further their studies, rather they engaged themselves in petty jobs instead of begging or stealing.



While returning from my grandmas burial in 2008, my mum had an accident in which many people died. Fortunately, she survived and was rushed to the hospital. She was later diagnosed of spinal cord injury and died on the 31st of May 2008 leaving behind myself and four other siblings. We cried all day and almost lost hope because no one was ready to give us a helping hand. My uncles had thousands of excuses to give and made me sign an undertaking when i asked for some financial support .

According to Gods word, He said his thoughts are far from our thoughts and His ways from our ways. At the point when we almost lost hope, He sent His servant to us, in the person of Ven K.K Agu who was the parish priest in the church where we worshipped. Though he wasn't familiar with us, he had compassion on us when he heard our story.

He introduced us to big Mummy Folorunso Alakija, whom after hearing that we were orphans, took us into her life as her own children. The Rose of Sharon Foundation has actually sponsored us all through school and has fed and sheltered us till date. We have three graduates for now... Ezeala Chinedu - Banking and finance Federal Poly Nekede, Imo State; Ezeala Austin - Political Science LASU Lagos State; Ezeala Mercy Ada - Registered Nurse/Midwife.. School of Nursing, Amaigbo, Imo State and School of Midwifery, Ebonyi State; Ezeala Uchenna - Computer Science Federal Poly, Nekede, Imo State and Ezeala Chiamaka- Awaiting Admission. Sincerely we are forever grateful to big Mummy Folorunso Alakija and the trustees of Rose of Sharon Foundation. May the Lord bless each and everyone of you abundantly in Jesus name, Amen.

MY STORY: EMMANUEL BLESSING CHINYERE

My name is Emmanuel Blessing Chinyere. I am a young lady with the zeal to be successful in life. As a female child I have always wanted to be educated, and make my parents proud by achieving success beyond their imagination. With the help of my parents I successfully completed my secondary school in 2008, after which different faces of problems began to surface.

My parents had serious health challenges in 2008 and on the 10th of January 2009 I lost my father. During his burial my mother was still sick and people thought that we would lose her too but she survived. She went through several health challenges and eventually lost half of her right foot. We spent all the money we had to save her, however, her business crumbled. On the 28th of February 2011, our house was engulfed by fire and we lost all our possessions. It was really a harrowing experience witnessing the house being consumed by fire and struggling to get my mum out of the room, with the wound on her bandaged foot bleeding again. We thank God that we made it out of the fire alive, without any serious burns, we had to live with my uncle and his family for a while. My uncles were already making plans on how to relocate us back to the village.

However, God in His infinite mercy came to our rescue. When we felt that all hope was lost, God showed up in a mighty way. He sent us help through the Rose of Sharon Foundation. My mum was empowered on the 11th of July 2011, the Foundation gave her an interest free loan of 30,000 naira to start a business of her choice. Our accommodation problem was also sorted out, we were given clothes, shoes and bags, we were also awarded scholarships, our hearts were filled with great joy.

I gained admission into Yabatech in 2012 and the Foundation sponsored me through my OND and HND, I have just completed my HND, and searching for a job, while my sister is doing well in her studies. I am so happy that my dreams are gradually coming true.

I thank God Almighty who stretched out His hands through the Rose of Sharon Foundation to wipe away our tears and from the depth of my heart I thank the founder of the Foundation; Mrs. Folorunso Alakija and all the people supporting her good works, I pray that God will do for them all that which they cannot do for themselves, joy will never cease in their lives and above all, that they will make heaven in Jesus Name (Amen).



Widows on RoSF Scholarship Scheme

At the empowerment of some of our widows, seven of them requested for scholarships to enable them further their education and their requests were granted. Today we celebrate the courage of all seven widows who didn't allow the sting of widowhood hold them bound. As we tell our 10 years success stories, these courageous women have a reason to look back and appreciate the Foundation for what God has achieved in their lives. It is rare to see widows who would want to return to school after such a devastating experience of losing their husbands. But interestingly, this is not so with the RoSF widows. Over the years, the Foundation has built confidence in our widows, helping them to believe in themselves through our capacity building programmes and provision of financial support they require to live their dreams. Today, we celebrate these unique women who have successfully graduated from different higher institutions of learning across Nigeria, having benefited from the RoSF scholarships scheme. They include:

- Mrs Salako Adenike Elizabeth - Guidance and Counselling, Ekiti State University
- Mrs Zubair Latifat Olubukola - Computer Science, Yaba College of Technology
- Mrs Obasa Adenike Jesudiya - Guidance and Counselling, Tai Solari University
- Mrs Ashiru Hussainat Taiwo - Accountancy, Nigerian College of Accountancy
- Mrs Akindoyin Dorcas Adebanye - English Primary Education, Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education
- Mrs Olaseni Olubunmi - Nursing, University of Ibadan
- Mrs Aikhatuamen Isebaga Oluwayemisi - Entrepreneurship and Business Study, National Open University

Two of them (Former Mrs Zubair Latifat Olubukola and Mrs Aikhatuamen Isebaga Oluwayemisi) have remarried during the course of their studies.



MRS. OLASENI OLUBUNMI

I am Mrs. Olaseni Olubunmi Adetola. I was one of the widows that mummy Folorunso Alakija empowered in 2011, at the Yusuf Grillo Hall, Yaba Tech. Mummy Folorunso Alakija awarded me a scholarship from 300 level to my final year in the University of Ibadan. Not only that, my two daughters were also awarded scholarships to the University level. I thank God that I am one of the most happiest widows on earth, simply because where the enemy thought I would not reach in life, God has used Mummy Folorunso Alakija to take my children and I there.

Mummy Folorunso Alakija, God Almighty will move your children seven times faster, to their next level in life. Your children will move from glory to glory and from success to success. You will not fall, your ministry will not scatter, you will not bury your children or your children's children.

Mummy Alakija there are no amount of words that I can say that will quantify what you have done for my children and I. God's grace shall continue to be upon you and your family, thank you mummy, remain blessed ma.



MRS. SALAKO ADENIKE NEE JINADU

I thank the Rose of Sharon Foundation who added value to my life by giving me a scholarship in 2011 to study in the University.

I lost my husband on 1st February 2006. Since then, I have been deserted by family members and in-laws.

I gained admission into Ekiti State University, Ado Ekiti to study Guidance and Counseling/English Education and the Foundation foot the bills throughout the four years course. I can proudly say today that I have become a graduate thanks to the Rose of Sharon Foundation. I pray that God Almighty will continue to bless and strengthen the founder of the Foundation- Mrs. Folorunso Alakija, the Board of Trustees and every member of staff.



MRS. OBASA ADENIKE JESUDIYA

I, Obasa Adenike Jesudiya hereby seize this opportunity to thank our dearly beloved mother Mrs. Folorunso Alakija for her immense contribution towards my achievements in life.

She has really proved herself to be one of the philanthropist of our time who is worthy of emulation. I want to thank her very much, if not because of her, I may not have been one of the graduating student of Tai Solarin University of Education.

I thank God that I did not disappoint her because I graduated with a second class upper degree in Business Administration.

Once again, thank you ma, long live, the Rose of Sharon Foundation, long live our compassionate, admirable and dearly beloved mother MRS. FOLORUNSO ALAKIJA.



OLUWAYEMISI ADENIKE AIKHETUAEMEN (SHONUBI)

I never had an iota of doubt in my heart about the popular saying that “Life is beautiful”. While I do not wish to relate all the events as unfolded in my life, it is noteworthy to show my utmost appreciation to a Foundation that stood in the gap when the chips were down.

I thank God that I am rich, and my children are rich in their education. I may not have the most expensive things, but “with you”, we have all the precious things we need in life. Thanks for being there for us.

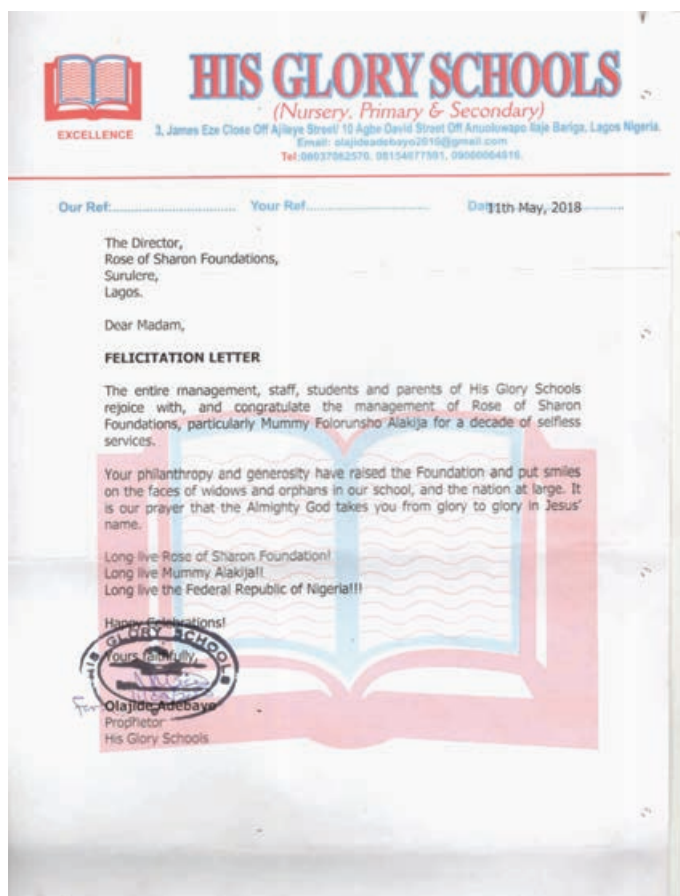
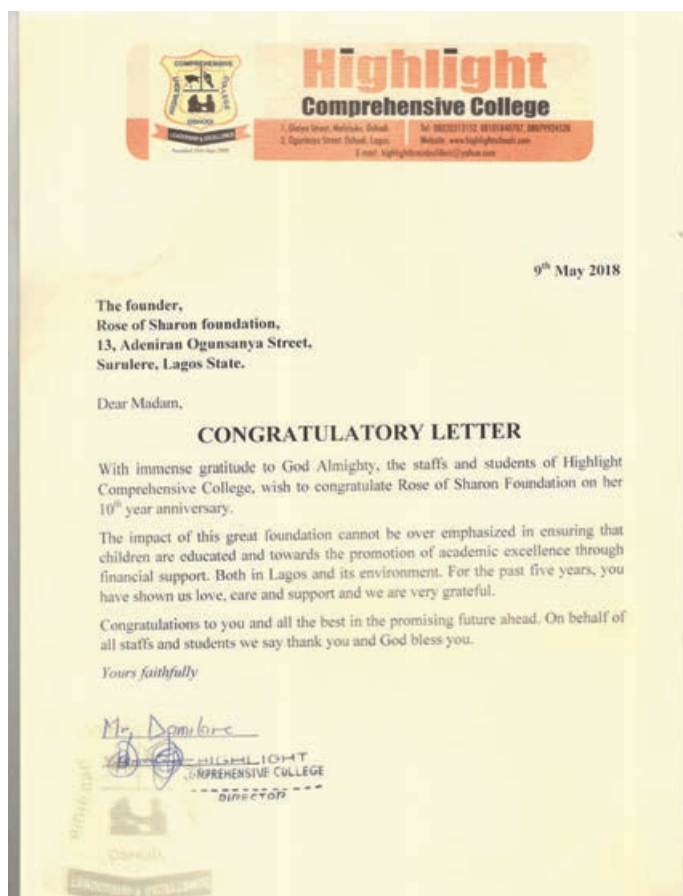
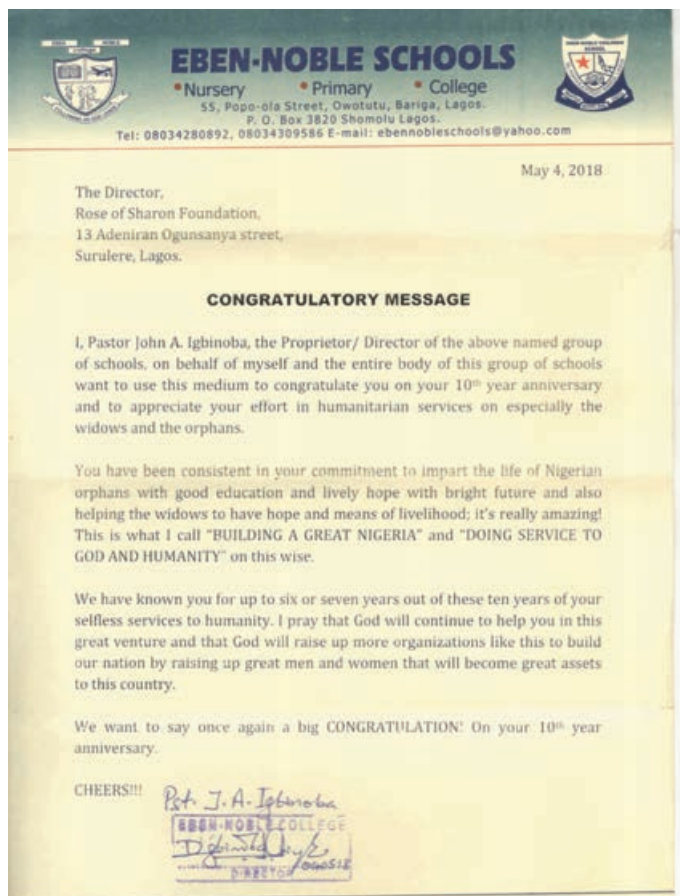
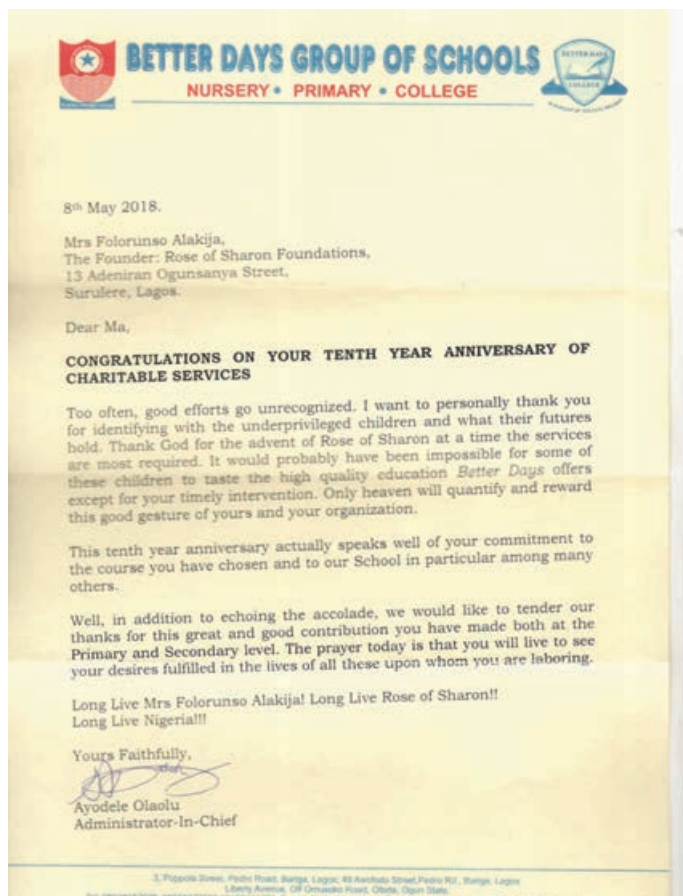
The idea you conceived so many years ago to use the Rose of Sharon Foundation to help every household that once shed tears

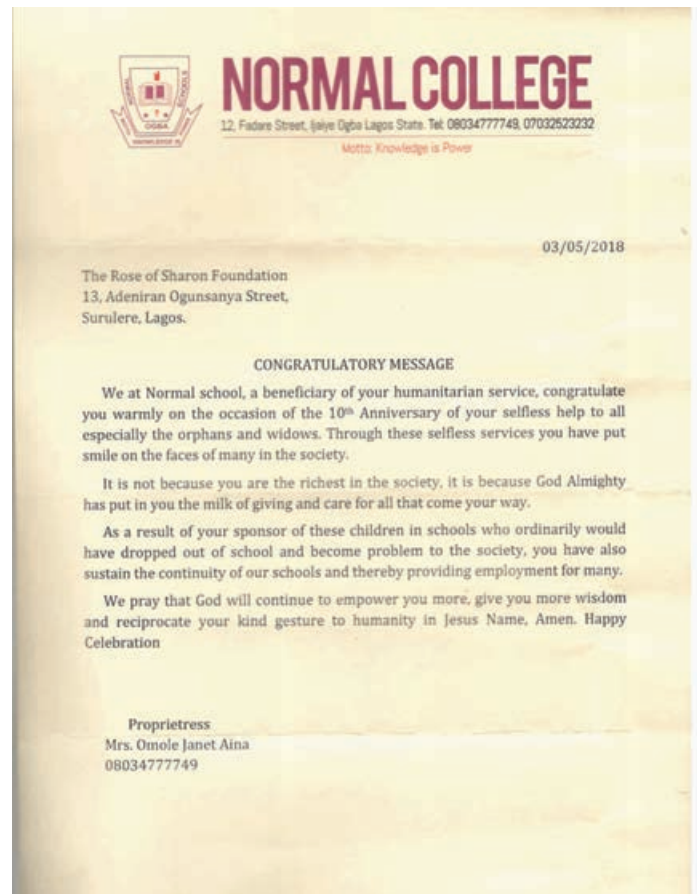
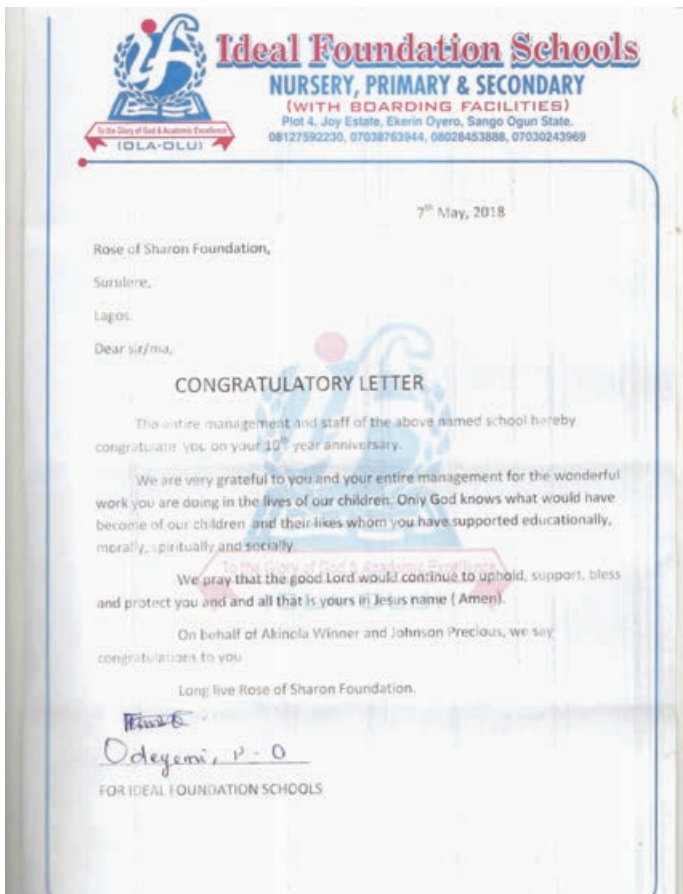
is one of a kind. The Foundation has opened locked doors, provided new opportunities, and renewed/restored hope that seemed lost, now restored.

Just saying “thank you” will never repay you for all this kindness. For all you do, for who you are, I will forever be grateful to you.

May I close my testimony by saying, I was just like a colourless painting, but then you filled me with many colours, you painted my life with all the beautiful colours of nature, now I am a changed person. It's a new life and a new me.

Thank you ma for a life worthy of living





The RoSF Micro Credit Scheme is a powerful tool that has been employed to lift widows above the poverty line. In the last 10 years, the businesses of over 1000 widows have been strengthened through non-interest loans with flexible repayment plans: this in turn has increased their earning capacities. Exposing our beneficiaries to viable and multiple sources of income has increased their demand for loans to start their businesses, expand and sustain them with majority of the beneficiaries coming back for top-up loans after they finish servicing their existing loans.

It is our pleasure to commission a group of 20 widows who are called the RoSF Young Widows Entrepreneurs (RYWE). These are young, business minded widows with proven abilities to start and grow their businesses from scratch to the point where some have business portfolios worth N300,000 and above. Some of them started with a start-up loan of less than N50,000 a few years ago, but through the enterprise development training provided by the Foundation, they are set to move to the next level of counting in 'millions' a few years from now. Stories and testimonies of some of these hardworking widows are as follows.

DORPAT VENTURES

NO. 1 AKINYEDE CRESCENT, AKOWONJO, LAGOS

DORPAT VENTURES, a Fashion Design Outfit was established in February 2004. Dorpat Ventures is into retail of fabrics. Despite a setback in 2013, the business is picking up again. The proprietress has been given three loans to build the business and is now worth about N1.5million today.

God bless you Rose of Sharon Foundation





Mrs. Oluchukwu Njoku

Mrs Oluchukwu Njoku lost her husband in 2004 and was left to take care of two young girls, aged 11 and 14 years. Shortly after her husband's death, she also lost her job. Her in-laws did not spare her as they carted away all her husbands belongings because she did not have a male child for her late husband.

The story of how she was maltreated by her in-laws was published in the Sun Newspaper of October 19, 2004. When she came in contact with the Foundation, she was empowered with an initial loan to start a boutique and her two daughters were also given scholarships. Today, her first daughter is a final year English Education undergraduate of Ekiti State University, while her second daughter is in her 2nd year studying Food Technology in the University of Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria

After 8 years of benefiting from RoSF, with the initial start up interest free loan of N30,000.00, Mrs Njoku's business is worth over N450,000.00. She has fully replaced everything her In-laws took away. She counts herself as one of the happiest women on earth today.



Mrs Arikpo Nnanke

Mrs Nnanke was empowered in 2010 with N50,000 to start her business and her 2 children were also awarded scholarships. One of her children is now a graduate of Ebonyi State University and is currently serving the mandatory National Youth Corps Service Scheme. She is currently enjoying her third loan having paid off the first two loans promptly. The business that she started with N50,000.00 is currently worth over N400,000.00. She has also been able to build a house for herself and her children from the proceeds of the business, a dream which she thought will never be possible even when her husband was alive.



Mrs Edobor Christy Cocoma

Mrs Christy Edobor got married to late Mr Edobor when she was 19 years old. The marriage lasted for seven years. Mrs. Edobor was 26 years old when her husband died. She struggled to raise her 2 children aged two and four years alone.

She suffered humiliation, rejection and was stigmatised by family members until she came in contact with the Rose of Sharon Foundation. She was empowered with a capital of N75,000 to buy machines and equipments for her fashion business in 2010 and her 2 children were also awarded Scholarships. Today, Christy Edobor is repaying her 4th loan and she is managing her business worth over N400,000.00.

Against all odds, Christy is full of life, she has pushed the past behind her and she is pursuing the best for herself and her children.



Mrs Ruth Kehinde Adewale

Mrs Adewale became a widow in 2004 after her husband died in a fatal accident while returning from work. After his death, her efforts to claim her husband's entitlement from the company where he worked proved abortive. Left with nothing, she became distressed not knowing how to raise her children.

Her story changed in 2011 when she came in contact with the RoSF. She was empowered with a N30,000 start up loan and one of her children was awarded a scholarship. From the initial loan, she has built her business to the point where she is able to provide for her family with ease.

Though, an ugly fire incident razed her shop down, taking her back to point zero, the Foundation assisted her with another loan to help her get back on her feet again. Today, despite all odds, Mrs Adewale who is enjoying her 4th interest free loan has been able to grow her business which she started after the fire incident in July 2016 to a thriving business worth over N300,000.00.



Mrs Patricia Wilson

Mrs Wilson was empowered in 2009 and two of her children were awarded scholarships. The first child having graduated from the University of Lagos, is currently employed and supports his mother and siblings.

Mrs Wilson's story of success is interesting because she is the only widow who has maximized RoSF Micro Credit Scheme to the point where her business can now stand on its own without requiring any loan.

The initial loan of N50,000.00 which was given at the point of empowerment in 2009, has today produced a business that is worth well over N500,000.00. According to her, she owes it all the RoSF and God Almighty.



Mrs Blessing Osazua

Mrs Osazua is one of the widows who has demonstrated her determination to live above the ugly side of widowhood. She was empowered in 2011 with a start up loan of N100,000 to set up a crèche on a piece of land her husband left for her. Two of her children were also awarded scholarships.

After repaying the first and second loan, she took a third one to assist in upgrading her facility in order to become formally approved by the government.

Today the creche, has grown to become a full fledged Government approved Nursery and Primary School. The school is currently worth over N3million.

Blessing is happy raising her children with the help of RoSF. Her two children are currently in secondary school



Mrs Oyelola Mabel Silifat

Mrs Oyelola lost her husband on 26th February, 2007 after a brief illness. Having to cope with 4 children without concrete financial income became a nightmare to her. Her limited access to formal education hindered her from getting a job to support her family. However, she encouraged herself saying that, 'if I can't get a job, I can cook'. She therefore resulted in running a mini canteen which guaranteed her children at least two steady meals each day. Mrs Oyelola's story took a different dimension when she was introduced to the Rose of Sharon Foundation in 2010. That same year (2010) she was empowered and her two children were awarded scholarships. Today, one of her children is a 100 level student of Olabisi Onabanjo University, studying Mass Communication, while the second child is in SS2.

Previously surviving on the little income she made from running a mini canteen, Mrs Oyelola felt that she needed to increase her income as her family needs were growing. Thus in 2016, she requested for a loan of N40,000 from RoSF to boost her business. Due to her prompt repayment of the initial loan, she is today servicing her 3rd loan. Accessing the RoSF Micro Credit loan helped her to upgrade her food business to selling of raw food stuff. Today her business is worth over N300,000. Running a stable business with the support of RoSF has helped her to complete the building she inherited from her late husband.

The Enterprise Development and Skills Acquisition Programme for widows, their children and orphans is a capacity building and income-support training structured to provide business and life support services to the widows who have become the principal providers for their families. The participants are helped to discover viable sources of livelihood to cushion the effect of recession and unemployment. It avails them a wide range of economic opportunities to increase their earnings.

The capacity of widows, perceived as one of the most vulnerable people in the society, have been greatly strengthened through this programme. As we know, one of the most effective ways to empower someone is by helping that person to believe in themselves. Over the years, RoSF has continuously partnered with organisations and individuals to help its beneficiaries discover their hidden talents.

EDTP covers skills such as Make-Up Artistry, Outdoor/Event Decoration, Leather Works, Confectionaries Catering, Fashion Design, Textile Making, Jewellery Making, Tie & Dye, and Millinery, Shoe making, Fancy and Beaded slippers, Body Cream and Soap Making, Wig Making, Perfumery, etc





Mrs Mohammed Memudat

Mrs Mohammed got married at the age of 18. She became a widow at the age of 29 and was left to care for her sons aged 8 and 12yrs.

Her first son who was in Basic 4 when she was empowered is now a 100 level student at Kwara State University studying Economics.

Mrs Mohammed who against all odds struggled from nothing and the painful experience of early widowhood, is now a joyful and successful businesswoman. It is interesting to know that at the time of her empowerment in 2010, she was given a loan of 75,000 to start a business. Today, her business is worth over 500,000.00. Though she was only a Secondary School graduate, Mrs Mohammed took advantage of several business seminars organised by RoSF through the EDTP programmes to equip herself with skills on managing and growing her business.



Mrs Bilikisu Olawuyi

Mrs Olawuyi who became a widow at 33 years, was left to raise her three children alone as her in-laws were not willing to assist her. She came in contact with RoSF and was empowered with a start up loan of N75,000 in 2010. Two of her children were also awarded scholarships. She is currently servicing her third loan having faithfully repaid the first and second. Today the business which started with a capital of N75,000 is worth over N500,000. She has also attended several entrepreneurship development programs organised by the Foundation to assist her in managing and expanding her business. Her two children who were awarded scholarships are now in Junior and Secondary Schools.



Mrs Glory Godwin

Mrs Godwin started her journey as a widow in November 2009 after the death of her husband. She was left with nothing to raise her two children with and struggled to make ends meet until she came in contact with the Rose of Sharon Foundation. She became one of the widows empowered in 2011 and one of her children was awarded a scholarship. Mrs Godwin who is a performing artist did not request for loan at the point of empowerment because she had no idea of what to do with it.

However, after, attending one of the Foundation's Enterprise Development and Training Program, she got several ideas of what she could do to increase her income level for a better life for her and her children. She requested for a loan and was granted. Today, Mrs Godwin is a serial entrepreneur and is currently involved in the entertainment industry as a producer and a song writer. She is also a farmer and caterer.

Mrs Esom Nkolila

Mrs Esom became a widow in April 2008. She was left to raise five children alone. She came in contact with the Rose of Sharon Foundation and was empowered with a start up loan of N30,000 in 2012 and one of her children was awarded a scholarship. She immediately invested the loan into her fashion design business.

Having faithfully repaid her initial loan, she requested for a top-up loan to expand her business to include selling of accessories and fabrics which she is currently servicing. Mrs Esom took advantage of the various EDTP trainings organised by the RoSF to acquire more skills in her line of business. Today she runs a fashion outfit that is worth over N500,000.00.



THE FIRST LADY'S BREAD EMPOWERMENT OPPORTUNITY

MRS. ONYII GRACE OGUEJIOFOR



I want to bless the name of the Lord God Almighty in my life. I thank God who made it possible for me to know these two powerful women of God – Mrs. Folorunso Alakija [Founder of the Foundation] and Her Excellency – Mrs. Bolanle Ambode [Grand Matron of the Foundation].

Her Excellency empowered me through Mama Mrs. Alakija on bread business. The business is now doing well.

I appreciate Mrs. Folorunso Alakija [Founder of the Foundation] and Her Excellency – Mrs. Bolanle

Ambode [Grand Matron of the Foundation] for empowering me and giving me a means of livelihood. I can now take care of my family.



Late Mr. & Mrs. Mabadeje's Family

The Mabadeje's became orphaned in 2009. They joined the RoSF orphans scheme in 2011. Three out of the four orphans left behind by Late Mr & Mrs Mabadeje got empowered by RoSF in 2011. Their empowerment entitled each of them to scholarship up to University level and N10,000.00 each for monthly upkeep.

It is interesting to know that one of RoSF best students is from the Mabadeje orphans, Mabadeje Hammed. He is a graduate of African University of Technology and Management. He graduated with a 2nd Class Upper Degree and won the RoSF Master Scholarship Award.

The other Children, Ibrahim Mabadeje is an OND graduate from the Osun State Polytechnic while Titilayo Mabadeje is an SS3 graduate and a fashion designer



Late Mr. & Mrs. Idialu's Family

The Idialu's are a family of six and they were orphaned in 2013. They were all empowered by RoSF with scholarships up to University level and N10,000.00 each for their monthly upkeep. The Foundation also paid the house rent for the Idialu's until graduates emerged from them.

Two of them (Alex and Davidson) are now graduates of the prestigious Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma with degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science respectively.

Gibson Idialu is currently an Insurance undergraduate of the University of Benin while Grace is currently awaiting admission into the university. Paula and Praise are both in the secondary school.



Late Mr. & Mrs. Chidindu's Family

The Chidindu's are a family of 4. They became orphaned in 2009 and were empowered in March 2011 by RoSF with scholarship up to University level and N10,000.00 each for monthly upkeep. Today, the Chidindu's have two graduates; Sandra is graduate of Hospitality Management from Kwara State Polytechnic while Ruth is a graduate of History and International Relations from the Ekiti State University.

Lastly, Chidindu Chigozie is a statistics undergraduate of Nnamdi Azikiwe University

Late Mr. and Mrs. Ezealas Family

The Ezeala's became orphaned in 2008. They were all empowered the same year by the RoSF with scholarships up to university level. They were also provided with N10,000.00 each monthly for their upkeep.

The Foundation was also responsible for paying their house rent till 2017. The Ezeala's have produced 3 graduates till date.

Chinedu is a graduate of Banking and Finance from Federal Polytechnic, Nekede Owerri, Onyema studied Political Science at the Lagos State University while Adaku studied nursing and midwifery at Amaigbo School of Nursing, Imo State.

Today Onyema runs an After-School Center to support himself and his family and Adaku is working in a prestigious Hospital in Lagos.

Uchenna is an OND Graduate of Computer Science from the Federal Polytechnic Nekede, Owerri while Chiamaka is a secondary school graduate awaiting admission into the higher institution.



CHINEDU EZEALA



MERCY EZEALA



ONYEMA EZEALA



UCHENNA EZEALA

This programme was designed and developed to help the widows working in the Agricultural sector by providing access to finance, knowledge, and training, thereby exposing them to opportunities in livestock and crop farming, to enable them have a sustainable livelihood and thus guaranteed food security for their family.

Agricultural experts taught the participants how to export some local products that are highly sought after in the international markets. Example of such products are cassava flour, sesame seed, bitter kola, cocoa beans, cocoa butter and shea nuts.



Mrs Chinyere Ogidi

“....I attended the yearly entrepreneur seminars organized by the Foundation. I knew I needed extra income to help my family and other dependents....”

A brief profile of my journey as a widow: I lost my husband in 2010. I was highly devastated because it was so sudden. He was working in Minna while i was in Lagos with my children. It felt as if the roof of my house caved in over me. I thought of the way forward with an impaired son and three other children. No help was in sight as my husband was the bread winner of his entire village. He was the proverbial **“one eyed man in the country of the blind.”**



One day a neighbor came to my house and saw me weeping, she asked if I had heard about the ROSE OF SHARON FOUNDATION. They had assisted in awarding scholarships to her elder sister's children when she lost her husband. She gave me their address and I went. They requested for some documents which I supplied.

After one year I was empowered. It was a very big relief for me because there was no support from his family or friends. To the glory of God, I got a teaching job. I knew that I needed extra income to support my family and other dependants but I didn't know what to do. During one of the yearly entrepreneurship seminars organised by the Foundation which I attended, I was exposed to different business opportunities which I could take advantage of. This encouraged me to start a coconut oil production business. I recently took a loan from my office's co-operatives society and started a small poultry farm.

Mrs Ogidi is today the CEO of Shalom Investment Ent.

I BLESS GOD FOR ROSE OF SHARON FOUNDATION BECAUSE THEY REALLY WIPED MY TEARS WHEN VIRTUALLY EVERYBODY ABANDONED ME.



FISH FARMING (AQUACULTURE)

As a follow-up to the widows' empowerment held on the 4th of October 2017, some of the participants were trained in the theoretical aspect of fish farming. A practical session was further conducted by the Marine Science department of the University of Lagos.

This covered:

- Fish pond development and management
- Pond layout and preparation
- Stocking
- Production of feed and feeding
- Water management
- Pond maintenance
- Harvesting
- Fish processing/drying/package and marketing.



The need to ensure a secure future for our widows' children and orphans facilitated the birth of YEP. The Youth Empowerment Programme is the Foundation's career development and capacity building programme, targeted at graduates and undergraduates, job seekers, working class and self-employed youths.

The objectives are to prepare them for the job market, help them to look inwards and to hone their skills, talents and interests towards becoming successful entrepreneurs. It also aims to strengthen the alumni of RoSF for better cooperation and interaction so they can become good ambassadors of the Foundation.

At the Inaugural Programme, the Founder, Mrs Folorunso Alakija prayed for the youths and encouraged them to work hard and prepare adequately for the future.

This programme has resulted in raising a special group of young people who are eager to make history in their generation. They not only strive to be their own bosses but also to become employers of labour and bridge the gap of unemployment in our society. We are glad to commission them today under the umbrella of RoSF Young Entrepreneurs. The aim is to provide more focused training and mentorship and empower them to be our next young millionaires in the coming years.

ADESANYA ADEWUNMI

My name is **Adesanya Adewunmi** creative director of **Dewmy Couture**. I am one of the beneficiaries of the Rose of Sharon Foundation. My school fees was paid from 100 -500 level, at the **Ekiti State University**.

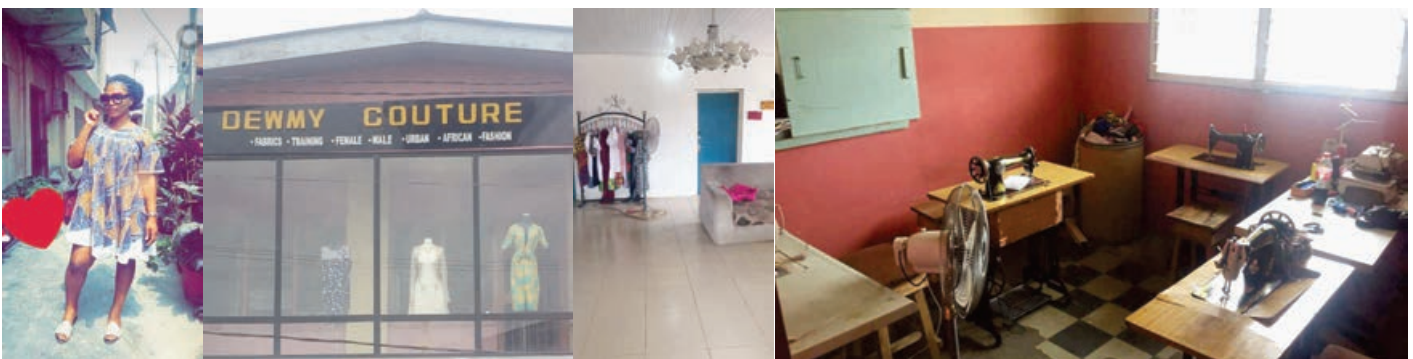
I have been in the Fashion Business since 2015 and my shop is located in Ibadan. Fashion has been what I always loved right from my childhood. However, my mother insisted that I should get an education as this would enhance my business. My dream is to be a fashion icon like MAI ATAFO, LANRE DA SILVA, they inspire me a lot.

I became an entrepreneur when I was 22 years old, though it was rough at the beginning but I remained steadfast and surmounted my challenges.

I am looking forward to developing my skills and acquiring more knowledge in the Fashion Industry.

God has also helped me to train a couple of people who are also doing well on their own.

I am really looking forward to making a great impact in the fashion industry.



OLUWATOSIN OMOLOLA YUSUF

My name is OLUWATOSIN OMOLOLA YUSUF, I am 22 years old. I am an orphan and a beneficiary of the **Rose of Sharon Foundation**. The Foundation enrolled me at the YETKEM CATERING SCHOOL where I learnt Catering and Hotel Management. Today I run my own catering and confectionary company called LOLY CAKE. We handle all kinds of wedding cakes, birthday cakes, anniversary cakes, both indoor and outdoor catering.

Call LOLY CAKE for your indoor and out door catering on: 08163157634



IYARA OLAITAN REBECCA

I am IYARA OLAITAN REBECCA, a native of Ondo state. A 2016 graduate of Philosophy from the University of Lagos. I am a beneficiary of The Rose of Sharon Foundation Youth Empowerment Programme.

House Of Becca was born out of my love for entrepreneurship in beauty, fashion and lifestyle. I am passionate about make-up artistry and this led me to launch out into this area of business on the 1st of October, 2017. One of my philosophies of life is *"not waiting to be big to start, but starting because you want to be big."*

I have started and I am growing.



No woman becomes a widow by choice. The feature shared by all widows is that they are women whose husbands have died. In many countries, widowhood is stigmatised and seen as a source of shame. In some societies, widows are believed to be associated with witchcraft. Such misconceptions can lead to widows being ostracised, and abused. The children of widows are often affected, both emotionally and economically. Such cruelties are often seen as justified in terms of cultural or religious practice. Economic empowerment alone is not enough. Knowing their rights and been able to speak out is a powerful tool that guarantees their freedom from abuse from unfriendly family members and the society at large.

RoSF uses this opportunity of her 10th anniversary to call for action towards achieving full rights and recognition for widows all over the world.

- We challenge Governments of Nations and world leaders to take action to uphold their commitments to ensure the rights of widows as enshrined in international law, including the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- We call on the judiciary to strengthen the perceived weaknesses in its system in order to protect widows from injustice.
- We charge widows all over the world to speak out and turn to the justice systems available to fight their cause without fear.
- We urge other non-governmental bodies to keep the fight on by deploying programmes and policies to end violence against widows and their children and to support widows of all ages.

Here are some facts you must know about widows

- There are an estimated 258.5 million widows globally with 584.6 million offspring.
- Deaths through conflict and disease contributed to a 9 percent rise in the number of widows between 2010 and 2015.
- The biggest jump has been in the Middle East and North Africa, where the estimated number of widows rose by 24 percent between 2010 and 2015, partly due to the Syrian war and other conflicts.
- One in seven widows globally - 38 million - lives in extreme poverty.
- One in 10 women of marital age is widowed. The proportion is about one in five in Afghanistan and Ukraine.
- A third of widows worldwide live in India or China. India, with an estimated 46 million widows in 2015, has overtaken China (44.6 million) to become the country with the largest number of widows.
- Widow “cleansing” rituals in some sub-Saharan countries may require a widow to drink the water used to wash her dead husband's body or to have sex with an in-law or a stranger.
- Campaigners for widows' rights say such rituals, which are intended to rid a widow of her husband's spirit, spread disease and are a violation of dignity.
- Widows are regularly accused of killing their husbands either deliberately or through neglect including by transmitting HIV/AIDS - in India, Nepal, Papua New Guinea and sub-Saharan Africa.
- Property seizures and evictions by the late husband's family are widespread in many countries including Angola, Bangladesh, Botswana, India, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Tanzania and Zimbabwe.
- A significant number of girls are widowed in childhood - a reflection of the prevalence of child marriage in developing countries and the custom of marrying off young girls to much older men.

(Source: World Widows Report published by the Loomba Foundation)

THUS SAYS *the* LORD

The LORD watches over the
strangers; He relieves the
fatherless and widow;
But the way of the wicked
He turns upside down.
(Psalm 146:9a)

You shall not afflict any
widow, or fatherless child.
(Exodus 22:22)

The Lord will destroy the
house of the proud:
but He will establish the
boundary of the widow.
(Proverb 15:25)

Pure religion and undefiled
before God and the Father is this,
to visit orphans and
widows in their trouble,
and to keep oneself unspotted
from the world.
(James 1:27)

Cursed is the one who
perverts the justice due the
stranger, the fatherless,
and widow.' "And all the people
shall say, 'Amen!'
(Deuteronomy 27:19)

"Do not oppress the widow
or the fatherless, the alien or
the poor. Let none of you
plan evil in his heart
against his brother"
(Zachariah 7:10)

"When you reap your harvest in your field,
and forget a sheaf in the field,
you shall not go back to get it;
it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless,
and the widow, that the LORD your
God may bless you in all the work of your hands"
(Deuteronomy 24:19)

"You shall not pervert justice
due the stranger or the
fatherless, nor take a widow's
garment as a pledge
(Deuteronomy 24:17)

Do not remove the ancient
landmark, nor enter
the fields of the fatherless.
(Proverb 23:10)

Learn to do good; Seek justice,
rebuke [a]the oppressor;
defend the fatherless,
plead for the widow.
(Isaiah 1:17)

If you do not oppress the stranger,
the fatherless, and the widow,
and do not shed innocent blood
in this place, or walk after
other gods to your hurt,
then I will cause you to dwell
in this place, in the land that
I gave to your fathers forever and ever.
(Jeremiah 7:6-7)

Defend the poor and fatherless;
Do justice to the afflicted
and needy.
(Psalm 82:3)

To do justice to the fatherless
and the oppressed,
That the man of the earth may
oppress no more.
(Psalm 10:18)

Human beings are beautiful creatures from God and are full of talent and diverse skills. These skills and talents are being discovered in our beneficiaries each year during our RoSF Annual Christmas Party. These young people with amazing talents once discovered are awarded scholarships to pursue and develop their talents in their areas of interest. These include, Dancing, Singing, Modeling, Theatre Arts, Instrumentation, etc. Today, some of them have graduated and are doing very well with their talents as professional dancers, singers, instrumentalists, etc. RoSF is commissioning a group of these young people who have come together to form the 'RoSF Stars' in order to pursue their dreams in the entertainment world.





Prof Pat Utomi at IWD 2014



Her Excellency, Mrs Abimbola Fashola, at IWD 2014



Mrs Olusola Dada at IWD 2014



Mrs Roselyn Onalaja at EDTP 2014



Mrs Atinuke Adeyinka at IWD 2017



Mrs. Folashade Onanuga at IWD 2017



Her Excellency, Mrs Onari Duke at EDTP 2015



Mrs Yemi Adenuga at YEP 2018



Ambassador Utchay Odims at YEP 2018



Mr Olushola Gbobaniyi at EDTP 2015



Mr Conrad Adigwe at EDTP 2014



Mrs. Ayodeji Megbope at IWD 2017



RoSF PASTA & PLANTAIN CHIPS PROCESSING TRAINING

The Rose of Sharon Foundation as a leading NGO on widows and orphans affairs in Nigeria is going all out to fulfill our promises to widows, their children and orphans.

We always connect them with various income boasting opportunities at all cost. A two-day training on pasta and plantain chips processing are some of such opportunities. The training which took place on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th of June, 2018, was part of the activities to commemorate RoSF 10th year anniversary and International Widows' day celebrations.

Pasta is a universally enjoyed food and its popularity can be attributed to several factors: it is easily manufactured, it takes up little storage space, it is easy to cook, it is rich in complex carbohydrates and it is an income generating business.

Highly rated for its nutritional value, pasta is an ideal meal for people who are paying more attention to their dietary intake. In addition, people are finding less time to prepare meals, and pasta is easily made.

The training covered the Manufacturing Processes such as:-

- Mixing and kneading
- Flavoring and coloring
- Rolling
- Cutting
- Drying
- Packaging





RoSF FIRST EVER CHARITY WALK

TAGGED

“WALK FOR HOPE”

A Step To Stop Discrimination Against Widows”

As part of the activities to mark the 10th year Anniversary of the Rose of Sharon Foundation and the celebration of the International Widow's Day, 2018, RoSF took a step to stop discrimination against widows.

While we appreciate the efforts of the government and other stakeholders in passing into law the 'Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) bill, we insist that the law must take it full effect and be implemented. The Rose of Sharon Foundation will not rest until every widow in our society has no more reasons to cry.

We are using this medium:-

- To affirm our support for widows and their children.
- To advocate for fair treatment of widows in our society
- To call on law enforcement agencies to ensure the law is fully enforced and that offenders are prosecuted.
- To call on government at all levels to protect the interest of widows and their children and abolish all forms of inhumane treatment of widows.
- To call on traditional rulers to abolish all evil traditional practices against widows and their children
- To call for special employment opportunities for widows in all government ministries at all levels of government
- To call on well meaning Nigerians to remember widows and orphans in their immediate environment or communities

Every step we are taking is aimed at stopping the inhumane treatment of widows.

Remember widows are not outcast, they are our sisters, cousins, aunties, friends and mothers, so, let's join hands together to give them Hope in the Midst of Despair.





The PARTNERSHIP THAT WORKS

The Rose of Sharon Partnership Opportunities: -

We offer platform for partners and alliances to contribute to solving issues affecting widows and orphans by way of rendering free services in these focus areas:

- **Healthcare Services –**
 - Assistance in promoting healthier lifestyles
 - Supply/donation of drugs and others
 - Corporate partnership with Healthcare institutions for free treatments of widows and orphans.
 - Free eye health services
- **Technology –**
 - Information technology capacity building for widows, their children and orphans
 - Donation of learning aids such as computers and other gadgets to support the education of their children and orphans.
 - Mobile technology
- **Human Capital Development/Training –**
 - Enterprise Development Training
 - Skills Acquisition and Vocational Training
 - Agribusiness (farming, fishery, piggery, poultry, etc.)
 - Donation of Machineries/Equipment e.g., sewing machines
 - Donation of farm lands and other tools to position them better for success.
- **Mentorship Programme**

Responsible individuals are welcome to mentor our beneficiaries in the areas of their interest.

 - Volunteer Field Workers
 - Welfare visits to widows and orphans at different locations within Nigeria.

**For more information on how you can partner with us,
call 07013901147 or 07013901160.**

**Visits us at No 13, Adeniran Ogunsanya Street, Surulere, Lagos.
(Monday to Friday 8.00am – 5.pm; Saturdays 9.00am – 12.00pm)**

Meet *Our Partners*

An African Proverb said

*"If you want to go fast, go alone
If you want to go far, go together".*

We thank all our partners who in the last ten years have contributed in no small measure to the success of all our programmes. We are indeed grateful for your support in ensuring that life is worth living for our widows, their children and orphans. We could not have achieved these milestones without you. May the good Lord reward you abundantly, as we continue to "reach out and touch" more lives together.



Office of the First Lady



reach out and touch...

THE ROSE OF SHARON FOUNDATION

Anthem

1. When the storm clouds boil around me,
And the lighting splits the sky---
When the howling wind assails me
Then I simply Trust in Him
When my heart is filled with terror,
The Rose of Sharon prevails
Then I find sweet peace and comfort,
Through the word that cannot fail.
2. When the things of life confound me,
And my faith is ebbing low—
When the zeal of God consumes me,
Then my heart shall rest in Him
When the night seems black and endless,
And I long for light of day—
The Rose of Sharon calling
To deliver and to save.

The Rose of Sharon



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reach out and touch...

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