



2024 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



THE SPECIAL YOUTH
LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION



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EVERY CHILD IS
YOUR CHILD, EVERY
CHILD HAS A RIGHT
TO DREAM.

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Who We Are....

The Special Youth Leadership Foundation is a social impact organization that focuses on raising young African leaders through education by providing platforms and opportunities to fulfill their dreams. We are a community of young professionals with a vision to improve the quality of leadership in all spheres of governance in Africa by creating access for more children to get an education



Our Vision,

To improve the quality of leadership in Africa by providing a platform where less privileged and highly talented children can be equipped with an education, mentoring and leadership training to bring about a positive influence to their world.

Our Mission

"Making dreams come true"

We dream of an Africa where more young people have access to an education and the essential tools that provide them with a foundation to be positive change agents to their respective communities, the African continent and the World.

Our Programs



Inspire Scholarship Program

The Inspire Scholarship provides financial support for children of low-income earners, orphaned children, and families that have lost a breadwinner. It targets primary and secondary school students, covering tuition, uniforms, books, stationery, and lunch through direct payments to schools. This initiative ensures disadvantaged children access quality education.



Special Scholarship Program

The Special Scholarship is merit-based and supports gifted students under 21 for local tertiary education. It covers tuition, books, and study materials, focusing on fostering exceptional talent. This program aims to empower bright young minds to excel academically and professionally.

Mentorship/Career Day Program

This program connects professionals with students to share career insights and life skills. Experts provide guidance on career paths, workplace success, and personal development through relatable stories. The program helps students make informed career choices while gaining inspiration for future opportunities.

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Summer School Program

The Summer School Program offers a free, 3-week intellectual experience for underprivileged children in Nigeria. Over 1,000 students engage in activities like mental mathematics, critical thinking, creative writing, and public speaking. It also promotes patriotism and national values, shaping students into future leaders.

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School Build Program

This program addresses the lack of infrastructure in African public schools by building or renovating schools in underserved communities. It provides safe, quality learning environments, including desks, chairs, and improved ventilation. Local contractors and materials are used to support local economies.

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Lifelong Program

The Lifelong Program ensures continuous development for children supported by the foundation. It includes mentorship, leadership training, and community involvement, fostering long-term personal and professional growth. An alumni network provides ongoing support and opportunities for lifelong success.

SDG Goals





Founder's Message

What a phenomenal year of impact we've created together! As I look back at our remarkable journey through 2024, I'm not just grateful, I am electrified by what we've accomplished with your unwavering support and partnership at The Special Foundation.

Let me paint a picture of the incredible tapestry we've woven this year: over 5,000 bright young minds ignited with entrepreneurial spirit during our Special Summer School, spreading across 8 vibrant centres this August. Witness the transformation at Hope Primary School, Ikoyi, where our School Build Project has changed the learning experience for 500 eager young scholars who now race to school with renewed excitement!

But that's just the beginning of our success story! This year has showcased the power of partnerships. Garda World stepped up as champions of change. Ben Energy and

Templegate Consulting collaborated to bring the idea to fruition. Thanks to their vision, the Oasis Library at Hope Primary School is now a beacon of knowledge.

And talk about innovation in giving! Our groundbreaking partnership with Mooyi has transformed everyday surveys into vehicles of change, while Heritage Energy has opened doors to mentorship that will shape future leaders. Our incredible family of supporters – First E&P, Credit Direct, Sterling One Foundation, RIF Trust, and Elsie Jinadu Foundation – continues to be the backbone of our scholarship programs, proving that when we join forces, possibilities become endless.

As our impact grows, so does our team. We've welcomed five brilliant new minds to our core team, each bringing fresh energy and innovative ideas to our mission. But here's the most exciting part: we're just getting started!

Partners, you're not just supporting a foundation, you're building a legacy. Every child we reach, every school we transform, and every life we touch is a testament to your commitment to creating lasting change. As we look to the future, I'm filled with boundless excitement for the heights we'll reach together.

With profound gratitude and unstoppable optimism,

Seyi Akinwale



Our Impact Story

Impact Numbers

Overall
Impacted:
33,439+

Inspire
Scholarship:
560+

Summer
School:
15,692+

Mentorship:
9,115+

School Build:
11

2024 In Numbers

our year in review

Inspire Scholarship
Empowering **560+** Scholars across
15+ states in Nigeria

138+ Schools Partnering to Shape
Tomorrow's Leaders

Indirect beneficiaries: **1728+**

98% of Our Scholars Have Been Under
Continuous Support for **4+ Years**

Breaking Gender Barriers: 56% of Our Scholars Are Female Across Northern and Southern Nigeria

- ▶ Empowering girls through education and leadership opportunities.

48% of Our Scholars Are Male Across Northern and Southern Nigeria

- ▶ Fostering inclusive education for boys and young men in underserved communities.

Inspire Scholarship Sponsors Investing in the Future: 75 and Growing!

- ▶ Partnering to empower the next generation of African leaders.

300+ Communities Impacted and Transformed Through Education

- ▶ Creating ripple effects of progress in rural and urban regions.

Supporting a Diverse Age Range of Scholars

- ▶ See the breakdown of scholars by age group:

■ Age 2-7: 138 children (33%) ■ Age 8-12: 172 children (42%) ■ Age 13-26: 102 young adults (25%)



■ Age 2-7: children 33%

■ Age 8-12: children 42%

■ Age 13-26: young adults 25%

2024 Growth Numbers

2023: **21,000+**



2024: **33,439+**



School Build Program

— 2023: 5 Projects 

— 2024: 11 Projects 

Inspire Scholarship

— 2023: 458+ children 

— 2024: 560+ children 

Mentorship Program

— 2023: 5000+ children 

— 2024: 4119+ children 

Special Summer School

— 2023: 6 centers 

— 2024: 8 centers 

Impact



Inspire Scholarship Program

Since officially welcoming our first child in 2016, we envisioned the Inspire Scholarship Program as a groundbreaking initiative open to children from all communities and cultures, free from any discriminatory barriers. Designed to ensure every child can access quality education, the program has grown tremendously. Today, we are proud to report that over 560 children are enrolled in our ongoing scholarship program. Each child supported through Inspire receives unwavering assistance throughout their educational journey up to secondary school.

Scholars: **560**

Male: **289**

Female: **272**

States: **14**

Schools: **138**

Special Summer School

The Special Youth Leadership Foundation successfully implemented the 2024 Special Summer School Program across **eight centers** in Lagos, Ogun, Osun, and Abuja, including Kazahchat School in Abuja, Roydek Academy in Makoko, Liberty School in Ikota, Gracehill School in Magboro, Bridge International Academy in Ojo, Eaglesville School in Ota, Golden Star Schools in Oshodi and Bridge School in Oshogbo. This 3-week intensive program provided practical skill-building activities such as soap making, tailoring, coding, catering, Leadership and entrepreneurship skills for children from Primary to Secondary levels. Fully funded by the Foundation and its Partners, the program reached over 5,000 children, equipping them with lifelong skills and fostering creativity, teamwork, and confidence.

The initiative's success underscores its transformative impact, empowering children and strengthening community ties, with plans for even greater reach in the future.

 Summer School Video Link: <https://youtube.com/0x9WqmhQsR8>





Reach: **8 Centers** Total Beneficiaries: **5,020+** States: **4 States**

Mentorship Program

Collaboration with Heritage Energy Operational Services Limited

The Mentorship Program continues to empower young talents through meaningful engagements with professionals across various fields. To celebrate International Women's Day 2024, we selected 10 female students from Lagos City Model College for a visit to Heritage Energy Operational Services Limited. The students participated in a thought-provoking panel discussion on Inspiring Inclusion and enjoyed one-on-one mentorship sessions with top professionals at the organization.



Collaboration with McKinsey and Co

In collaboration with McKinsey & Company, we visited St. Francis Grammar School in Yaba as part of their annual Day of Service, impacting over 300 students. During the visit, we conducted sessions focused on building confidence, fostering self-awareness and understanding the concept of consent.

Taking a gender-specific approach, we engaged in meaningful discussions with separate gender groups, providing a safe space for students to ask gender-related questions, express themselves openly and receive tailored guidance. Additionally, books and school materials were distributed, demonstrating our commitment to equipping the next generation with the knowledge and resources they need to thrive.



Overall Impact: **2,239+**
Number of students Impacted: **898+**
Centers: **4**

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Projects Highlights



Transforming Hope: A Three-Stage Renovation of Hope Primary School

The Special Foundation's School Build Program has transformed Hope Primary School in Ikoyi through a comprehensive three-phase renovation.

Phase 1: Reviving the Oasis Library

The journey began with the restoration of the long-abandoned Oasis Library, which had been rendered unusable by termite damage for over two years. Today, the vibrant library serves more than 200 students, offering a rich collection of books and fostering a love for learning.

Phase 2: Renovating Classrooms

The second phase focused on a block of four classrooms, addressing structural and functional issues. Cracked walls were repaired, damaged ceilings were fixed, and abandoned toilets were refurbished. Addition tables and chairs were provided, and the classrooms were repainted and fully equipped, creating a revitalized and conducive learning environment for the students.

Phase 3: Comprehensive Upgrades

The final phase introduced extensive improvements, including floor and roofing repairs, aesthetic enhancements, and complete electric system upgrades. A solar panel system was installed to provide sustainable energy and ensure uninterrupted learning. The installation of a new entrance signboard added to the school's identity while offering key information.

This transformative three-stage renovation has given Hope Primary School a modern, safe, and inspiring environment, benefiting both students and staffs

 [Compilation video of all 3 stages](https://youtube.com/3acC-eMh_Bs)https://youtube.com/3acC-eMh_Bs

**Renovation of Roydek Academy
building, Makoko
The Special Foundation School
Build Program:**



Renovation of Roydek Academy Building, Makoko

Roydek Academy in Makoko faced significant challenges due to its deteriorated and uncondusive condition. Recognizing the urgent need for a better learning environment, we embarked on a comprehensive renovation to transform the school into a well-equipped, student-friendly facility.

The upgrades included installing new furniture, ceiling fans, and vibrant murals, along with ceiling installations, roof repairs, and new toilet facilities. These improvements have created a revitalized space that now provides over 250 students with a safe, comfortable, and engaging atmosphere for learning.

This transformation was made possible through the steadfast support of our partners, reaffirming our commitment to ensuring children have access to conducive educational spaces.



**Voices of Hope: Our
Impact Through the
Eyes of Recipients**

At The Special Youth Foundation, we understand the power of storytelling in showcasing the transformative impact of our work. In May, we launched an initiative to document the personal stories of our beneficiaries, capturing their journeys, dreams, and aspirations.

Each child, with their unique talents and ambitions, shared their hope for a brighter future. The project involved a thorough process, including pre-screening, scheduled visits with parents or guardians for assessments and formalities, obtaining school approvals, and securing parental consent.

After careful deliberation, we titled this year's project "Voices of Hope," a name that embodies the resilience and determination of the remarkable children we serve. This initiative amplifies their voices, providing an inspiring testament to their potential and the profound impact of our work.



Voice of Hope - Daniel Akinlade

Shattered by an Accident, Saved by a Scholarship: Daniel and Victor's Fight for a Future

 [Daniel's Story](#)

Daniel, a 6-year-old boy with a passion for learning, has faced immense challenges since his parents were injured in an accident two years ago. The incident left the family struggling financially, with his mother taking occasional catering jobs and his father working as a bike rider. Despite these hardships, Daniel's dedication to excellence and punctuality in his academics has earned him recognition at school.

His older brother, Victor, is equally remarkable. A gifted student, Victor scored an impressive 335 in his JAMB exam and dreams of studying Computer Engineering at Unilag.

Though life has tested them, Daniel remains determined to fulfill his dream of becoming a pilot, and Victor continues to aspire toward a future in technology. Recognizing their perseverance and academic promise, The Special Youth Leadership Foundation has stepped in to support the family. Daniel's education is secured through our scholarship program, and Victor has been offered a place in our Special Scholarship Program, ensuring he can pursue his goal of becoming a Computer Engineer.

Their story is a testament to resilience, hope, and the transformative power of education.



Voice of Hope- Oluwashindara Ramat Moronfolu

Abandoned and Overwhelmed:
Shindara's Family Battles Debt, Despair,
and a Mother's Struggle

 [Shindara's Story](#)

Five-year-old Shindara lives with her mother, a woman who has faced overwhelming financial and emotional burdens since her husband abandoned the family over eight years ago. A survivor of suicide and a pillar of resilience, Shindara's mother shoulders the responsibility of providing for her children despite their dire circumstances.

Amid these challenges, Shindara radiates quiet strength, a living testament to the power of hope in the face of hardship. Recognizing the family's struggles, The Special Foundation has stepped in not only to support Shindara but also to help her brother. Through our Inspire Scholarship Program, her brother now has access to quality education, offering him the chance at a brighter future.

This story is a powerful reminder of the impact of compassion and the enduring strength of the human spirit.



Voice of Hope- Prudence and Testimony Stanley

Born to Blind Parents: Prudence and Testimony's Journey of Strength and Resilience

 [Prudences and Testimoy's Story](#)

Prudence and Testimony, siblings with an unyielding spirit, have taken on the role of supporting their visually impaired parents. Their parents, who lost their sight to measles during childhood, met at a school for the blind. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, their father produced soap for their mother to sell at the market—a livelihood that ended with her passing.

The family relies on their eldest child, who assists with market errands and church visits, and a dedicated teacher who ensures Prudence and Testimony get to and from school. Despite their hardships, their story is a testament to the power of familial bonds, collective resilience, and an unwavering commitment to hope and perseverance.

"Voices of Hope" beautifully captures the essence of these children's journeys, as each voice shares a unique story of resilience, triumph over hardship, and the pursuit of a brighter future. We invite you to experience their inspiring tales and witness the enduring power of hope.

- Seyi Akinwale, Founder -

A photograph of a group of people at what appears to be a trade show or community event. In the foreground, a woman with long braids, wearing a white shirt and a black bag, is looking towards a man in a blue shirt. In the background, two women in white shirts are engaged in conversation. The image is overlaid with a large, semi-transparent blue circle that contains the text 'Intervention programs' in white, bold, sans-serif font. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting an indoor exhibition space.

Intervention programs

Intervention Program

International Women's Day Program: Heritage Energy Operational Services Limited & The Special Foundation

As part of their annual International Women's Day celebration, Heritage Energy Operational Services Limited, in collaboration with The Special Youth Leadership Foundation, hosted an inspiring mentorship program for 10 outstanding girls from Lagos City Model College.

The event featured an exclusive private tour of Heritage Energy's corporate building, giving the students a firsthand glimpse into the workings of the energy sector. This was followed by a dynamic general session with panelists and speakers who shared powerful insights, encouraging the girls to embrace inclusion and envision their future in the energy industry.

To foster deeper connections, the girls participated in one-on-one mentorship sessions with professionals who listened to their aspirations, provided tailored advice, and reinforced the belief that their dreams are achievable, no matter their chosen career path.

The program not only inspired the girls to consider careers in engineering and related fields but also left a lasting impact, highlighting empowerment, inclusion, and the endless possibilities for women in the workforce.



Intervention Program

Back-to-School Program: Mafoluku Community

Our back-to-school program at Golden Star Nursery and Primary School in Mafoluku Community made a significant impact by providing over 275 children with essential educational materials, including notebooks, pens, water bottles, schoolbags, and toys. Beyond supporting the students, the initiative also focused on empowering teaching and administrative staff with training and resources to improve teaching methods and curriculum delivery.

This program was made even more special through the generosity of one of our supporters, who celebrated her 40th birthday by raising funds to give back to the children. Her milestone birthday became a catalyst for change, as her contributions, combined with our team's efforts, ensured the success of this initiative.

The program has left a lasting impression on the school and its community, embodying the spirit of collaboration, generosity, and commitment to quality education.

Beneficiaries: Over 275 children | Location: Mafoluku, Oshodi



Intervention Program

Read-a-thon and Mentorship Program at New Liberty School, Ikota

As part of our Intervention Program, we visited New Liberty School, Ikota, for an inspiring Readathon and Mentorship session with the students. During this impactful visit, we engaged with over 270 children across 12 arms of the school. The day was filled with book reading



sessions, storytelling, and one-on-one mentoring, where we shared our experiences and encouraged the children to stay focused on their studies.

In addition to inspiring a love for reading and motivating the students to pursue their dreams, we extended our support to the entire school community by distributing gift packs. These packs were shared with all students, as well as the teaching and non-teaching staff, fostering a sense of inclusivity and appreciation within the school environment.

Through this initiative, we aimed to not only empower the children but also acknowledge and support the dedication of the staff members who play a crucial role in shaping their futures.

Intervention Program

The Special Foundation Visit with Queen Edeifo Brittany Aikhuele

We had the honor of hosting the 2023 Miss Diaspora Nigeria, Edeifo Brittany Aikhuele, on a memorable school visit to Roydek Academy, Makoko, and New Liberty School, Ikota. Over 500 children participated in the event, making it a truly impactful experience.

Queen Brittany engaged with the students through a lively book reading session and an inspiring mentorship talk, where she shared her journey to becoming Miss Nigeria Diaspora. Her words motivated the children to dream big and believe in their potential.

Adding to the excitement, the children received thoughtful gifts, including toys, books, math sets, school bags, and more. The visit left a lasting impression, fostering joy and inspiration in the hearts of the students.

Beneficiaries: **Over 500 children** | Location: **2 Location**



Continuous Collaborative Partnership



The Special Foundation and TikTok

We are thrilled to announce, TikTok generously donated 30 monitors to our organization, enabling hundreds of children to gain access to digital learning and technological resources. This invaluable contribution will empower students with the tools they need to explore new educational opportunities, enhance their learning experiences, and build essential skills for the future. We are deeply grateful to TikTok for their commitment to making a meaningful impact in the lives of these children.



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The Special Foundation and GardaWorld



GARDAWORLD SECURITY



In collaboration with GardaWorld, we are thrilled to announce the successful installation of solar panels at Roydek Academy in Makoko. This initiative has significantly improved the school's learning environment by providing consistent and eco-friendly energy source. With reliable lighting and ventilation, over 250 students now enjoy a more comfortable and effective educational experience.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our partners, Templegate and Ben Energy Solutions Company, for their invaluable support in making this project a reality.



The Special Foundation and First Exploration and Petroleum Development Company Limited



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FIRST E & P

FIRST FOUNDATION FOR A BETTER
DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED

We are thrilled to celebrate our ongoing partnership with First E&P, which continues to align with our vision and commitment to shaping the future of Africa through education. Through this collaboration, First E&P has sponsored 30 children under our Inspire Scholarship program. Additionally, executives from the company have extended their support, sponsoring an impressive 45 more children in the same program. This enduring partnership is a testament to the shared dedication to empowering the next generation and creating a lasting impact through education.



The Special Foundation and 60 for 60 Initiative

The 60 for 60 initiative is an ongoing fund established by a private individual to support 30 underprivileged individuals in achieving their educational aspirations. This impactful collaboration remains dedicated to keeping children off the streets and providing them with access to quality education. By fostering educational opportunities, the initiative continues to empower these individuals to build brighter futures and emerge as the next generation of leaders for the country.



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The Special Foundation and Sterling One Foundation

Our continued partnership with Sterling One Foundation is making a meaningful impact, with their commitment to sponsor 20 children under our Inspire Scholarship Program. Launched in September 2023, the program has already provided these deserving children with the tools and resources they need to excel academically. This collaboration reflects Sterling One Foundation's steadfast dedication to supporting education and creating brighter futures for young minds. Together, we are committed to empowering these children to reach their full potential.



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The Special Foundation and Elsie Jinadu Foundation



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The Elsie Jinadu Foundation has been a steadfast partner in our mission to provide quality education to underprivileged children. Through their collaboration with us, they have committed to supporting 20 children with continuous scholarships under our Inspire Scholarship Program.



This partnership reflects the Foundation's dedication to transforming lives and empowering young learners by ensuring they have access to the education they deserve. Together, we are fostering opportunities for these children to achieve their dreams and build a brighter future.

The Special Foundation and Mooyi

We are thrilled to partner with Mooyi in an innovative initiative that allows everyday Nigerians to support our mission of nurturing future leaders and providing critical resources. Through this collaboration, Mooyi users can choose to donate their survey earnings directly to The Special Youth Leadership Foundation, helping us fund impactful programs in education, youth empowerment, and mental health services.

This partnership underscores our dedication to creating meaningful change and providing opportunities for individuals to engage with important causes. Together with Mooyi, we are making it easier for Nigerians to contribute to building a brighter future and transforming lives across our communities.



The Special Foundation and Lagos Business School's Senior Management Programme

We are delighted to partner with Lagos Business School through SMP Project Group 1 initiative. As part of this collaboration, the group generously sponsored five children under our Inspire Scholarship program

Furthermore, the project partner has pledged to extend their support by sponsoring even more children in the program. This partnership reflects our shared commitment to empowering the next generation and driving meaningful impact through education.



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SCHOOL

PAH-ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

The Special Foundation and Credit Direct Finance Company Limited



Credit Direct has been a steadfast partner in our mission to empower underprivileged children in Nigeria, playing a key role in creating life-changing opportunities through The Summer School Program.

Beyond financial support, Credit Direct's dedication is evident in the active involvement of its staff, who volunteered as tutors at our Special Summer School Center. Through hands-on training in various skills, they have equipped children with practical knowledge while inspiring confidence and ambition. This collaboration has opened doors for countless children, providing hope, entrepreneurship opportunities, and a pathway to self-sufficiency.

Together, we are unlocking potential, nurturing dreams, and transforming lives.



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Celebrating Special Moments With The Special Foundation

We are beyond grateful for the incredible support of five amazing partners- **Kemi Akinyele**, **Defolu Olufon**, **Chukwuma Nwanze**, **Folorunsho Ashcroft** and **Ebehi Odejobi** - who have chose to make their birthdays even more special by raising funds for the children in our foundation.

Your selfless acts of kindness not only brighten the lives of the children we serve but also inspire others to give back in meaningful ways. Thanks to your generosity, were able to continue making a positive difference in their education and overall well-being. We are proud to have such compassionate partners by our side and want to express our heartfelt appreciation for your dedication to our cause. Thank you for being an essential part of the foundation's mission to create brighter futures!



• Kemi Akinyele



• Defolu Olufon



• Chukwuma Nwanze



• Folorunsho Ashcroft



• Ebehi Odejobi

Impact Scholarship Students Feature In Music Video.

Our scholarship children had the incredible opportunity to feature in Kokoroko's first-ever official music video, a beautiful short film. The film, directed by the talented Akinola Davies Jr., captures the essence of creativity and community. It was a proud moment for The Special Youth Leadership Foundation, highlighting the impact of our scholarship program in nurturing creativity and self-expression.



Special Christmas Surprise

As part of our annual initiatives, the **Christmas Surprise Project** brought joy and hope to underserved communities this festive season. Designed to spread the spirit of giving, we reached out to our beneficiary families and children.

This year, the project impacted lives by providing gift packs that included essential items such as food supplies, educational materials, and toys for children. In addition, we shared festive cheer with our scholarship children, visiting them to deliver personalized gifts and spending quality time to celebrate the season together.

Through the support of our partners and volunteers, the Christmas Surprise Project continues to make a meaningful difference, fostering a sense of belonging and hope during the festive season.



Special Spotlight

Volunteer Highlight



Bassey Walter

Walter Bassey, a seasoned financial professional with nearly 20 years in capital markets, leads institutional sales and trading at CSL Stockbrokers, part of FCMB Group. Specializing in Asset Management and Equities Sales Trading, he holds a B.Sc. in Accounting from UNN and is pursuing an MBA at the University of Liverpool.



Tunde Aka-Bashorun

Tunde Aka-Bashorun is a seasoned executive with 19 years of success across media, oil and gas, hospitality, and finance, co-founded Cardforte Ltd, driving its growth. He also leads Apexplus Oil & Gas, Valerian Steel Co., and co-founded Cyberdyne Solutions Ltd, fostering investments in successful tech startups.



Susan Anisa Younis

Susan Anisa Younis is a seasoned marketing and content expert with 15+ years of global experience across multinationals including Apple and Warner Music Group. Through her agency, SAY Visionaries, she remains a trailblazer in creative marketing across Africa.



Olubukola Olabiyi

Olubukola Olabiyi ("Bukki") is a Partner in Corporate, Commercial, and Capital Markets, specializing in governance, compliance, and transactions. She chairs the NBA-SBL Capital Market Committee, has earned multiple accolades, and advises clients on regulatory frameworks. Bukki holds a law degree and is called to the Nigerian Bar.

Ambassador Highlight



Akinbamidele Akintola

Akinbamidele "Dele" Akintola, Chief Commercial Officer at Alerzo, has over 15 years in Equity Capital Markets, raising \$10B+ for African corporates. He previously led Sub-Saharan Africa Equity Sales at Stanbic IBTC and held key roles at Renaissance Capital. Dele holds degrees from Babcock, Loughborough, and an MIT Executive MBA.



Ifeoma Okpala

Ifeoma, an executive coach and logistics professional in Denmark, has 16+ years of experience across Africa and Europe. She works with Maersk a global logistics company and leads ProWoc, a nonprofit organization supporting women of colour in Denmark. With degrees in Mass Communication, Project Management, and Coaching, she mentors professionals for impactful growth and transformative connections.

Organizational Updates



Upcoming Programs and Events

Thought Leadership Summit - April 2025

The Thought Leadership Summit provides an opportunity for the foundation to share its impactful work with leaders, stakeholders, and diplomats, and also express our gratitude to our incredible partners and volunteers. Details of this event will be communicated soon.



2025 Target Impact

45,000

▶ Overall Impact

700

▶ English Scholarship
Beneficiaries

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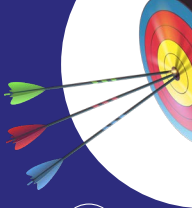
▶ School Built

8,000

▶ Summer
School Impact

4,000

▶ Membership
Program Impact



The Special Foundation Family

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Senior Vice President, GE Vernova

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West Africa Regional Manager,
Oxygen Hub



Akinbamidele Akintola

COO - Alerzo



Funlola Adegoke

Founder, FIABIS

IN GRATITUDE

Dear Valued Partners,

As we look back at the remarkable milestones we've achieved together, my heart swells with pride and profound gratitude. The Special Foundation's story of impact isn't just our story, it's the masterpiece we've all created together.

Through your passionate support, we haven't just moved needles, we've moved mountains. Over 35,000 lives were touched and transformed. 6,000 young minds were shaped through mentorship, their horizons expanding with every interaction. 9 completely renovated schools, their walls now buzzing with renewed energy and possibility. And here's what truly takes my breath away: over 500+ brilliant young minds are now pursuing their dreams through our Inspire Scholarship Program. These aren't just statistics on a page, they're dreams taking flight, families being lifted, and communities being transformed.

You didn't just write checks, you wrote hope into the stories of countless lives. You didn't just meet targets, you helped build launching pads for dreams. Your belief in our mission, generous hearts, and hands-on involvement have created ripples of change that will echo through generations.

Even more exciting is that we're just warming up! The future? It's not just bright, it's dazzling with possibility. So here's to you, our incredible partners, the true champions of change. Your trust, commitment, and partnership are appreciated. They're the foundation of every success story we've written together. Together, we're rewriting the future of Africa, one success story at a time.

With boundless gratitude and excitement for what's ahead.

The Special Foundation

Inspire scholarship Sponsors

A Abimbola Kasim
Ademola Adeyemi-Bero
Adaola Jeremiah
Ayodeji Durojaiye
Akinbamidala Akintola
Akindeji Oyeboade
Ayo Olapade
Adedapo Olawunmi
Dr Abimbola Sokunbi

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