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Businessmen in Maryland and Washington D.C. Celebrate 20 Years of Granting Teachers' Wishes



Principal and students from LaSalle Elementary School receiving school supplies

Washington, DC — 35 volunteers of [Friendship Association Education Assistance, Inc., \(FAEA\)](#) celebrate 20 years of collaborative giving, supporting teachers and renovating schools and invite the community to discover the joy of helping underprivileged students receive a good education.

In 1986, the Nigerian Friendship Association (NigFA), a nonprofit organization, was formed by Nigerian students and professionals. In 1996, NigFA members established FAEA, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with the goal of operating exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

FAEA has created a compelling legacy of success in addressing the educational needs of underprivileged children in North America and in

Africa for 20 years by providing children with school supplies, mentorships, and scholarships, as well as funding of materials for school renovations, furniture and equipment, and science laboratories. FAEA volunteers have funded the renovation of over 15 schools in Nigeria and financially granted teacher wishes at over 43 schools. FAEA estimate its investment has positively impacted over 18,000 children.

In August 2015, FAEA granted the wishes of 15 local teachers at three schools. FAEA provided over 4,000 items including flash drives, backpacks, pens, pencils, disinfecting wipes, markers, rulers, and hand sanitizers. FAEA also supported the renovation project at Christ Redeemer College Amesi Technical Building in Amesi, Anambra State, Nigeria. The school received a new roof, windows, flooring, and teaching equipment for students to gain skills in welding, carpentry, automotive repairs, electrical, and mechanical maintenance, and basic computers skills.

FAEA has a long history of supporting the Rehabilitation Centre for Disabled and Other Tramps (RECDOT) in Nigeria. RECDOT is the only center supporting abandoned children with disabilities in Anambra State. The centre houses 160 abandoned, disabled children, along with some adults who are mentally ill or elderly. The children were abandoned by families struggling with poverty and unable to care for their disabled offspring. FAEA provided much-needed equipment and furniture including desks, chairs, and beds.

FAEA is able to fund these projects in part through their annual events and financial contributions from FAEA volunteers and supporters. This year FAEA seek to raise \$50,000 to grant the wishes of science and math teachers by providing STEM educational tools to schools in Washington D.C. and Maryland.

The community can get involved in supporting the education needs of underprivileged children by joining them in continuing the great work at the schools we support by providing a financial contribution, sharing this message with friends, or serving as an activist in your workplace by raising awareness and funds.

For additional information and to view previous charity projects funded by FAEA, please visit their website at www.friendshippeducation.org.

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