

HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are a number of ways you can help the Tobi Adeyemi Foundation.

1. DONATE

- **By 'JustGiving'**  JustGiving

You can donate securely and directly to the Tobi Adeyemi Foundation by using the secure JustGiving service. Our page is at:- justgiving.com/tobiadeyemifoundation
By donating in this way the Tobi Adeyemi Foundation will receive almost £12 for every £10 donated by reclaiming Gift aid...and it's as simple as clicking your mouse!

- **By Standing Order**

You can donate by giving regularly - making monthly donations. A standing order form can be downloaded from the TAF website, via the 'How you can help' page.

- **By Cheque**

You can donate by cheque made payable to the 'Tobi Adeyemi Foundation'. Please mail to:
The Tobi Adeyemi Foundation
3 Vicarage Close, Kingswood, Surrey
KT20 6QF, United Kingdom



2. ORGANISE

You can set up your own event or fundraiser on JustGiving for the Tobi Adeyemi Foundation, again by visiting:- justgiving.com/tobiadeyemifoundation

3. ENCOURAGE

Sign up for regular updates and send us your comments. If you haven't done so, please 'Like' our Facebook page, found at:- facebook.com/tobiadeyemifoundation

The family and friends of Tobi Adeyemi would like to thank you and express their great appreciation for any support you can give to the Tobi Adeyemi Foundation in his memory.

APPLYING TO THE TOBI ADEYEMI FOUNDATION

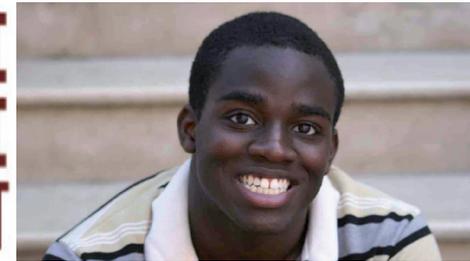
If you are young person of age 19 or below, have outstanding academic, sporting, musical, artistic or all-round potential and, require financial support in order to continue your education, the Tobi Adeyemi Foundation may be able to help. You will need to complete an application form, which you can download at tobiadeyemifoundation.org/eligibility. You will find it helpful to read the Foundation's grant-making policy which you will find on the same webpages. Goodluck!

For more information about Tobi Adeyemi Foundation visit:

www.tobiadeyemifoundation.org

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Message from the Chair (Mr Seyi Obakin)

Welcome to this first newsletter of the Tobi Adeyemi Foundation. It is no secret that this Foundation was forged in adversity but, in keeping with the character of Tobi Adeyemi who inspired it, we are optimistic, ambitious, energetic and positive about young people's chances in life. We are determined that young people, who have already shown some potential, should not, for financial reasons, fail to realise that potential.

That was Tobi's dream but for him, it was not just a dream to be put on a shelf for the future. No - he was already doing all he could with the little he had. So this Foundation that bears his name will not indulge the excuse of having too little. We will do what we can with what we have. But it won't be enough without your support. At a time when more than one hundred thousand young people received a straight F Grade in Maths and when more than one million young people are unemployed, with many of them simply unemployable, what we can do will not be enough without your help. That is why the efforts of those who are already helping are so heart-warming and I hope you will enjoy reading some of their stories in this newsletter. I urge you please to join them and us as we seek fervently to help turn the huge potential that some young people are already showing into reality.

Oluwatobi Olatunbosun Adeyemi was born at St. Helier Hospital, Carshalton, Surrey, United Kingdom on the 10th of August 1994. The only child of his parents, he grew up in Sutton, Surrey. He first attended Blue Firs nursery and then on to Collingwood School in Wallington, Surrey.

Tobi, as he was known to his friends, excelled at Collingwood making many friends and participating in all aspects of school life. He learnt how to play a

variety of musical instruments including the recorder, piano, drums and the cello. He participated in several school concerts at venues such as Fairfield in Croydon & The Royal Albert Hall, London.

He then went on to Whitgift School for boys, South Croydon for his secondary school education. He excelled academically obtaining 6 A stars and 5 A's for his O levels. From an early age he had an aptitude for numbers and he subsequently became an excellent

mathematician achieving A star in GCSE Mathematics a year early.

Whitgift School gave him the opportunity to further develop his musical skills. He studied music for GCSE and continued playing both the cello and drums. He was a member of the Whitgift School String Symphonia and other groups. He represented the school on many occasions in concerts. He was working towards his Grade 7 in drums and Grade 5 in cello at the time of his early departure.

Tobi was a versatile sportsman, enjoying success in various sports such as Rugby, cricket, football and basketball. He won several athletic medals including first in the under 9's 200m and first in the under 15's 400m at Collingwood and Whitgift schools respectively. He played Rugby in the



Whitgift School 3rds team. He developed a passion for Basketball at age 12 and promptly set about doing everything to improve his skills and chances of getting into the school Basketball team. He did get into the team and represented the school wearing the No. 5 shirt. The shirt has now been retired in his honour.

Tobi was an avid Manchester United fan and had the opportunity to watch live games of the red devils at Fulham. He had been promised a trip to Old Trafford and was looking forward to it. He always had a strong opinion on how United were playing and at times you thought he could do the job better than Sir Alex himself.

Tobi was easy going and generous. He was generous with his time, treasure and talents. He mentored younger pupils and encouraged many of his friends to fulfil

their potential and take all opportunities which came their way.

A committed Christian, he was a youth leader in Church and also played in the church worship team. He was described as having a wise head on young shoulders and inspired many to do better. Tobi initially toyed with the idea of following his parents' footsteps into Medicine as he cared for people so much. He joined the St. John's Ambulance Association and learnt basic first aid and other survival techniques and skills, which he believed would be useful in the community. He was very popular at the Association and at his funeral many of his colleagues turned out to give him a guard of honour.

In his 16 years he had the opportunity to travel to many countries including France, Spain, Italy, Tunisia and many states within the United States of America. He loved travelling and read a lot about the places he visited.

Tobi was studying Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Chemistry and Biology for his A levels in his last year of life. He intended to go to Oxford to study Mathematics and become an Investment Banker in the city. He had aspired to set up a foundation to offer education bursaries and scholarships to disadvantaged children and young people. According to a good friend of his, Tobi Adeyemi was going to change the world.

On Saturday, the 5th of March 2011 at about 1845hrs, while having a peaceful time with his parents at home, Tobi had a cardiac arrest and all efforts to resuscitate him failed. (He had Sudden Cardiac Death which is an umbrella term used for many different causes of cardiac arrest in young people.)

'Tobi Adeyemi Foundation' was set up by his parents to turn Tobi's dream into a legacy to continue and to fulfil his destiny.

TAF Fundraising!

We are incredibly grateful to all those who have raised funds for the Tobi Adeyemi Foundation! **Melanie Rodger** (1) kept her promise to spend a day in traditional Nigerian attire after raising £100, while **Ife Obakin** (2) raised £305 by dressing as Wally from the 'Where's Wally?' books!

Generous sponsors helped **Ric Adams** (3) to add £1000 to TAF through his run in this year's Brighton Marathon and a Quiz Night at **Sutton Christian Centre** (4) also brought extra funds to TAF! The **Nigeria-UK Golfing Association** (5) has adopted TAF as their Captain's Charity of the Year and they have so far raised £2,200!

All monies raised for the Tobi Adeyemi Foundation helps to make a difference in the lives of young people. We would be delighted if you could help us!

