



TOBI ADEYEMI FOUNDATION

INAUGURAL FOUNDATION LECTURE AND FUNDRAISING

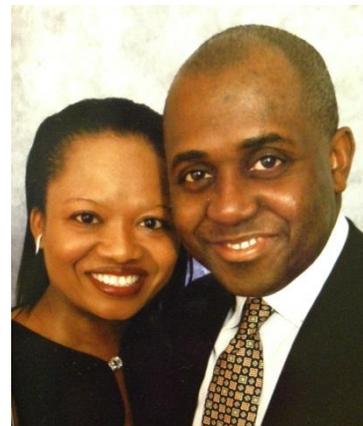
Message from Tobi Adeyemi's parents

Welcome to this edition of the Tobi Adeyemi Foundation newsletter. It is just over two and a half years since that fateful day when Tobi suddenly exited our lives and changed our lives irrevocably. For a parent to lose a child is a tragedy; to lose an only child is a disaster.

Tobi was exceptionally focused and determined. He set his sights high and drew inspiration from many of you who are attending this event this evening. He was very pleased with what he had achieved and acknowledged he had been fortunate to experience the education and upbringing he had. He felt every child should have the opportunities he had and hoped to someday give those not as privileged as him such opportunities.

At this stage of our lives, we had envisaged, like many other parents, trips to a university campus to drop off supplies or receiving texts asking for Mum or Dad to top up a student account. Nevertheless, we are where we are. We must carry on and make the best of the situation in which we find ourselves. We continue to try as best as possible to rebuild our lives with the help of God, family & friends.

We know that we cannot replace our bright, hardworking, vibrant and fine son, filled with so many dreams and aspirations with a charitable foundation. However, this foundation was his idea, when asked what he would do if he became a successful investment banker. Therefore we can only thank all those who have given to the foundation to make Tobi's dream a reality.



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Adeyemi

We are very grateful for all the support from friends, family and you to get the foundation thus far. We appreciate the effort in time, treasure, talent and emotion so many have put in. We are also grateful to the board members of the foundation who have worked tirelessly to get the foundation on a sound footing. Our thanks to those who have hosted charity events and raised funds for the foundation.

We hope you enjoy tonight's event and thank you for your generosity. God bless you all.

Message from the Chair, Seyi Obakin

Last year, this Foundation was launched formally about this time and, with your help, it is now established, determined to fulfil its mission to support and enable disadvantaged children and young people who have already shown some potential, get a first class education.

Today, children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds are far less likely to get good GCSE results. Statistics published jointly in April 2013 by the Department for Education and Department for Work and Pensions shows that only 35% of pupils who qualified for free school meals got 5 GCSEs, including in English and Mathematics, at A* to C, compared to 62% of pupils who do not qualify. Without the literacy and numeracy skills that are necessary for effective modern

life, the problem feeds into disadvantage in later life and in turn affects their children – a cycle of underachievement and poverty is thus born. In reality, the line between advantage and disadvantage is very thin and unfortunately, many very able children and young people are caught up in this situation whereby their underlying social disadvantage becomes a life changing albatross.

This Foundation aims to break that albatross for able children and young people once and for all, one at a time. During the year, it adopted a number of such young people. Children who were bright enough not just to secure admission to Chigwell School, Essex but also to secure 90% scholarship but were unable to take up their places because they could not raise the remaining 10%.

..... Is a hardworking, intelligent, kind and helpful young man who has the potential to reach the very highest standards

Reference received from current school for one of our scholars.

None of this would be possible without all your support for which we, the Trustees of the Foundation are extremely grateful. I hope you will enjoy reading stories from some of our fundraisers – all of them pillars of support for the Foundation. Each one living out the cherished values of the Tobi Adeyemi Foundation: optimism, ambition, energy and positive about young people.



Chigwell School, Essex

Please enjoy this evening, remembering that through the Tobi Adeyemi Foundation, you are helping to change young lives, one by one.

The Lord Adebowale, CBE

Victor Olufemi Adebowale has been the Chief Executive of the social care enterprise, Turning Point since 2001. Before then, he served as Chief Executive of Centrepoin and Alcohol Recovery Project (now Foundation 66) respectively.

In 2000, Victor received the CBE in the New Year's Honour List for services to the New Deal, homeless young people and the unemployed. In 2001 he became one of the first group of people to be appointed as people's peers and his title was gazetted as Baron Adebowale of Thornes in the County of West Yorkshire on 30 June 2001.

The Lord Adebowale has advised various governments on a range of issues including mental health, learning disability and the role



of the voluntary sector. He has been formally recognised among the most influential black people in Britain and among the 25 most influential people on UK housing policy.

Victor Adebowale has been awarded numerous honorary doctorates and was installed as Chancellor of the University of Lincoln in 2008. Among many roles, he is a Commissioner of the Audit Commission, a Commissioner of the UK Commission for Employment and Skills and a Board Member, NHS Commissioning Board.

Fundraisers

Give a pound to lose a pound

Adrian Lewis, Chairman, Kingdom Bank, needed to lose some weight. He also wanted to support the Tobi Adeyemi Foundation. How to do both? Give a pound to lose a pound! Adrian said 'I knew I had to have some accountability. Having people watching me motivated me to reach the goal'. Just like a true financial giant will do, Adrian monitored his progress on a graph and reported it regularly. His final graph, displayed here, shows that he exceeded his target weight loss of 30lb. Well done, Adrian – now to keep it off!



The marathon men

Ric Adams and Tim Devenish of Sutton Christian Centre tackled the Brighton Marathon in April for the Foundation. Ric loves running and ran the same race last year for the Foundation but he met his match this year. Finishing in a respectable time of 4:26:22 he was nevertheless a full 3 minutes slower than Tim.



He says Tim is the younger man and, of course, there is always next year. Asked why he did

it again, Ric said '... well, although I'm not the fastest, I really love running and if I can run AND raise money for the brilliant TAF, then that's a win-win!' Guess what? Ric has already got his place for the 2014 Brighton Marathon and if anyone would like to join him or just support him, please get in touch either by

phone or through info@tobiadeyemifoundation.org.

Running for TAF

Unlike Ric, Melanie Rodger does not like running. She said 'running is one of my least favourite things'. So it was something of a surprise when Mel decided to run the 10k for Tobi Adeyemi Foundation. Her friend, Alice Windsor, who ran with her in memory of her lovely grandparents wrote: 'Here's to making it over the finish line and hopefully not needing a paramedic!! We can do it!!' They did, and without a paramedic in their sight. Mel is a TAF loyalist. Last year, she kept her promise to spend a day in traditional Nigerian attire to raise funds, saying 'this amazing cause means so much to me and Tobi's family'.



Playing for TAF



Ife Obakin is another TAF loyalist. After dressing up as Wally to raise funds last year, this year she persuaded

Wallington High School for Girls to dedicate its annual Singer's Evening, at which she played, to raising funds for the Foundation. Thereafter, she organised a 150-strong fundraising Teacher-Student quiz competition which the teachers won hands down. Ife said she is committed to the Foundation because Tobi inspired her and his life still does. 'He was always thinking of others and was one of the best people I knew so I aim to be like him. I want to help others in the way that he wanted to and I want to raise money so that Tobi's kind heart and spirit can be remembered through the Tobi Adeyemi Foundation'.

Brain box

Sutton Christian Centre dedicated its annual quiz night to raising funds for the



Tobi Adeyemi Foundation. Great fun was had by all, not least the winning team who proudly showed off their trophy. Will they keep hold of it next year? Please support the Foundation

through the Sutton Christian Centre quiz night by getting in touch either by phone or through info@tobiadeyemifoundation.org.

Upcoming events



Spring 2014 - Golfers watch out! The first Tobi Adeyemi Foundation Golf Fundraising event will happen on a golf course near you.

Summer 2014 - The first Foundation Summer Barbecue will be one not to miss.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can help by donating, organising an event or just encouraging us.

DONATE

By 'JustGiving': You can donate securely and directly to the Tobi Adeyemi Foundation by using the secure JustGiving service. Our page is at: www.justgiving.com/tobiadeyemifoundation.

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.

ORGANISE

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

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 a 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!

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