



BONNY ISLAND FOUNDATION
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Unity And Service

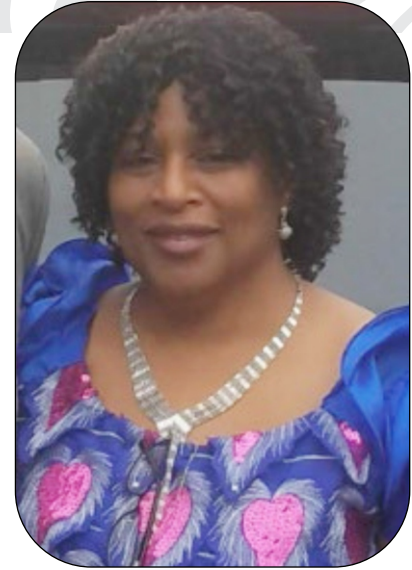
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BIF SCHOLARSHIP FUND

-SPEECH BY THE CHAIRPERSON (MRS. IBIE GREEN)

The Bonny Island Foundation set out to accomplish the goal of awarding scholarships to Bonny students as a means to help them stay in college and graduate. The implication of such a decision is to make a positive impact on Bonny society and the country as a whole.



Helping our youths stay in college will help them achieve a higher education and create endless opportunities for them. It means that our youths can now be empowered to compete in the ever-evolving global world. The benefits of achieving a higher education cannot be over emphasized, the rewards can be immediate and far-reaching. President Nelson Mandela once said that "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." "The power of education extends beyond the development of skills we need for economic success. It can contribute to nation-building and reconciliation."

It is in this spirit of community service that the Bonny Island Foundation Scholarship Fund (BIF) was formed. In 2012 when I was the Vice President-At- Large , and Dr. Peter Hart was the president of The BIF, the debate as to how best to celebrate the BIF 10th anniversary came up in one of our general meetings, it occurred to me then that it would be very charitable if the organization could develop a scholarship award scheme to benefit Bonny Students at home. Needless to say, that the idea was well received by Dr. Peter Hart and Dr. Leslie Green (B.O.T Chairman) who encouraged me to form the Scholarship committee. The BIF committee comprises 4 members who have kept the engine of the scholarship fund fully in gear. These gentlemen are Dr. Leslie Green, Advisor Dr. Peter Hart, Treasurer. Engr. Macdonald Bara-Hart, secretary and my humble self, Mrs. Ibie Green, chairperson.

So far, we have started to realize our dream because the first batch of scholarship awards, we gave out was to 30 students, and today that number has increased to a total of 75 awards. Our beneficiaries have written letters of appreciation to say how much their lives have changed with the funds they have received from the BIF Scholarship. Some of them have signed an undertaking committing to support this scholarship scheme when they enter the work force. This gives us much joy, but it will take all hands-on deck to continue this charitable project.

It is an empowering tool that allows us to improve and change our environments. Too many times we depend on the government to do everything for us, but we can resort to self help if we pull our resources together.



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This was how the Late Amaopusenibo Spurgeon. A. Green founded the first Bonny Scholarship Board. He was also the first secretary of the scholarship board. The Amaopusenibo pulled off a huge fund-raising effort which gave rise to an educational giant like the Late Amaopusenibo N. A. I Waribere who went on to study at The University of Nigeria, Nsukka. Upon graduation, he headed many institutions. His major accomplishment in Bonny was the outstanding leadership role he displayed as the principal of the Bonny National Grammar School, popularly known as Bonagrams! It was during his tenure that the Bonny National Grammar School Students made the best result in the West African School Certificate Examination in the Rivers State of Nigeria.

Bonny National Old Students who trained under him have continued to advance Bonny intellectually. This gift keeps on giving as is evident in BIF, because most of the BIF members today were Amaopusenibo Waribere's old students.

Giving back to society has a big reward, and it should behoove us all to be charitable, especially when it comes to giving back to your community.

Charity begins at home as the saying goes were it not so Prophet Nehemiah (from the bible) would not have rebuilt the wall of Jerusalem. As the trusted Cup bearer of King Artaxerxes of Persia, he was comfortable in his newfound country, yet he was not happy that his people, the Jewish people were suffering.

The bible tells us that one day When Nehemiah's brother and other men from the land of Israel paid him a visit, he asked to know about the condition of his country, then they told him about the trouble the Israelites were having, and how the walls of Jerusalem were still broken down. This was not welcome news to Nehemiah, so he prayed to God about it. One day the king noticed that all was not well with Nehemiah and when he asked why he wasn't himself, Nehemiah told him that Jerusalem was in such a bad condition and the walls were broken down. 'What is it that you want?' asked the King. 'Let me go to Jerusalem,' Nehemiah answered, 'so that I may rebuild the walls.' King Artaxerxes did not only give him permission to go to Jerusalem, he equipped him with some wood to help him with rebuilding the wall.

After the walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt, Nehemiah did a remarkable thing; he documented the names of all who helped to rebuild the wall and inscribed them on the wall for posterity. The lesson to take away from this story is that God wants us to never forget where we come from. Most of us would rather give to some other cause than that which concerns us, and too many times have we heard our brothers and sisters condemn and damn their own hometown at every opportunity they get.

Brothers and Sisters, I implore you to put your money where your mouth is and let's all answer the call of "Do something".



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NAMES OF THE FIRST BONNY SCHOLARSHIP BOARD 1962

They were namely:

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| (1) Albert Ezekiel Hart (Chairman) | (16) Samuel T. Allison (Ikpali) |
| (2) Ama-Opu-Senibo Spurgeon A. Green (Secretary) | (17) Erasmus B.A. Blue-Jack |
| (3) Abel D. Brown (Treasurer) | (18) Owen J. Brown |
| (4) King Captain O.S. Pepple (Perekule I) | (19) Anomia B. Banigo |
| (5) Chief Roland T.E. Wilcox | (20) Ernest O. Ibiam |
| (6) Chief Lawrence Willie Pepple | (21) Philip W. Aminiokuma |
| (7) Justice Barklay B. Pepple | (22) Sonny Alex Hart |
| (8) Chief Alfred D. William Jumbo | (23) Finidi Stowe |
| (9) Reginald F. Jumbo | (24) Charles S. Banigo |
| (10) Sir Alfred B. Jamaica | (25) Rodgers D. LongJohn |
| (11) Rodgers S. Halliday | (26) Alfred S. Blue-Jack |
| (12) Theodore F. Allaputa | (27) Isaac Jeapudoari |
| (13) Jonathan W.T. Pepple | (28) Joel T. Kondo |
| (14) Frank D. Green | (29) Levi S. Fenibo |
| (15) Geoffery S. Blue-Jack | (30) R.D. Jumbo |

BIF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES 2016/2017

BOMA GOGO HALLIDAY	EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY
KAREN BLUEJACK	CIVIL ENGINEERING
BOMA TOLOFARI	BIOCHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY
DABOYINGI OBU GREEN	ANIMAL AND ENVIRON BIOLOGY
HARTINA EZEKIEL - HART	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
CHARLES BONYE BANIGO	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
LANCELOT ALLISON	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
TRACY FINECOUNTRY	MANAGEMENT
HAMILTON GIBSON HALLIDAY	MATHS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE
GEORGE P. ALLAPUTA	CIVIL ENGINEERING
REGINALD PETER JUMBO	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
TAMUNO DOUGLAS LONGJOHN	ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
DANIEL IBIENE TOLOFARI	MASS COMMUNICATION
ABINYE S. AMONIOFORI	ACCOUNTANCY
PRINCEWILL P. JUMBO	PETROLEUM ENGINEERING
PATRICK M. JACKMAY	CHEMICAL/PETROCHEMICAL ENGINEERING
GEORGE K. BENJAMIN BROWN	COMPUTER SCIENCE
OWUPELE IBIENE BROWN	MARKETING
GIFT A. WILCOX	COMPUTER ENGINEERING
IBIEBELEM ANARI BENSTOWE	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
TAMUNOPATOMA ALLAPUTA	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
IBIWANGI REBECCA GREEN	POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
KENNEDY M. HART	GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
TUOTAMUNO ISAAC PEPPE	HISTORY AND DIPLOMATIC STUDIES
PRINCESS NADA ONU PEPPE	MANAGEMENT
RAPHAEL TAMUNODIEPRIYE WILCOX	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
ALFRED TAMUNOENE ALLISON	SOCIOLOGY



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BIF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS - 2023/24

1. Precious G. Allaputa - Com Health
2. Fubara H. Allison - Electrical Engineering
3. Steve Jamaica - Electrical Engineering
4. Sonia Benstowe - Education & Integrated Science
5. Favour Banigo - Biochemistry
6. Dipiriye Godsgreat Bristol - Medical lab Science
7. Jocelyn Bristol - Human res mngt
8. Divine D. Bristol - Electrical Engineering
9. Shalom C. Brown - Diplomacy
10. Wisdom Tobin - Chemical Engineering
11. Constance Green - Civil Engineering
12. Sandra T. Green - Management
13. Ifuroiyala Frank Green - Microbiology
14. Peace Halliday - Marine Engineering
15. Stephen I. Halliday - Civil Engineering
16. Queen Halliday - MGT
17. Mercy T. Akwe Hart - Education
18. Daba T. Hart - Engineering
19. Negni Ezekiel Hart - Comp. Science
20. Mary Jane Ibiene Jumbo - Anatomy
21. Victor I. Jumbo - Surveying
22. Glorious LongJohn - History
23. Tammy LongJohn - Human Physiology
24. Uniques S.K LongJohn - Surveying & Geometrics
25. Christian Pepple - Chemistry
26. Queeneth Pepple - Education Psychology
27. Victoria Pepple - Economics
28. Lilly Nungo Pollyn - Marketing
29. Franklin P. Pollyn - Electrical Engineering
30. Kelcy B/ Miejene - Mechanical Engineering
31. Benita Tolofari - Human Physiology
32. Jonathan R. Tolofari
33. Ruth Tolofari - Guidance and Counseling
34. Graham Wilcox - Office & info Management
35. Destiny Wilcox - Pol Science
36. Israel Martins Osene-Wilcox - Mass Communication

MEMORIAL & LAW AWARDEES

37. Rhoda Dappa - Allison - Medicine
38. Sonia Green - Medicine & Surgery
39. Favour Halliday - Law
40. Mitchell Hart
41. Nengi Tobin - Law



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Scholarship Awardees Courtesy of Memorial Funds

MEDICINE

COVENANT LONGJOHN

GIFT LONGJOHN

VANNESA GREEN

LAW

DEINABO GREEN

Mr.& Mrs. Mini Hart Memorial Fund. (DR. & MRS. PETER D. HART)

Amaopusenibo & Mrs. Spurgeon Green Memorial Fund. (DR. & MRS. LESLIE GREEN)

Mr. Ellis Wilcox Memorial Fund & Mr. Tonye Wilcox Memorial Fund. (DR. IWARILAMA ELLIS WILCOX)

Mr. Sam Peterside Memorial Fund. (DR. & MRS. CHAMBERLAIN PETERSIDE)

APPRECIATION:

THE BIF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE WISHES TO THANK ALL THE BIF DONORS.

FROM THE RECIPIENTS

Nada Pepple <nadapepple@gmail.com>

To: ibie green

Hello good afternoon. My name is Onu-Pepple Princess Nada, I was a beneficiary of the BIF scholarship during my school days. Life after school has been good. I can't thank God enough for the great persons behind this scholarship. Because of the scholarship, I was able to pay my fees and part of my rent till I graduated. One unique thing this scholarship did was to help motivate me to study harder and better since I had to maintain a certain CGPA to remain a beneficiary of the scholarship. I pray the sponsors continue with this kind gesture as they are preventing alot of persons from dropping out of school. Thank you. Best regards.

From: Patima Allaputa allaputapatima@gmail.com

Good day Sir thank you i have recieved the scholarship funds ...i really appreciate the prompt payment ..thank you very much

Boma Hart