

## SISTERS' ALLY FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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## INTRODUCTION: WHO ARE WE?



Sister's Ally Foundation for Community Development is a non-profit organisation founded in 2020 to bridge existing gaps which prevent girls from low-income homes in under-served communities from harnessing their full potential; in a bid to curb child marriage, teenage pregnancy, poverty and other resulting negative outcomes.

Through mentorship, educational funding, skill acquisition/business training and access to global opportunities, we empower girls to break the cycle of poverty and become inspiring figures within society.

Our core activities include (but not limited to) Educational Funding Support and Scholarship Opportunities, Skill acquisition and business training, mentorship for the girl child, as well as School and Community outreach events to sensitise the public on the need to promote girl child education and empowerment to end child marriage.

Since 2020, we have reached 578 people via our online mentorship, 14 girls through on-one mentorship, and partnered to train 54 girls in different skills including Tech, fashion designing, baking pastries and confectionaries production, Makeup and hairstyling. Also, we have carried out various sensitisation in schools and communities, reaching 3,224 people.

Through the support of our partners, we run the Girl Adoption project and have so far paid SSCE fees for 5 students. We currently have two young girls in the university under the full scholarship program.







To end all forms of girl child marginalisation by empowering girls from low-income homes in under-served communities into women of global leadership capacity.

#### **Core Values:**

P Persistence

E Empathy

S Sustainability

I Integrity

D Discipline



To Facilitate the empowerment of teenage girls in under-served communities through educational funding/support, systemic mentorship, free skills and business training, advocacy and sensitization.



## SDG FOCUS





## THE GLOBAL GOALS

There are 17 Sustainable Development Goals. They are all important in making the world a better place. However, our work falls under three of the SDGs highlighted below.

## **GENDER EQUALITY**

We believe that girls are not inferior to boys. Hence our projects are channeled towards improving girl child access to education, financial sustainability to facilitate girls ability to harness their full potential regardless of sex, background, religious and cultural implications.









## **QUALITY EDUCATION**

Through our educational funding support opportunities and mentorship, girls are sufficiently empowered to access good adequate education, leverage local and global opportunities and become valuable members of their communities.

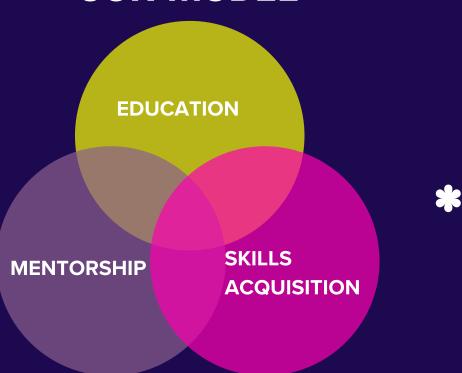


## NO POVERTY

The best way to fight poverty is to tackle ignorance. Hence our skill acquisition and business training program; including the educational support and mentorship are all geared towards sufficiently empowering the girl child to ensure financial sustainability and to end the cycle of poverty in underserved communities



## OUR MODEL



We aim to bridge the gap inhibiting the advancement of teenage girls from low-income homes to ensure they develop the capacity to leverage opportunities through the following three models:

#### **MENTORSHIP**

Mentorship is an integral part of our Leadership Capacity Development Strategy. The sessions cover areas such as Relationship and Communication skills, Business growth and sustainability, digital marketing, leveraging tech for business development, ethics and character building, purpose, pattern creation, leadership skills development, Identity, etcetera.

#### **SKILLS ACQUISITION**

We believe that training girls with financial sustainability skills will boost their confidence as well as give them a source of income to break out of poverty. We held a tech boot camp in 2020 for 45 young girls and currently have 9 beneficiaries who have learnt or currently learning different skills with some of our business skills partners: Omasweet Confectioneries and Rehaire Fashion Academy.

#### **EDUCATION**

At the forefront of what we do is educational funding and scholarships for brilliant passionate young girls. Many girls in the rural areas of Abaklaliki where we operate are sometimes forced into early marriages or resort to teenage pregnancy. Providing educational support motivates girls to continue their education and spurs their desire for greatness.





# FOUNDER'S MESSAGE





2023 was a very dynamic year for us at Sisters Ally Foundation. Despite the harsh unstable economic situation in Nigeria, we were still able to raise funds locally and embark on serious projects such as the full university scholarship for two very brilliant beneficiaries and the Business Conference held in commemoration of the International Day for the Girl Child; these projects exclude the beneficiary aid we provide for girls (in emergency situations), mentorships, the skill acquisition, outreaches and other sensitization programs which also require both material and non-material resources.

Thanks to the phenomenal team and all our altruistic sponsors and partners who invest their time, talents and treasure to ensure that we continue to do this work until our collective vision for the girl child is actualized.

This note is simply that of gratitude, on behalf of all the girls in Ebonyi State, Nigeria and the whole world who are yearning for a ray of hope not to give up. Thank you for seeing and reaching out to us.

My faith is strong in the hope that even as you keep lending to God through SAF, your valleys will consistently be full of water.

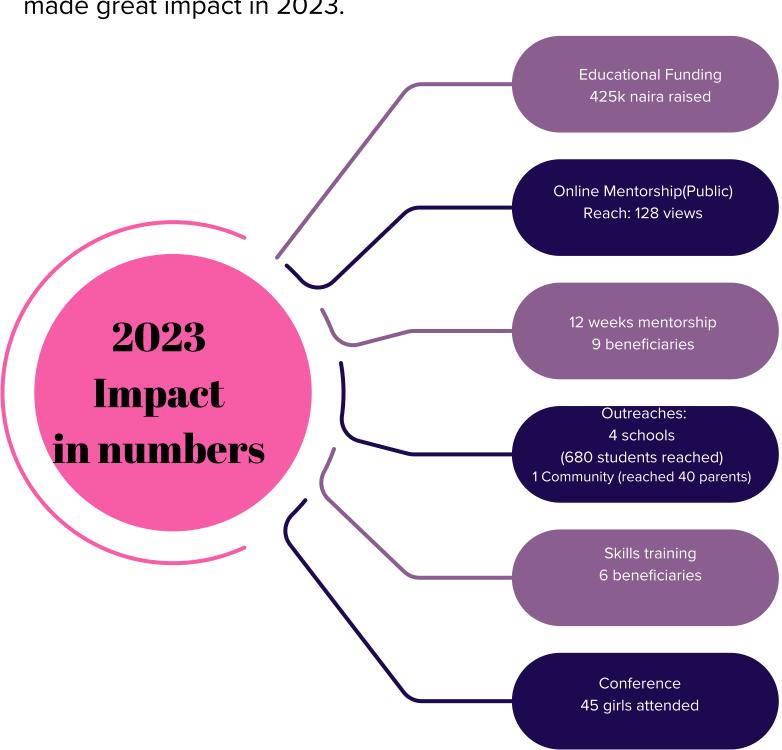
In recognition of the work we do, i was privileged to be among the 12 fellows selected from all over the world by the International Sustainability Academy for the 9 Months fully funded scholarship in Hamburg, Germany. I am delighted to let you know that beyond my personal development, this also opens up multiple doors of international partnerships for us at SAF and I am extremely excited for the year 2024 and the coming years. My only request is that you press-on with us in this journey as we fight for and continue to support the empowerment and education of many more girls to end child marriage for good in Ebonyi state and Nigeria within the shortest time possible.



## 2023 IMPACT



Thanks to the remarkable contributions of our benevolent donors and sponsors, the efforts of the Board of Trustees, Partners, Team members and Volunteers, we collectively made great impact in 2023.







#### **Educational Funding**

Courtesy of our sponsor, we enrolled 2 beneficiaries of the Girl Adoption Project, (Isapatros Maria and Nwode Philomena) into the full university scholarship program to study Nursing Science (EBSU) AND Physiology (AE-FUNAI) respectively.



#### Online Mentorship

Click here to see recap of our previous sessions on the Sisters Ally Documentary Channel



#### 12 weeks Mentorship

This is advanced
mentorship for current
beneficiaries which
covered subject areas such
as Leadership skills,
character building, purpose,
Relationship and
Communication skills,
Business growth and
sustainability, digital
marketing, amongst others.



#### Outreaches

We visited Girls High School, Azuiyokwu,
Tabernacle of Divine Knowledge College,
Uburu-amachi, Holy Child Secondary
school, Sharon, Community Secondary
School, Nwofe and Assemblies of God
Church, Ndi-echi, Igbeagu community. we
reached 680 students and over 40 parents.
We sensitized them on dangers of female
genital multilation, child marriage, the need
for girl child education and personal
development, and need to particpate in
community service



#### Skills Training

6 of our beneficiaries received extensive skills and business training in skills such as tailoring, makeup/hairstyling, baking and Confectionery courtesy of our skills partners.



#### Conference

We held a 2 DAYS Business and Leadership Conference for Girls in Abakaliki.

We had 45 girls as representatives from 6 schools. Some of the highlights of the conference apart from the presentation by the speakers include: Inter-School debate on Child Marriage, Science and art quiz prize giving and scholarship awards.

# FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Sister's Ally Foundation for Community Development depends on donations by the board, team members and the general public to successfully carry out her activities. Thus, funding remains a major challenge that the organisation battles with. While we hope to carry out activities to raise funds in 2024, below is the summary of 2023 finances.



Donations	Expenses	Balance
825,400	#804,520	20,880



# BREAKDOWN

Total Donations	Expenses	
825,400	Office rent: 60,000	
	Apartment rent: 67,000	
	Beneficiary aid: (Lab test for Chidimma) 5,900	
	Beneficiary aid: (Medical check for Faith & Juliet )3500	
	Beneficiary aid: Chinyere Amaefule: (Hospital bills & upkeep) 25,220	
	Isapatros Scholarship: 200,000	
	Philomena Scholarship 225,000	
	Legal fee: 10,000	
	Facebook Ad 3,000	
	Girls in Tech award/Picnic: 20,900	
	Operational cost (including team welfare, Outreaches and logistics) 67,200	
	October Conference 98,800	
	Community Outreach 18,000	
	TOTAL EXPENSES = 804,520	



## LIST OF DONORS/PARTNERS

- 1. Princess Dike
- 2. George Anugwom
- 3. Mr Kennedy Akanno
- 4. Abana Unyimeabasi
- 5. Chioma Emmanuella
- 6. Ann Onyekachi Atan
- 7. Laura Chioma OKpala
- 8. Kansi Iruoma Chibuzo
- 9. Raphael Chinonyelum
- 10. Oluwasayomi Adekanmi
- 11. Ugwoke Ifunanya Loveth
- 12. Okey-Kalu Ozioma Juliet
- 13. Ebere Marythelma Onwe
- 14. Helen Ozioma Umeobieri
- 15. Chibuike Jeremiah Onwe
- 16. Azubuike Cletus Ochiagu
- 17. Modester Chinonyelum Alo
- 18. Carondara Foundation and Friends
- 19. The Place of Transformation (The Evening Church)
- 20. Ogodo Lucy Uzodimma (Rehaire Fashion Academy)
- 21. Chioma Okolie (Omasweet Cakes and Confectionery)





## BENEFICIARY SPOTLIGHT



et's Story: A journey of resilience and ination.

#### **JULIET**

Juliet is one of the beneficiaries who benefited from our Partnership with Rehaire Academy where she learnt fashion Designing. Juliet's story is that of resilience and determination. We hope her story inspires you. You can watch her video here.



#### **ESTHER**

Esther is one of our Beneficiaries learning baking and confections with Omasweet Confectionaries. She has put so much effort into learning and building herself. The mentorship sessions have also helped shape her to become a better person and learn a skill. Watch her video here.



imonial Series: Feedback from our free training program

#### **CHIDIMMA**

Chidimma one of our beneficiaries with Rehair Fashion Academy has gone from having no skill to learning how to design and sew clothes. She was determined to do better even when it was tough. Watch her video here.



## TEAM SPOTLIGHT

We held interviews with 4 of our team members last year to hear about their experience volunteering with Sisters Ally Foundation for Community Development.



Chigozie Ajah

Graphics Personnel
Speaking with SAF, Gozie told his story of how he joined the Foundation and his journey so far.
You can watch the video here.



Modester C. Alo (esq)
Media Team Lead, Legal Adviser

Modester is the Media Team Lead for Sister's Ally Foundation. From volunteering for a one time program in 2020 to becoming a team member, she shares her story and experience here



Ozioma Nlewedim

Project Manager
Ozioma volunteers as the Project
Manager of the Foundation. In her
interview, she shared the benefits
of volunteering. Watch the video
here.



Oluwasayomi Adekanmi

Girls Administrator

Handling beneficiaries can be tough, but Oluwasayomi does it effortlessly. She shares how she got into the team and what it is like for her. You can watch her <u>here</u>.



## OTHER TEAM MEMBERS



Nweze Ikemsinachi Gideon Media/Graphics Assistant



Ebere Marythelma Onwe
Founder/ Executive Director



Dike Princess
Online Projects Coordinator



Zita Chiemerie Onuoha Media Personnel Assistant



Ajagbo Mmesomachukwu M Finance & Compliance Officer



Aja-chukwu Chidinma Anthonia Leadership Club Coordinator



# MEET THE BOARD MEMBERS









Barr Ogbonna Agwu



Mrs Plum Kwekowe





## 2024: WHAT'S NEXT?

Rebranding and Website Launch

March & April 2024

In order to meet global standards and attract international partners, it is necessary to intentionally invest in our overall publicity channels.

Boys School Outreach/ Primary School Outreach

May 2024

While our organisation is focused on Girls, we believe that we need to also reach the boys to create a balance. Boys school outreach is where we sit with boys to discuss gender equality, career, and personal development. We will also visit primary school in a bid to catch them young

Advocacy Visit to
Abakaliki Constituency

June 2024

To achieve our goals, we need the support of both government and individuals. This courtsey visit is to familiarise with the Representative of Abakaliki Constituency in the Nigeria House of Reps of the National Assembly.

Rally/Seminar for Youth Day

August 2024

This event will be held at Ebonyi State University to mark the International Youth Day. The discussions will be focused on how youths can position themselves for global opportunities.

International Day of the Girl Child events

October 2024

We will hold several
events to mark the
International Day of the
Girl Child. Including but
not limited to: Business
seminars, Science-TechArt Competition,
Fundraising & Exhibition,
Award giving and Special
Recognitions

Online campaign on child rights

November 2024

Children like adults have rights which are often neglected. This online campaign is to sensitise everyone on the rights of children and the need to protect them.



# PARTNER WITH US

Your support will help us to reach more underprivileged girls and help train them through education and skills acquisition to help them become great women of global leadership capacity,

Here are ways you can support us:



**Consistent Funding** 





Become a financial partner, sign up to donate as low as 5,000 naira monthly to:

Account Details: 2042090195

First Bank of Nigeria

Sister's Ally Foundation for Community Development



# THANK YOU

The SAF Team appreciates all our partners, donors and every other person who supported us in 2023 to carry out our programs. We look forward to doing this again with you this 2024

Thank you for being our inspiration.





### Contact us:

