

# GBENGA FAWEHINMI FOUNDATION

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# INTRODUCTION

The Gbenga Fawehinmi Foundation (GFF) is a Non-Profit Organization dedicated to making a significant and effective difference in the lives of vulnerable and less-privileged children in public secondary schools in Nigeria. Since its inception, GFF has directly impacted thousands of students through various initiatives, including scholarship programs, mentorship, and the "Sponsor a Child" education initiative and different educative competitions among secondary school students. Additionally, GFF is committed to improving community environments through its cleanup projects launched several years ago.



# EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH INNOVATION: GFF'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH 234 PROJECT.

The Gbenga Fawehinmi Foundation (GFF) has embarked on a transformative journey through its strategic partnership with the 234Project Innovate Challenge. This collaboration aims to foster innovation, support young talents, and drive sustainable development across various sectors national development. The partnership represents a significant milestone in GFF's commitment to empowering the next generation of innovators.

## Highlights

In the latest edition of the Innovate challenge 2.0 , GFF took a pivotal role in representing the 234 projects in the southwestern region of Nigeria. Through this partnership, GFF showcased the innovative ideas of students in the region, emphasizing the foundation's commitment to fostering creativity and ingenuity among the youth.

## Demonstrating Excellence

GFF's involvement in the Innovate challenge 2.0 edition was marked by meticulous supervision and strategic planning. The foundation oversaw various schools' participation in the competition, ensuring that the innovative ideas pitched were of the highest quality. The foundation facilitated exhibitions and guided students through both intra-school and inter-school phases of the competition, highlighting the comprehensive nature of GFF's support.



## Achievements and Recognition

The strategic partnership culminated in a remarkable achievement: St. Thomas Aquinas College in Akure emerged as the national winner of the competition. This victory underscored GFF's effective planning and implementation of the project, demonstrating the foundation's ability to lead and inspire excellence. The win also brought another laurel to the foundation, solidifying its reputation as a leader in educational and innovative initiatives among the participating NGOs in Nigeria.

## Future Prospects

GFF's success in the 234 Innovate Challenge 2.0 paves the way for future collaborations and initiatives aimed at empowering young innovators. The foundation's strategic approach and dedication to nurturing young talents ensure that more students will have the opportunity to develop their ideas and achieve their potential.





**Winning Project**

**Internet Booster and Automated Fire Alarm System**

**Winning School**

**St. Thomas Aquinas College**









# FOSTERING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AMONG SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN NIGERIA THROUGH THE GFF 2024 SPELLING BEE COMPETITION, 2024.

The Gbenga Fawehinmi Foundation (GFF) Spelling Bee 2024 competition was organized to rekindle the spirit of learning and collaboration among secondary school students. This event provided a platform for students from various schools to come together, share ideas, and demonstrate sportsmanship while competing.

Held with the primary aim of fostering academic excellence and encouraging intellectual exchange, the competition saw enthusiastic participation from numerous students. These young scholars showcased their spelling prowess and linguistic skills, creating an atmosphere of healthy competition and mutual respect.

At the culmination of the competition, significant cash prizes were awarded to the first, second, and third-place winners, celebrating their hard work and achievement. The event was met with widespread praise from teachers and school administrators, who commended the Gbenga Fawehinmi Foundation for organizing such a commendable and impactful competition. Their acknowledgment highlighted the competition's role in fostering academic excellence and unity among students. The initiative also underscored the foundation's commitment to enhancing educational opportunities and creating a supportive environment for learning.

The GFF Spelling Bee 2024 competition was a resounding success, bringing together students, educators, and community members in a celebration of knowledge and educational achievement. At the end of the competition, Grace Adebayo from Holy Trinity Secondary School emerged as the best speller for the GFF Spelling Bee competition and was awarded GFF Scholarship to reward her efforts.







# EMPOWERING THE LESS PRIVILEGE AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE GFF SPONSOR A CHILD INITIATIVE CAMPAIGNS.

Another vital component of the Gbenga Fawehinmi Foundation's (GFF) efforts is the "Sponsor a Child Initiative". This program seeks to bridge the gap for children who may not have access to the resources needed for a quality education. Through this initiative, sponsors provide financial and material support, ensuring that these children have the necessary tools and opportunities to succeed academically.

The essence of this program is to identify vulnerable children who are roaming on the streets, enroll them in school, and provide them with the essential school items they need. By doing so, GFF ensures that these children have the same access to education as other members of society. This holistic approach not only covers school fees but also provides uniforms, books, and other necessary supplies, creating an environment where these children can thrive academically and socially.

Till date, over 1000 students have been rescued from the streets some enrolled and others await sponsors into the GFF "Sponsor a Child Initiative". This transformative program has significantly changed the lives of these children, offering them a chance at a brighter future through education. By giving these children the support they need, GFF is helping to build a more inclusive and equitable society where every child has the opportunity to learn and grow.



## Program Overview:

The "Sponsor a Child Initiative" at GFF aims to:

- **Rescue and Enroll:** Identify and rescue vulnerable children, including those living on the streets, and enroll them in formal education.
- **Provide Support:** Offer comprehensive support by covering school fees, providing uniforms, textbooks, school supplies, and other essential materials necessary for learning.
- **Holistic Development:** Foster holistic development by offering mentorship, guidance, and educational support to ensure the children thrive academically and socially

## Impact and Achievements:

1. **Increased Access to Quality Education:** this program has significantly increased the number of children who have access to quality education. By providing scholarships and financial assistance, the program ensures that children from low-income families can attend school, receive necessary educational materials, and benefit from a conducive learning environment.



**2. Improved Academic Performance:** Through continuous mentorship and support, the initiative has helped improve the academic performance of sponsored children. Regular tutoring sessions, provision of educational resources, and personalized guidance have resulted in higher grades, better understanding of subjects, and overall academic excellence.

**3. Enhanced Personal Development:** The program focuses not only on academic success but also on the personal development of each child. By offering mentorship, life skills training, and extracurricular activities, the initiative nurtures well-rounded individuals who are confident, motivated, and prepared for future challenges.

**4. Reduction in Dropout Rates:** Financial constraints and socio-economic challenges often lead to high dropout rates among school-aged children. The Sponsor a Child Initiative addresses these issues by providing consistent financial support and creating a stable learning environment, thereby reducing dropout rates and ensuring that children complete their education.

**5. Promotion of Gender Equality in Education:** The initiative places a strong emphasis on promoting gender equality by supporting both boys and girls in their educational pursuits. By ensuring that girls have the same opportunities as boys to attend school and succeed academically, the program contributes to breaking down gender barriers and empowering young women to reach their full potential.



## Future Goals

Looking ahead, GFF aims to expand the "Sponsor a Child Initiative", reaching more vulnerable children and providing them with the tools they need to succeed. By partnering with sponsors and stakeholders who share its vision, GFF continues to empower the less-privileged and create lasting change in communities. Through the "Sponsor a Child Initiative", GFF demonstrates its unwavering commitment to empowering disadvantaged children, giving them the opportunity to realize their full potential and contribute meaningfully to society.



# THE IMPACT OF THE GBENGA FAWEHINMI FOUNDATION MENTORSHIP SESSIONS: NURTURING STUDENTS WITH THE RIGHT MENTORS ALIGNED WITH THEIR FUTURE AMBITIONS

Since its inception, the mentorship sessions offered by the Gbenga Fawehinmi Foundation (GFF) have been an integral component of the foundation's core programs. These meticulously designed mentorship activities aim to nurture students' minds towards academic excellence, connect them with mentors who can provide invaluable guidance, and ultimately steer them towards a brighter future.

In the second quarter of 2024, the Gbenga Fawehinmi Foundation took a significant step forward by expanding its mentorship program and bringing it directly to schools in different parts of Nigeria. This strategic initiative has impacted over 25,000 students across various secondary schools, reaching a diverse group of young minds. By embedding these mentorship sessions within the school environment, the foundation ensures that students receive the inspiration, guidance, and support they need to excel academically and personally. This approach not only fosters academic success but also promotes the overall development of the students, helping them to achieve their personal and career goals.

Since the beginning, mentorship has been a cornerstone of GFF's approach to guiding students towards academic excellence, career success, and personal development. The foundation has introduced several distinguished mentors to the students, including Late Chief Gani Fawehinmi of blessed memory, a renowned legal icon, Mrs. Ibukun Awosika, a business mogul and a banker, and other accomplished personalities who have excelled in their respective fields. These mentors share their experiences and achievements, offering invaluable insights into the possibilities that dedication and hard work can unlock. Their stories and guidance help students envision their own potential and set them on the right path towards fulfilling their aspirations.



The resounding success of the GFF mentorship program serves as a testament to the transformative power of investing in future generations. By providing students with essential resources, needed information, counselling, and support, GFF not only enriches individual lives but also strengthens the social fabric of the student community. The foundation's commitment to mentorship ensures that students are well-equipped to navigate their academic journeys and future careers, fostering a generation of well-rounded and ambitious individuals who are prepared to contribute positively to society.

Through these efforts, the Gbenga Fawehinmi Foundation has demonstrated the profound impact that targeted mentorship can have on young minds. By aligning students with the right mentors who resonate with their future ambitions, GFF is cultivating a legacy of excellence and empowerment, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to achieve their fullest potential. The foundation's mentorship program stands as a beacon of hope and progress, illuminating the path towards a brighter and more promising future for all involved.



# ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH THE GFF CLEAN UP PROJECT TO REDUCE EFFECT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

## Introduction

The Gbenga Fawehinmi Foundation (GFF) has long been committed to fostering socio-economic development in Nigeria. One of the most impactful initiatives undertaken by this foundation is the GFF Clean Up Project, which aims to promote environmental sustainability through community-driven efforts to clean and maintain public spaces. This project has significantly influenced environmental health, public awareness, and community engagement, especially during a time when Africa is at the receiving end of global climate change and environmental pollution.

## Strategies and Methods Employed

The GFF Clean Up Project employs a multifaceted approach to tackle environmental degradation and pollution. The strategies include organizing regular clean-up drives, collaborating with environmental officers, waste management authorities, community leaders, ministry of health and that of environment, and engaging volunteers of GFF. The project also involves educational campaigns to raise awareness about the importance of environmental conservation and proper waste management practices. By leveraging social media and other communication channels,



## Measurable Outcomes and Environmental Benefits

Since its inception, the GFF Clean Up Project has achieved several measurable outcomes. These include:

1. **Reduction in Waste Accumulation:** Regular clean-up drives have significantly reduced the amount of waste in public spaces, leading to cleaner streets, parks, and waterways.
2. **Improvement in Public Health:** By eliminating breeding grounds for pests and pathogens, the project has contributed to a decrease in health issues related to poor sanitation, such as malaria and cholera.
3. **Enhanced Aesthetic Appeal:** Cleaner environments have improved the overall aesthetic appeal of various neighborhoods, making them more attractive for residents and visitors.
4. **Economic Benefits:** Cleaner environments have spurred local economies by attracting tourists and encouraging investment in beautification projects



## Community Involvement and Awareness Programs

A cornerstone of the GFF Clean Up Project is community involvement. The foundation organizes workshops, seminars, and interactive sessions to educate community members about environmental issues and sustainable practices. These programs have empowered individuals to take an active role in maintaining their surroundings. Moreover, the project collaborates with schools and educational institutions to instill a sense of environmental responsibility in the younger generation.

The use of social media campaigns has also been instrumental in spreading awareness and rallying support for the project. By sharing success stories, challenges, and upcoming events, GFF has built a strong community of environmentally conscious individuals who actively participate in and promote clean-up activities.

## Challenges Faced and Future Plans for Sustainability

Despite its success, the GFF Clean Up Project has encountered several challenges. These include:

- 1. Logistical Hurdles:** Coordinating large-scale clean-up drives across different locations can be logistically challenging.
- 2. Funding Constraints:** Securing sufficient funding to sustain long-term operations and expand the project's reach is an ongoing challenge.
- 3. Public Apathy:** Overcoming public apathy and fostering a culture of environmental stewardship requires continuous effort and innovation.



**To address these challenges, GFF is implementing several future plans, such as:**

1. **Strengthening Partnerships:** Collaborating with more corporate sponsors, government agencies, and international organizations to secure funding and resources.
2. **Technological Integration:** Utilizing technology to optimize waste management processes, track progress, and engage volunteers more effectively.
3. **Expanding Educational Outreach:** Increasing the scope of educational programs to cover more communities and schools, ensuring that environmental consciousness becomes a core value.
4. **Policy Advocacy:** Working with policymakers to advocate for stricter environmental regulations and more robust waste management infrastructure.



# GBENGA FAWEHINMI FOUNDATION'S SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 2024/2025 ACADEMIC SESSION FOR SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN NIGERIA

Education is widely regarded as a crucial tool for socio-economic development. By providing financial assistance, mentorship, and recognition to deserving students, the Gbenga Fawehinmi Foundation (GFF) is not only opening doors of opportunity but also fostering academic excellence and capacity development. For the 2024/2025 academic session, GFF has expanded its reach and impact through its scholarship program for senior secondary school students across Nigeria.

The GFF Scholarship Program is also designed to support students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential, and those vulnerable/less privilege in different underserved communities in Nigeria. In 2024, the program has enrolled 120 students, ensuring that the benefits of this initiative are felt across various regions of the country. The selection process was thorough and inclusive, aiming to identify students from diverse backgrounds who exhibit the potential.



## SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process for the GFF Scholarship was comprehensive, involving multiple stages to ensure the most deserving candidates were chosen. The process included:

- 1. Application Submission:** Students submitted their applications, which included academic records, personal statements, and letters of recommendation online through the GFF website.
- 2. Initial Screening:** Applications were initially screened based on academic performance and extracurricular involvement.
- 3. Interviews and Assessments:** Shortlisted candidates were invited for interviews and additional assessments to evaluate their leadership potential, communication skills, and commitment to their studies.
- 4. Final Selection:** The final selection was made by a panel of GFF team, ensuring a fair and balanced evaluation of each candidate's merits.



## BENEFITS

The GFF Scholarship offers a comprehensive package of support to the selected students, aimed at alleviating financial burdens and enhancing their educational experiences. The benefits include:

- 1. Tuition:** Full coverage of tuition fees for the academic year, allowing students to focus on their studies without financial stress.
- 2. School Supplies:** Provision of school bags, books, and other writing materials to ensure that students have all the necessary tools for academic success.
- 3. Mentorship:** Access to a network of mentors who provide guidance, support, and career advice to help students navigate their academic journeys and future career paths.



# JOIN US IN THIS RESUE MISSION!:

## HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO GBENGA FAWEHINMI FOUNDATION INITIATIVE

The Gbenga Fawehinmi Foundation is dedicated to ensuring every child in Nigeria has access to quality basic education. We invite you to join us in this rescue mission. Here are how you can contribute:

- 1. Sponsor a Child:** Your financial support can help cover tuition fees, school supplies, uniforms, and other essentials for a child in need. By sponsoring a child, you are directly impacting their ability to access and benefit from education.
- 2. Donate:** Donations can be made as one-time gifts or recurring supports. Funds are used for scholarships, educational materials, and the overall operational needs of the foundation.
- 3. Volunteer:** Your time and skills can make a huge difference. Whether it's through mentorship, tutoring, or helping with administrative tasks, your involvement is invaluable.
- 4. Fund raising:** Organize fundraising events or campaigns within your community, workplace, or social networks to raise awareness and funds for the foundation.
- 5. Advocate:** Spread the word about our mission and the importance of quality education for all children. Use your voice on social media, at community events, and through personal conversations to encourage others to get involved.



**6. Partnerships:** Businesses and organizations can partner with us to provide resources, expertise, or funding. Collaborative efforts can amplify our impact and reach.

**7. In-Kind Donations:** Donate school supplies, books, technology, and other educational resources that can directly benefit the students we support.

Together, we can build a more inclusive and equitable educational landscape where every child has the opportunity to thrive and succeed. By joining forces with the Gbenga Fawehinmi Foundation, you become part of a community dedicated to empowering education and creating brighter futures for the youth in Ondo State.



# Stay Connected

For the latest updates, news, and stories from the Gbenga Fawehinmi Foundation, stay connected with us on social media and subscribe to our newsletter. By staying informed, you can learn more about our initiatives, upcoming events, and opportunities to get involved. Together, we can make a positive impact and create lasting change in the lives of students and communities across Ondo State.

Join us today and be a catalyst for change. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of the youth and build a brighter future for Ondo State. Thank you for your support and commitment to empowering education.



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