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# ABOUT THE LUMINARY AWARDS



Welcome to the Luminary Awards, an annual celebration of exceptional individuals who have made a meaningful difference within their communities, often without seeking recognition.

Our mission is to shed light on the invaluable efforts of these unsung heroes, offering them a platform to showcase their impactful work and inspire others.

Each year, we award a generous prize of 1 million Naira to the ultimate Luminary Award winner.

This financial support is intended to further fuel their efforts and initiatives, enabling them to continue making a positive impact on their community and beyond.



AYOKANMI AYUBA

Deputy Country Director, TechnoServe Nigeria



D.J.O MAJEKODUNMI CEO, Pact Universal

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ELIEZER
AJAH

Learning and
Development Specialist



OLUWASEYI
KEHINDE-PETERS
Founder, PAWEN



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TOP
20 NOMINIEES

Learn more about our changemakers www.luminaryaward.com/vote

#### ADETOLA OLADEJI

#### FOUNDER, SEEDTIME FOUNDATION

Adetola launched 'Seedtime Foundation' to advance educational opportunities for Nigerian children. So far, with an annual impact of nearly 4,000 children, she is consistently providing access to educational opportunities and programs.







@seedtime\_foundation

#### AMARACHI AMUSI

FOUNDER, DAZZLING DAMSELS OF VIRTUE FOUNDATION

Amarachi established 'DOVEF' to empower the girl child through diverse programs. In the last 18 years, she has provided financial aid, scholarships and skills acquisition programs to over 6,000 women and girls.







@dovef\_foundation\_



#### CHIOMA UKPABI

FOUNDER, SKILL UP WITH KAHDSOLE

Chioma initiated 'Skill Up with Kahdsole' to upskill marginalized youths facing systemic economic barriers. In the last 2 years, she has used technology and vocational training to educate and empower over 1,500 young people.







@suwkhq

#### CYNTHIA E. CHISOM

FOUNDER, THE ABOKI AFRICA

Cynthia founded 'The Aboki Africa' to uplift local leather artisans by upskilling them and providing access to markets for their shoe repair services. Over the past 5 years, she has positively impacted 47 artisans by increasing their average monthly income.







@theabokiafrica

#### DOROTHY AKENDE

FOUNDER, HOUSE OF HILKIAH FOUNDATION

Dorothy initiated 'The Leadership and Peace Building Sports Program' to educate youths from vulnerable backgrounds and provide them with opportunities for better living. Through her initiative, she has impacted over 1,250 youths and rescued young girls from human trafficking.







@houseofhilkiah

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

MARGARET MEAD

#### DIANE KALU

#### FOUNDER, WICARE LEKOTA FOUNDATION

Diane founded 'WiCare Lekota Foundation' to provide support, economic, psychological, and spiritual needs for bereaved women and their children. Since 2011, over 10,000 women across 5 geopolitical zones in Nigeria have benefitted from her initiative.



## DR LOLA ODEYALE AYO-FASHIDA

FOUNDER, OUTPOUR OF FRAGRANCES INITIATIVE

Lola founded 'Outpour of Fragrances Initiative' to better the lives of children, young adults, and women by implementing the SDGs. Since 2017, she has executed projects to improve the lives of beneficiaries and put smiles on their faces.









@outpouroffragrancesinitiative

#### INIOBONG IDUNG

**FOUNDER, TRUE BEAUTY FOUNDATION** 

Iniobong launched 'True Beauty Foundation' to empower vulnerable women particularly teenage mothers and female sex workers. She has empowered over 3,268 teens and 4,567 women with income-generating skills, and organized workshops on reproductive health, mental, and spiritual wellbeing.



#### OLADEJO-ADESELUKA YETUNDE

FOUNDER, THE GIRLS COUNT INITIATIVE

Yetunde launched 'The Girls Count Initiative' to provide empowerment and improve the health and well-being of girls, women, orphans, and vulnerable children in rural areas. So far, she has impacted over 6,500 women and children and improved their standard of living.







@girlscountinitiative



#### ITOFA IVARAH

FOUNDER, CHURCH ON THE STREET NG

Itofa launched 'Church on the Street' to address the needs of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in conflict-affected regions. So far, he has empowered over 8,000 people in eight states, providing them with the right environment and skillset to live above poverty.







@churchonthestreetng



#### "Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

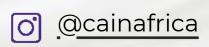
#### OGHENERUKEME MAY ASAGBA

FOUNDER, CAIN AFRICA

As a part of CAIN Africa, May initiated the '50/50 Food Drive' to address food insecurity amongst underprivileged families during the Christmas season. Since 2018, she has raised over \$12,500 for this initiative, and fed over 900 individuals.







#### OPEOLUWA TAIWO

FOUNDER, AFRICA BRIDGE INITIATIVE

Opeoluwa founded the 'Africa Bridge Initiative' to enhance the capacity of young individuals while steering them away from drugs and substance abuse. He has positively impacted over 7,000 youths in Lagos and visited over 35 senior secondary schools.







<u>@africabridgeinitiative</u>



#### OYIGA MICHAEL NNANNA

FOUNDER, SUSTAINOBLES

Michael established 'Sustainobles' to address the issue of out-of-school children in Nigeria by recycling plastics. Since 2022, he has impacted over 7,000 children and provided access to clean water in communities within Lagos, Nigeria.







#### PETER ALOYA

#### FOUNDER, BE A GIFT TO ALL FOUNDATION

Peter launched 'Be a Gift to All Foundation' to provide quality education and food support to underserved children and their families. He has provided educational scholarships, monthly food support, and skills acquisition training to about 1,000 children.







@bagtaf

#### TITLAYO LEKAN-AGUNBIADE

FOUNDER, EMERALD LIGHT INITIATIVE

Titilayo established 'Emerald Light Initiative' to offer comprehensive support and guidance to pregnant teenagers and teen mothers in Nigeria. She has assisted over 30 teenage mothers and their babies and supported orphans and sex trafficking survivors.







@emeraldlightinitiative



# "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

WINSTON CHURCHILL

#### TOLULOPE OLORUNDERO

FOUNDER, NIGERIAN WOMEN IN PUBLIC RELATIONS

Tolulope established 'Nigerian Women in Public Relations' to advocate for Nigerian women working in PR and communications globally. In the past 4 years, she has facilitated engagement with female PR founders, impacted over 500 students, and offered practical experience to female graduates.









#### TUNDE ONAKOYA

FOUNDER, CHESS IN SLUMS AFRICA

Tunde initiated 'Chess in Slums Africa' to leverage chess as a tool for social change and youth empowerment. In the last 5 years, he has equipped children in slums across Africa with valuable skills to foster a bright future.









## VERA DAVID-EMESIOBUM

FOUNDER, PROJECT GREY ELDERLY CARE INITIATIVE

Vera founded 'Project Grey
Elderly Care Initiative' to address
the challenges faced by
destitute elderly individuals. She
has served over 13,000 meals
and provided economic
independence for the elderly
through skills acquisition
programs and seed grants.









#### VICTOR ADAMS

VICE-PRESIDENT, DIGITAL CAREER SKILLS INITIATIVE AFRICA

The 'Digital Career Skills Initiative' led by Victor was established to empower African youths with digital and tech skills to address unemployment. In the last four years, he and his team have empowered over 10,000 youths in 147 locations across Africa.









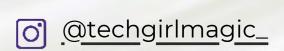
#### YVONNE OGWULU

FOUNDER, TECH GIRL MAGIC INITIATIVE

Yvonne founded the 'Tech Girl Magic Initiative' dedicated to discovering and empowering young female tech talents facing limitations in resources. Over the past 2 years, she has impacted over 2,000 young girls and women, and helped them kickstart their tech careers.









# "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."

**ALBERT EINSTEIN** 



## Celebrating Changemakers

Thanks for shining the light. See you next year!

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