



Hello!

I am Okey Anyanwu, President and Founder of BIZAA, Basic Institute for Zonal African Advancement. We are a local 501(c)(3) non-profit based in the Northern Suburbs of Minneapolis, Minnesota. We are an international organization dedicated to the empowerment of the youngest citizens of Nigeria through grass-root efforts to eliminate child labor, child trafficking, and provide education through sponsorship and micro loans for their families. Our mission is to move African children *from the streets to the classroom*.

I would like to invite you to join us in this mission by partnering with us for our 6th Annual BIZAA Founder's Gala on Friday, November 22nd, 2019. Our Gala funds the yearly expenses for the BIZAA College of Technology and Nursing in IMO State, Nigeria. Last May we were delighted when the first nine young adults graduated from BIZAA's technical college and started careers from accounting to administration, giving them the tools needed to improve their lives, support their families and strengthen their communities.

"Our American benefactors have not only sponsored our education, they have also brought joy that is beyond understanding into our families.... Yes, they gave us an opportunity that our families couldn't afford to give us! Yes, they gave us an opportunity that the government of our land has failed to give us. Yes, they gave us what we couldn't find on the streets and on the farms. Yes, they have given us the keys to unlock our future. They have given us Education!"

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-2019 Graduate Vivian Chinelo Nwaodini

Hosted at the Golden Valley Country Club, our Gala opens with a social hour, entertainment, and silent auction. An African inspired dinner will be served to guests as nationally recognized auctioneer, Karen Sorbo, takes the stage for our Live auction and raffle. The evening will also include video testimonials from current BIZAA students in Nigeria, to truly bring the voice of these grateful children across the ocean to the people in Minnesota advocating on their behalf.

We are delighted to offer you a way to partner with us as an event sponsor and/or donate items to our Live & Silent Auctions (see attached sponsor levels). In exchange for your contribution, your business will be highlighted through social media platforms, logo placement on event marketing materials, and visibility to over 200 attendees. You will also be part of the narrative of changing the lives of children. Offering hope, education, and a future. The efforts through BIZAA have already impacted 208 children. Let's increase that number together!

I look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, to learn more about BIZAA go to our website www.bizaa.org. For more details and/or to commit to an event sponsorship or auction donation please email our Gala Sponsor Captain katie@bizaa.org.

Blessings,

Okey Anyanwu