Dear Friends,

August is usually a quiet, slow month at JAN during which we take stock of learnings from all programs from the just concluded school year and prepare for the next school year, but it was not so this year! Thanks to our out-of-school programs, which don’t follow the school calendar, and new donors sponsoring our expansion into new cities in September, August was quite a busy month for us! This September will see us expand into more cities in Ebonyi State (thanks to First Bank) Ogun State (thanks to Ogun State government) Oyo and Osun States (thanks to ACT Foundation) so we spent August preparing for this explosion in reach! It never fails to amaze me how tight our JAN connections are and this month was no exception. Former JAN staff and volunteers came together once again to give back to the organization that they love so much.
Osayi Alile, the new CEO of the Aspire Coronation Trust (ACT) Foundation and a certified #JANWarrior invited us to apply for an ACT Foundation grant (which we got); Mrs. Folasade Adefisayo, former coordinator of JAN programs at the Corona schools, consultant to JAN for customization of JA programs to the Nigerian curriculum AND #IAMJAN ambassador since 2014, invited JAN to expand to Osogbo, where she now heads the model schools for outstanding public school students, and we are delighted that we will be able to do that, thanks to the ACT Foundation grant; and finally, former JAN volunteer, keynote speaker at last year’s JAN Awards Dinner and now Honorable Commissioner for Education, Science and Technology in Ogun State, Mrs. Modupe Mujota, invited us to implement JAN programs in Ogun State! These are just a few examples of our people remembering us at every stage of their lives and careers that underscores the importance of the work we do and the special connections we build with all our stakeholders as we do it.

August is also the month for summer camps and essay competitions! JAN was invited to deliver programs at summer camps in Lagos, Ogun, Rivers, Akwa-Ibom, and Abuja. I had the privilege of facilitating a goal setting session at the Ogun State Summer Camp with hundreds of young energetic students from all across the state. In commemoration of International Youth Day and in partnership with Access Bank, we invited young people between ages 15 and 21 to write an essay responding to the question: “How can entrepreneurship solve the unemployment crisis in Nigeria?” Surprisingly, we had responses from all over Nigeria and abroad, including young Nigerians under the required age! Obviously, our young citizens have a lot of ideas for improving the nation. We are currently reviewing the submissions, and we look forward to publishing some of the outstanding essays on our website so watch this space. The top three winners will be recognized and awarded cash prizes and visits with Access Bank executives. Congratulations in advance to the winners and thank you Access Bank for giving them this platform to share their ideas.

In all our preparations to expand to more schools, we did not leave out our out-of-school youth! After last year’s successful implementation of ITS TYME program for out of school youth in partnership with Accenture, we are expanding the program to reach thousands more out-of-school youth in Lagos and Abuja and in the IDP camps in the Northeast. The first expansion commenced this August in partnership with Sasol Limited, and will train 300 out-of-school youth at the Ministry of Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation Center in Mushin, Lagos. We are very excited about this opportunity to empower 300 youth (over 90% of whom are women) with tools to get out of poverty and own their own future. Thank you Sasol for making this possible!

Finally, we are gearing up for an exciting September to December! We have so many activities planned, including our Annual Fun Run fundraiser which is always exciting and fun. Please keep checking our website for details on how you can participate. On behalf of the staff and board of directors of Junior Achievement Nigeria, I would like to thank you for your support in the past academic year. We look forward to an impactful and exciting new school year.

Simi Nwogugu
SASOL LIMITED PARTNERS WITH JAN TO IMPLEMENT THE JA ITS TYME PROGRAM

Junior Achievement Nigeria is partnering with Sasol Limited and the Lagos State Ministry of Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to empower 300 out-of-school youth in Lagos through Junior Achievement’s Immersion Training Strategy: Targeting Young Marginalized Entrepreneurs (JA ITS TYME) program.

The JA ITS TYME curriculum which is delivered by staff and volunteers of Junior Achievement Nigeria is designed to provide basic business education to young women and men who are out of school and interested in running businesses.

During the program, which will span through the period of one year, participants will select any skill from a wide range of options provided by the Lagos State Skill Acquisition Centre, Mushin, Lagos State. We thank Sasol for this opportunity to empower young women to get out of poverty and build sustainable income generating options for their families.
In June, we announced the ongoing collaboration of Junior Achievement Nigeria with the Lagos State Ministry of Education as one of the implementation partners for the 2017 edition of Ready Set Work. The one year program which began in August is designed to impact about 12,000 students from tertiary institutions in Lagos State. They will be equipped with skills that will help them succeed in the work place and as entrepreneurs. JAN staff, Mrs. Rita Odion, Programs Manager, JAN and Mr. Adegbola Abiodun, Senior Programs Manager, have been serving as volunteer facilitators of RSW at the Lagos State Polytechnic (LASPOTECH) and Lagos State University (LASU) centres. They have taught over 600 students.
This August, Junior Achievement Nigeria and twenty two other non-profit organisations benefited from Aspire Coronation Trust (ACT) Foundation’s 2017 grant scheme. The grant for Junior Achievement Nigeria will be used to fund the implementation of JA Company Program and JA Be Entrepreneurial in Osun State and Oyo State.

Speaking on the grant scheme, Ms. Osayi Alile, CEO, ACT Foundation said “Our desire to change the world cannot be done by us alone and so we are excited to announce that we have selected 23 deserving nonprofit organizations to partner with in order to achieve our aim of creating positive social impact in our world.”

The JAN team represented by Ms. Ade Sofola, Director of Programs and Mr. Adegbola Abiodun, Senior Programs Manager had successful visits to the ministries of education and other concerned authorities in both states. JAN programs in both locations are set to kick off in September. If you are a business professional living in either state and would love to volunteer to teach JAN programs, please contact us immediately. Thank you to ACT Foundation for this wonderful opportunity to expand our programs into more cities.
JAN ED TEACHES AT OGUN STATE SUMMER CAMP

For the second consecutive year, the Executive Director of JAN, Mrs. Simi Nwogugu, facilitated a session on goal setting during the Ogun State summer camp program with the support of the Honorable Commissioner for Education, Science and Technology, Mrs. Modupe Mujota.

Over two hundred eager students were in attendance during the camp. The students who excelled during the third term 2016/2017 unified examination in the state public secondary schools across the state were selected to participate in the free program.
To commemorate International Youth Day, Junior Achievement Nigeria developed the Youth Entrepreneurship Essay Competition, in partnership with Access Bank Nigeria. The essay competition was created to provide a platform for the youth to suggest possible solutions that highlight how entrepreneurship can help to solve the youth unemployment crisis in Nigeria. Young people from different parts of the world contributed to this discussion, and at the close of the competition, we received over 2,000 essays. The winner of the competition will be announced in the month of September via select social media channels nationwide.

Through these essays, we have once again seen the unlimited potential of Nigeria’s youth and we are further committed to developing our young conscientious business leaders who will lead a vibrant economy. For more information on our upcoming competition and events, please click here.
JAN Club is an exclusive club open to alumni of Junior Achievement Nigeria who have gone through at least one JAN program. The club was created for young people who are interested in expanding their knowledge and development in key areas. JAN Club shares content in the following areas:

- Scholarships & Educational Opportunities
- Professional Development Courses

For more information on JAN Club, please contact us:

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JAN recently launched JAN Club with its first 150 users. JAN club members can now interact with each other in real time by sharing thoughts and insight on shared content. Upon selection by JAN, the club grants access to exceptional students who have been impacted by one or more JAN programs.

JAN Club offers content in the areas of professional development, scholarships and educational opportunities. JAN Club content is highly engaging, informative, inspiring and fun. For more information about JAN Club or membership information, please click here.
The Ogun State government is partnering with Junior Achievement Nigeria to implement the JA Be Entrepreneurial program and the JA Company Program in Ogun State schools. Program implementation will kick off at the start of the 2017/2018 academic year.

Aspire Coronation Trust Foundation (ACT) is partnering with Junior Achievement Nigeria to implement the JA Be Entrepreneurial program and the JA Company Program in Oyo and Osun States. Implementation for both programs will kick off at the start of the 2017/2018 academic year.
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE WORLD OF JAN?

JAN ALUMNI MIXER
JAN is hosting its quarterly alumni mixer. It promises to be an exciting event and a great opportunity for JAN Alumni to network. Details for the event will follow shortly.

JAN BACK TO SCHOOL
JAN kicks off the 2017/2018 academic year in 29 locations, we are also expanding to new regions as we try to reach our target of impacting one million young people by 2020.

Volunteer training will run through the month of September. Nationwide training schedules and locations will be published on the JAN website.

NCOY COMPETITION
The National Company of the Year competition is set to take place on the 5th of October 2017 in Lagos. Formal invitation will follow shortly.

DELTA INNOVATION CAMP
The innovation camp sponsored by Delta Air Lines for 200 secondary school students will take place on October 6th, 2017 in Lagos.

FUN RUN
JAN is partnering with the Road Warriors for the 2017 Fun Run event which is scheduled to hold on the 25th of November, 2017 in Lagos. Visit our website for details on participation.
In 2005, Adedayo Fashanu participated in the JA Company Program at her school Cayley College in Lagos State, Nigeria. Together with her peers, they created an enterprise and their business was fashioned around jewelry-making using African beads. She was selected by her peers to be the president of their JA enterprise. They created a business plan under the supervision of an assigned JA official mentor and sold shares to the parents at PTA meetings and after school.

The enterprise was a huge success and one of the most remarkable experiences of her school years. Till today that memory still resides deeply with her and her peers and they often share fond memories of how JA brought them closer together. She also participated in the LEAD CAMP after taking the Cambridge Young Enterprise exam that JAN orchestrated. She scored the highest in the exam in Lagos that year and that made her school very happy about JA’s presence and influence on their students.

Adedayo now works as a journalist, speaker, moderator, writer and author. She is the author of “The Art of Being Alive Series” on Huffington Post and also writes for Forbes magazine.
Could you be the volunteer our young people have been waiting for?

All we need is your enthusiasm and a willingness to teach the next generation and an hour of your time a week. Junior Achievement will provide the training, curriculum, and a classroom ready to meet you.

For the 2017/2018 academic year, we have an ambitious target to double our reach and we need your help! Junior Achievement volunteers, with the support of a teacher, lead activities and discussions on work-readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills in schools.

Please volunteer your time (an hour a week) to empower Nigeria's youth or sponsor a classroom of 30 students with just N50,000. Your support will go a long way towards helping us achieve our goal to reach one million students by 2020!