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DEAR FRIENDS,

I promised last month that I would tell you why May is my favorite month. What's not to love about May?! It's the month of my birth, it is also the month during which we celebrate Mother's Day (yes, we observe Mother's Day twice in our house!) and Children's Day!!! And now also Africa Day — we have to celebrate Africa rising, particularly Nigeria rising. I heard it said at a conference that “The Sustainable Development Goals cannot be achieved without Africa’s success and Africa’s success is not possible without Nigeria’s success!” So we owe a responsibility to the world to make Nigeria great and we are really committed to doing just that at JAN.

As we expand across Nigeria, we have recognized that in order to have the scale of impact we want, we need to partner with state governments to implement specific programs that will benefit the students in their state. This is why I was so excited to go into Abeokuta schools with members of the Ogun State Executive Council on May 15. We commend their commitment to the Be Entrepreneurial program which ran in classrooms across Abeokuta over the past three weeks and ended on May 30, after having inspired over 3,500 students to develop creative businesses that solve problems within their communities. I can’t wait to see their presentations to the Ogun State Governor next week on the brilliant business ideas they came up with and will implement as part of the Company Program, which starts in September. We are already talking to our partners at Google and CCHub to help those who want to develop tech businesses because that is the future!

Being part of the JA Worldwide network gives us a huge opportunity to recognize and inspire our alumni in unique ways. An example of that is Tunji Eleso’s feature in the JA Centennial book, The Entrepreneurial Attitude, which features stories of 100 notable alumni from across the JA network! Congratulations, Tunji!

Another example is the opportunity for our alumni to meet global executives affiliated with the JA brand such as the exclusive lunch two of our alums, Bright Dikko and Ugonna Achebe, got to have with JA Worldwide Board Member, Lord Michael Hastings, who is Global Head of Citizenship at KPMG. To put this into perspective, the only other person that had a private meeting with Lord Hastings during his short visit to Nigeria was Alhaji Aliko Dangote (who also happens to be a JAN Board Member)!

We are incredibly fortunate to be part of this special network of business leaders inspiring our future leaders.

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Finally, we were happy to celebrate Children’s Day with our longtime partner, Bestman Games, at the Children’s Finance Fair this past weekend. The Monopoly Game continues to teach children across the world practical financial literacy and wealth creation skills (you should see my sons and daughter battle their grandparents for hotels on Banana Island at Christmas!) so we are always excited about partnering with Nimi Akinkugbe’s team. We believe more partnerships like this will develop the savvy young citizens we need to build the vibrant economy that we envision for Nigeria. Thank you all for partnering with us to improve Nigeria’s future.

Speaking of our Board Members, two of them, ExxonMobil and Stanbic IBTC sponsored two programs in classrooms across the country in May! Volunteers from Stanbic IBTC’s Blue Women network went into girls schools across Nigeria to inspire senior secondary school girls to become entrepreneurial in their thinking — inspiring them to be creative problem-solving leaders in their communities; while volunteers from ExxonMobil went into schools in Akwa Ibom and Rivers States to inspire junior secondary school students to explore the resources they have in the Niger Delta region to build businesses that can solve the region’s problems. We really do have the best Board Members!!!

Our primary school students have not been left behind as JAN finally returned to the Corona Schools to train parents to teach our financial literacy and entrepreneurial programs to their students. The Corona Schools were the first schools we went to when JAN started in Lagos, but our expansion into public schools across the country became a priority over the last decade. We are so happy that they have welcomed JAN back into their schools even as we continue making public schools a priority.

Warm regards,

Simi.
Adetunji Eleso, an alumnus of one of JAN’s core programs, Venture in Management Program (ViMP), has been featured in Junior Achievement Worldwide’s 100th Anniversary book titled “The Entrepreneurial Attitude” written by Larry C. Farrell.

Adetunji was featured alongside other notable alums like Steve Case, Sanjay Gupta, David Lammy MP, Donna Shalala, and Anthony Carmona.

This book reveals practices of the world’s greatest entrepreneurs and interviews 70 JA alumni across 35 countries. A big congratulations to him!
Members of Ogun State Executive Council led by the Commissioner for Education, Hon. Modupe Mujota, embarked on a 3-week ‘ExCo in the Classroom’ initiative, during which they taught the JA Be Entrepreneurial program to over 3500 students in Abeokuta schools.

This activity commenced on the 15th of May, 2018 in African Church Grammar School, Abeokuta Grammar School, St. Peter’s College, Olumore Abeokuta, and Premier Grammar School with executives like: Deputy Governor of Ogun State, Chief Mrs. Yetunde Onanuga, Commissioner for Education, Science & Technology, HC Modupe Mujota, State Commissioner for Youth and Sports, Afolabi Afuape, Commissioner for Housing, Architect Segun Abiodun, Commissioner for Urban and Physical Planning, Mrs. Ronke Sokefun, Ogun State Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Dayo Adeneye, Head of Service, Abayomi Sobande, and other members of Ogun ExCo who led the students to develop business plans, advertising campaigns and competitive strategies for their business ideas.

The winning ideas will be presented to the Governor, Senator Ibikunle Amosun during their graduation ceremony on June 5, 2018.
Members of the Stanbic IBTC Blue Women Network went into classrooms to teach senior secondary school girls the JA Be Entrepreneurial program in line with their drive for gender parity and girl empowerment in Lagos, Ibadan, Abuja, Port-Harcourt, and Kano.

The training took place in the different locations across Nigeria during the month on May with Stanbic IBTC female staff teaching “JA Be Entrepreneurial” program to female students. The girls learnt essential elements of a practical business plan, how to start entrepreneurial venture while still in secondary school, and other business terms like advertising, competitive advantage, financing, marketing, and product development. It ended on a high note with the officials handing the participating girls their certificates and posing for a group photograph. Thank you Stanbic IBTC for this excellent initiative!
AUGUST VISITOR
JA WORLDWIDE BOARD MEMBER MEETS JAN STAFF AND ALUMS

JAN was privileged to host, a JA Worldwide Board Member and Global Head of Citizenship at KPMG, Lord Michael Hastings.

Lord Hastings was delighted to meet JAN alumni Ugonna Achebe and Bright Dikko. He congratulated Bright on getting a full scholarship to the African Leadership Academy and advised both alums on life, career, entrepreneurship and his own personal definition of success.

We appreciate these rare golden opportunities that being a part of the JA Worldwide network affords our students and alumni.
Volunteers from ExxonMobil, Youth Alive Foundation, and Skye Bank Plc went into Akwa Ibom schools on the 18th of May to teach the JAN “Our Niger Delta Region” program.

Sponsored by ExxonMobil, the program taught 900 young junior secondary school students entrepreneurial skills (problem solving, design thinking and financial literacy) as they explored the resources available to them in Uyo and Eket that could be used to solve the region’s problems, while developing viable businesses.

We thank ExxonMobil for sponsoring this program and our wonderful volunteers for facilitating the delivery.
Parents of students of Corona School, Ikoyi, who signed up as volunteers to teach the JA Our Nation program participated in a one-day volunteer training exercise ahead of their scheduled in-class delivery.

JAN program officers were at the school grounds to deliver the ‘train-the-trainer’ sessions to the signed up parents on Thursday, May 24th 2018.

The parents are set to begin their in-class delivery of the JAN program on Monday, May 28th.
Members of JAN team were at the Lagos Preparatory School Ikoyi, on May 26th for the Bestman Games Children’s Finance Fair in celebration of Children’s Day 2018. The fair which began at 10am had over 200 students and parents in attendance and provided the perfect ambience for interactivity as well as a fun learning experience for the kids.

JAN team taught basic finance lessons including ‘how to save’, ‘how to earn money’, ‘difference between needs and wants’ etc to the kids who were in attendance. The kids also got to participate in group exercises where they put to practice the lesson on saving.

It was a great outing and we’re thankful to BestMan Games for inviting us over.
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