

A2S Readies for Sixth Annual Kicks from ‘Cats

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DAVIDSON, NC — The sixth annual Kicks from ‘Cats will be held at the Davidson men’s basketball game vs. Wofford on February 22. All proceeds, including from t-shirt and ticket sales and in-game donations, will support Access to Success’ continued efforts to build a basketball court in Benin City, Nigeria.

Purchase tickets online at DavidsonWildcats.com, and use the promotional code “A2S.” Two dollars from each ticket purchase will be donated to A2S. If the code is used over 100 times, Davidson’s donation doubles to \$4 per ticket. Event T-shirts will be on sale for \$15 at the Davidson College Bookstore and at the game. A2S is also aiming to raise \$5,000 through the 2014 Kicks from ‘Cats MyA2S campaign.

Last year, the fifth annual Kicks from ‘Cats raised nearly \$7,500 towards its multipurpose sports court project. As part of the 100 for 100 Campaign, A2S is also raising funds to build a kitchen, library and computer center in addition to the multipurpose sports court for the after-school program. In the past year, A2S purchased property where it plans to build the court.

“Every child deserves the opportunity to dream and play,” A2S President Andrew Lovedale said. “With a developed playing space, not only will our kids be able to dream and play, they will be safe, off the streets and able to spend time constructively after school.”

This year, Appalachian State Basketball player Michael Obacha, a native Nigerian, has also launched his own shoe drive in a partnership with A2S. The goal of the Michael Obacha Shoe Drive is to collect 500 pairs of shoes and raise \$2,500 to ship the shoes to Nigeria this summer. For more information, visit the men’s basketball page on appstatesports.com and click on The Michael Obacha Shoe Drive.

“Change is more effective when platforms that mirror each other come together and form a united front to reach out to a shared community,” Lovedale said. “A2S is so thankful to the Davidson family for the consistent and continued support over the years. We are excited to partner with Appalachian State University and Michael Obacha to work together to empower Nigerian youth with the tools they need to reach for the promise of a better tomorrow.”

Founded in 2010 by Lovedale, a former men’s basketball player at Davidson College, A2S empowers youth and their communities to achieve positive change through Christian-based athletic and education programs in Nigeria. For more information about A2S or upcoming events, visit a2sfoundation.org.