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2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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YOUTH CENTRE

The World We Live In: How do you balance the best with the progress you need to have you grow beyond you? - Vera Wang





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Our Mission

To provide sustainable programs that generate positive change for Nigerian children and their communities.

Our Vision

The vision of A2S is that each child/person in Nigeria finds a dignified path to a successful life and is empowered to live out God's plan for a future filled with hope.





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Statement of Ministry

Access to Success (A2S) is a Christian non-profit organization dedicated to playing its part in eliminating poverty and providing hope through education and opportunity. Our ministry was founded on the premise that everyone should have an opportunity to dream, irrespective of location.

A2S believes that Christ welcomes all. Our policy supports providing hope and promoting change irrespective of race or religion. We embrace supporters and volunteers from all backgrounds.

At A2S, our motivation stems from Jeremiah 29:11 that says, "For I know the plans I have for you, 'declares the Lord' plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Our ministry and approach hinge on a few major theological concepts. A2S follows the teachings of Jesus Christ, who exemplified unconditional love, and said to be not only "hearers but doers." We operate a hands-on approach of expressing love through action, providing year-round programs to help provide hope and a future to those in need.



A word from our Founder, Andrew Lovedale

Dear A2S Family,

In 2022 we were so blessed to open our Youth Center. In this new home, we celebrate as our programs continue to evolve to better serve our community. I cannot wait to see the stories created in this new nurturing space, and how our kids are encouraged to follow their dreams.

12 years into our mission, we are raising servant leaders who work tirelessly to create positive change in their communities. For example, Aisosa, a former A2S scholar is now the President of You Can Foundation in Kaduna, northern Nigeria; he serves widows, orphans, and young women by investing in their education and providing basic necessities. Like Aisosa, so many of our children are servant leaders in their chosen fields; they work with us, contract with us, and volunteer with us to give back to the next generation of A2S youth, and their community at large. Our work continues to bridge the gaps we see in the most vulnerable spaces and the hopes, dreams, smiles, and faith of those we serve inspire us to not relent in our vision that "each person/child in Nigeria finds a dignified path to a successful life and is empowered to live out God's plan of a future filled with hope."

Our donors, partners, volunteers, and staff each play a unique role in our impact, growth, and quest for sustainability. You all share your love with our students, staff, scholars, entrepreneurs, and community members in so many empowering ways. We are excited to focus on our sustainability as an organization to ensure that we are a consistent force for change in our community. You have made this possible and we are so grateful.

Thank you for sharing your love, your prayers, your hopes and your dreams for our children with us.

God Bless,

Andrew Lovedale



Our Core Values

FAITH IN ACTION:

Trusting our Lord Jesus Christ and acting on that faith by serving the most vulnerable

INTEGRITY:

Demonstrating strong ethics, honesty, and the highest standards at all times

TEAMWORK AND FAMILY SPIRIT:

Working in unity with passion, respect, and humility

SUSTAINABLE, LONG TERM CHANGE:

Empowering people to bring about purposeful life change

PASSION FOR PEOPLE:

Understanding each person's story and treating all with dignity and compassion

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Our Impact by the Numbers



1,167,031

Meals served in 2022



\$1,108,639

Total revenue brought in 2022



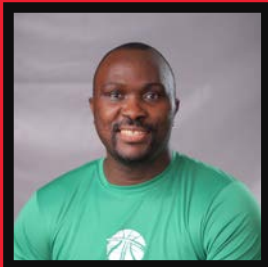
2,203

Academic hours delivered in 2022

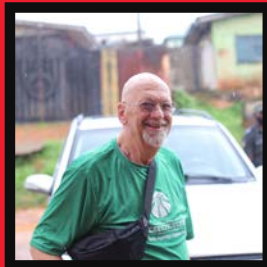


Our 2022 Board

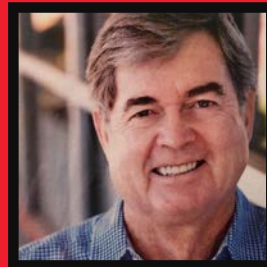
Our board played an integral part in our success. We are thankful for each board member and their hard work to move our mission forward.



ANDREW LOVEDALE
CEO, President and
Founder of Access to
Success



KING MAWHINNEY
Board Chair - Retired from
Financial Services Industry



VIC CLARK
Retired as CFO of BestCo
Inc.



ANNIE PORGES
Senior Major Gifts Officer at
Davidson College



ANDREW TUSSING
CFO at Clip Money, Inc.



REBEKAH SOSA
Realtor at Allen Tate
Realtors



KRISTINA PHILLIPS
Project Manager at Brighter
Image, Inc.



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Our 2022 Staff



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A2S Impact Stories

Ify's life changed when he decided to accompany his sister Uche to one of the yearly basketball and empowerment camps organized by Access to Success (A2S) in Nigeria. He had heard her talk about it before, but it wasn't until he experienced it himself that he understood the impact it could have on his life.

"I never attended the after-school academy, took part in the empowerment camp, or attended basketball practice, but once I started coming, everything changed. I now get to experience the joy and love that go along with it every day," Ify shared.

Ify comes from a family of seven, including his parents, younger brother, and three older sisters. He expressed his gratitude for their love and support throughout his life. "I adore my parents, who work really hard to provide for our family. I'm quite close with my siblings, and we've always gotten along well. We like to spend time together and do activities like watch movies, play games, and eat meals together," he said.

A2S had a significant influence on Ify's life, providing him with the opportunity to seek the best education he possibly can and giving him a community that genuinely cares about and supports him. He described being a US scholar as "extraordinary" because it provides him with the possibility to succeed in anything he decides to do with his life and to develop himself as an example for others. (continued on next page)



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A2S Impact Stories

Ify is currently studying at Rice University, where he enjoys excellent education, the opportunity to engage in athletics, and the opportunity to build friendships and relationships. He's a member of the Rice basketball team, which allows him to pursue his passion while playing at a high level against students from other colleges.

When asked about his favorite subject, Ify responded, "I don't have a favorite subject as of now, but I would say that right now, my business class is the one that I am doing the best in." He's currently unsure of what he wants to major in, but he's taking a variety of classes in different areas to assist him in making that decision in the near future.

Five years from now, Ify wants to be a university graduate with relevant skills and abilities that will help him thrive in his chosen job. He pictures himself doing work he's enthusiastic about and using his abilities to improve the world. He also wants to have a solid professional network and acquire experience through internships and other opportunities, while continuously learning and developing both professionally and personally.

When asked about his favorite A2S memory, Ify reminisced about the annual basketball and empowerment camp when he received his first set of basketball sneakers. "It was genuinely a happy moment, and I'll never forget it," he said. Ultimately, Ify wants to be happy and content in both his personal and professional life. He wishes to have solid family ties and a job that enables him to have a positive influence. He also desires to have a solid financial future, the means to live comfortably, and the ability to follow his hobbies and passions. He hopes to live a meaningful life that is acceptable to God and offers happiness to both himself and people around him.

Youth Center Building Project



In 2022, we opened our 20,000 sq. ft. Youth Center. Despite rises in inflation throughout 2021, our community stepped up and helped us weather the storm to get the project over the finish line. The Youth Center was able to open in June 2022 and welcome the feet of hundreds into a safe haven. This building already means so much to our staff, children and our community. Our students now have space to learn, grow and have fun. This building has a library, kitchen, cafeteria, sick bay, dignified giving center, office space, bathrooms and classrooms for each grade.



The Hands that Built the Youth Center

When Ada, the second child of five children, was a young girl she was prone to falling sick. Her dad, a salesman and servicer of fire extinguishers, and mom, a fashion designer, had to take her to the hospital every so often. During these visits, she came in contact with a variety of medical personnel. They helped her get well time after time. This sparked Ada's interest in medicine. This spark did not fade but grew throughout the years. After graduating from secondary school, she decided to continue her education in the medical field at the University of Benin so she too could save lives. During Ada's second year at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital, her family faced a terrible accident that burned down her father's



business. This caused her dad's health to decline and was a great stress on her family. Eventually, Ada's dad died from health complications and she found herself on the verge of dropping out of school. That is when her pastor introduced her to the Access to Success Scholars Program.

This program helped Ada continue her studies. However, she eventually found herself unable to keep up with her program fees on top of her life expenses. Ada was still struggling financially to make ends meet outside of school. She decided to write a letter to the Founder, Andrew Lovedale to explain her story and request his help for additional relief to get through her last year. Ada sealed the letter and intended on giving it to Sister Thecla where she was preaching that day in hopes she would pass it on to the Founder. When she handed it to Sister Thecla she told her, "Give it to him yourself." Ada was surprised to learn that the Founder was not only in the same country, but in the same room at that moment. Ada walked over and gave the sealed letter to Andrew. He thanked her for the letter and Ada walked away. It was not until later that Andrew opened the letter and was touched to learn that Ada sees him as a father because of his work with A2S. Still to this day Andrew keeps Ada's letter in his office.

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The Hands that Built the Youth Center

A2S helped Ada pay for the rest of her expenses and she was able to complete her final year successfully. Ada's experience being an A2S scholar was inspiring and life changing, exposing her to opportunities and perspectives beyond just providing a scholarship.

In 2022, A2S hired Ada to be the health personnel in the Youth Center. Ada says, "One of my greatest worries as a graduate was the problem of unemployment that is prominent in Nigeria. It is not all about getting the job, it is about getting the job that fits your values the way Access to Success' core values suits mine." She explains that A2S is working hard to bridge the gap between the unemployed, the unemployable Nigerian youth and the labor market by introducing programs that will enhance their skill sets.

Ada is A2S's health personnel and provides people at the Youth Center with basic health services and care plans. Ada believes the Youth Center is a dream come true for everyone and a positive force that every community needs. She is sure that the Youth Center will serve the children, their parents and the youth; which are the building blocks for a better community. "With the Youth Center, the children will learn skills like arts and crafts, technology and marketing and this will help them to be innovative."

Ada expressed, "I am really grateful to A2S for giving me the opportunity to serve and to all the donors that make our programs possible. I promised to put in my best. Thank you, I love you!"



Season of Promise

The A2S Season of Promise began in 2020, and is our decade-long commitment to evolving as a social enterprise using the talents of our staff, entrepreneurs, and local community to create self-sustaining revenue-generating endeavors that will support the grassroots operations of our organization.



In June 2022, we opened the A2S Youth Center, a key component of our Season of Promise. This building will enable us to increase the number of students we serve at the After School Academy as well as advance our entrepreneur, workforce development, and community outreach programs. As we grow with our community, we continue to look for the best ways to fill gaps and create opportunities for success.



Dignified Giving Center



In 2022, we opened the Dignified Giving Center. This is a place where kids can go with A2S credit and "purchase" whatever items they need. In a society where people are ashamed and stigmatized for asking for help, A2S stands out to close the gaps by giving out these items in a way that maintains the dignity of the receiver. Now those we serve can have their needs met with an empowering shopping experience. In the month of December, 288 kids were served at the Dignified Giving Center.



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Soulful Supper



Our annual fundraising event, Soulful Supper, was record-breaking. This event brings our community of supporters together for an evening of fellowship, to share a delicious authentic Nigerian meal, bid on auction items, and learn more about A2S and our achievements. Soulful Supper 2022 was different from all other years. A2S raised a record-breaking \$220,000 and had 200 guests, the most A2S has ever had attend.



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2022 Sponsors & Partners

Sponsors



Partners





Programs & Outcomes

What we accomplished in 2022.

After School Academy

- 6 graduates
- 96% of Academy Students advanced to the next grade level
- 99% retained in their formal education
- 94% of Academy Kids improved class ranking average over a 3 term period of time
- 94% increase in average placement test scores
- 90% of kids made 80% daily attendance rate
- 55% of ASA parents are involved as volunteers
- 2,203 educational hours delivered

96%
of Academy Students
advanced to the next
grade level

55%
of Academy parents
volunteered for A2S
programs



Our 110 Monthly Givers Learned About These FaithFuel beneficiaries!

Monthly giving raised \$102,856 from 110 donors

VICTORIA ORUKPE



BLESSING ENEHEHI



GRACE EYAGUINA



MRS JULIET OSAROBO



ANITA ARIEMORKHAL



GRACE OGIESOBA



MRS IGHODARO GRACE



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Programs & Outcomes

What we accomplished in 2022.



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Scholars Program

Nigeria

Outcomes

- 10 university graduates
- 100% of scholars (62 total) advanced to the next university level in Nigeria
- 85% of Scholars participated during the 2022 vision trip.
- 100% Current U.S scholars participated during this year's Vision trip
- 100% Nigerian Scholars presented their write-up during soul talk in 2022

Strikes

Our scholars in Nigeria attend public universities that have been subject to staff and faculty strikes. As the Nigerian government struggles to pay its employees on time, staff and faculty have regularly protested through strikes that have interrupted lectures periodically this year. Our scholars have had to think creatively on how to most productively use their idle time. Thanks to our amazing staff, our scholars have been engaged in a number of work and volunteer activities around and outside of A2S.

Programs & Outcomes

What we accomplished in 2022.



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Scholars Program

U.S.



Ifeanyi

started attending Rice University in 2022



Eseosa

started attending Proctor Academy in 2022



Happy

started attending Gaston Christian in 2022



Blessing

started attending Covenant Day School in 2022

Programs & Outcomes

What we accomplished in 2022.



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Entrepreneur Empowerment Program

- 3 businesses pitched to the A2S board and were funded through a zero interest loan
- 3 pitch competition winners started the mentorship program
- We had over 20% increase in participation of entrepreneurs in the EEP community in 2022



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businesses pitched to the A2S board and were funded through a zero interest loan

3

pitch competition winners started the mentorship program



Programs & Outcomes

What we accomplished in 2022.

Outreach Program

IDP Camp

Once a month, our team works hard to deliver a week's worth of food for the 3,500 women and children within a local Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Camp in Benin City. Those in this camp fled their homes due to terrorist attacks in northern Nigeria and may never return. These people are the most in need in our community as food and necessities are not always attainable. For this reason, we feed them every month for a week and once a year provide shoes and other supplies.



- 3500+ women and children were fed 1 week out of every month at the local IDP camp
- Distribution of socks, shoes, and clothing to IDP Camp

Basketball Camp



400 campers joined us for basketball and empowerment camp in 2022

Dignified Giving Center



In the month of December 288 kids were served at the Dignified Giving Center