



### **Access to Success celebrates its 15th year!**

Fifteen years of sharing smiles, inspiring hope and empowering dreams

Access to Success (A2S), a Davidson-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving the youth and families of Benin City, Nigeria, is celebrating “15 Years of Empowering Dreams” in 2025. The organization will be marking its fifteenth anniversary through **five special events**, both in the greater Charlotte area as well as Benin City, Nigeria, culminating in the organization’s flagship event, **Soulful Supper in September 2025**.

Since 2013, A2S has been providing educational opportunities so that each youth and person served in Nigeria can find a dignified path to a successful life. From Benin City, Nigeria, to Davidson, North Carolina, A2S founder, [Andrew Lovedale](#), began as a student-athlete at Davidson College, [collecting shoes](#) from his teammates in 2010 and distributing them back home in Nigeria. What started as a few pairs of shoes is now Access to Success (A2S), a holistic organization that provides education, life skills, workforce development, and community outreach programs to engage and motivate Nigerian youth and their communities to achieve higher levels of education and create and pursue career opportunities.

A2S was born out of extreme need in Nigeria. **Sixty percent of Nigerians live in extreme poverty, unemployment levels are greater than 33 percent and nearly 19 million children are out of school.** A2S aims to tackle these daunting statistics through programs committed toward education such as the [After School Academy](#), [A2S Scholars Program](#) and adult literacy programs; programs geared toward workforce readiness skills through its [Workforce Development Program](#); programs dedicated to creating new jobs such as the [Entrepreneur Empowerment Program](#) & the [A2S Entrepreneur Hub](#); and programs aimed at developing athletic and personal development skills through [Community Empowerment Programs](#) such as the Basketball & Empowerment Camp.

A2S believes that poverty is more than material scarcity- it’s a diminished life and personhood and it requires a holistic approach to address. By providing education and life skills, A2S is building agency in the youth of Nigeria. Agency restores choice which is foundational to growth and personal empowerment. A2S’s programs are designed to treat people holistically to give them the best possible chance at long-term, sustainable success and the opportunity to pursue their own unique journeys toward Godly stewardship.



All A2S programs are run entirely from donor gifts and contributions, and its 15th year will launch its giving campaign #FaithFuel15MemberChallenge that seeks to increase its monthly giving program “FaithFuel” members each month with the goal to gain 180 new FaithFuel members this year dedicated to providing consistent support to the youth in Nigeria.

A2S’s 15th Year Anniversary will be marked by several special occasions, both here and in Nigeria. Press are invited to the A2S golf tournament at NorthStone Country Club on May 12, 2025 and to its flagship event, Soulful Supper, on September 20, 2025 at Project 658 in Charlotte, N.C. Media advisories will be sent prior to the events with additional information to follow. Planned 15th anniversary events include:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>
Basketball & Empowerment Camp (BEC) Anniversary Celebration	April 25th, 2025 6:00 p.m. W.A.T.	Benin City, Nigeria A2S Headquarters	Anniversary Dinner & Celebration
First Annual Golf Tournament	May 12, 2025 9:00 a.m. E.S.T.	NorthStone Country Club	Press invited to attend kick-off event at 9:00 a.m. and awards presentation at 1:00 p.m. E.S.T.
Vision Trip I	June 2025 (Exact travel details TBD)	Benin City, Nigeria A2S Headquarters	More than a dozen U.S. citizens will raise money and travel to Benin City, Nigeria, to serve alongside A2S staff in its After School Academy, Entrepreneur Empowerment Programs & Community Empowerment Programs in Nigeria.
Vision Trip II	July 2025 (Exact travel details TBD)	Benin City, Nigeria A2S Headquarters	More than a dozen U.S. citizens will



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Soulful Supper	September 20, 2025 6:00-9:00 p.m. E.S.T.	Project 658 Charlotte, North Carolina	The evening includes a cocktail hour, silent auction, award ceremony and sit-down dinner with traditional Nigerian food.

To follow the organization’s updates throughout its anniversary year, A2S will be highlighting stories of its history, growth and achievements on <https://a2sfoundation.org/anniversary> and on its social media channels (*Facebook, Instagram, X, TikTok, LinkedIn & YouTube*) using the hashtags #15yearsofempoweringdreams and #A2Sis15.

To schedule Founder Andrew Lovedale for speaking engagements or press inquiries, please contact Liz Fetzer at [lizfetzer@a2sfoundation.org](mailto:lizfetzer@a2sfoundation.org).

**About Access to Success**

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