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A2S Launches Capital Campaign for Transformative Opportunity Wellness & Advancement (OWA) Center, Opening in 2027

Davidson, N.C. | May 1, 2025 — Access to Success (A2S) is excited to announce the launch of a major capital campaign to fund its most ambitious project yet: the *Opportunity, Wellness, and Advancement (OWA) Center*, a transformative community facility set to open in 2027 in Benin City, Nigeria. The center is projected to serve more than **20,000 youth and community members annually**.

Named after the Bini word “Owa” meaning *home*, the OWA Center will be a beacon of opportunity—addressing generational poverty by empowering young people through education, entrepreneurship, mental wellness, and career development.

The new, state-of-the-art facility will include:

- A **large indoor sports hall** with a full-size basketball court and year-round athletics programs.
- A comprehensive **Wellness Center** offering mental health services, career counseling, and spiritual guidance.
- A dynamic **SMART Hub** for skill-building and short-term contract opportunities with local and international partners.

“This is not just a center — it’s a community hub, a launchpad for dreams, and a safe space for personal growth,” said **Sarah Imuzai**, A2S Career and Guidance Counselor. “OWA will change lives by offering young people the guidance and tools to shape their futures with confidence.”

The center will also house several existing programs that have outgrown their current locations, including the Entrepreneur Empowerment Hub, the Dignified Giving Center, and it will offer expanded storage and office space.

With nearly 80% of Nigerians living on less than \$2/day, OWA will bridge critical gaps in access to work opportunities, job training, athletic development, emotional support, and spiritual mentorship. These offerings will ensure that Nigerian youth are equipped with the agency and skills necessary to pursue a dignified path to success and a life of godly stewardship.

For A2S Scholar **Ifeanyi Ufochukwu**, a business major at Rice University, the center hits close to home:

“A consistent space to train, learn, and grow would have transformed my childhood. OWA will give today’s youth that very chance — a dependable base to chase dreams and give back.”

A2S Founder **Andrew Lovedale** will share further details about the OWA Center—including project timelines and goals—at the organization’s inaugural golf tournament on **May 12, 2025**, at NorthStone Country Club in Huntersville, N.C. Members of the press are invited to attend. To schedule an interview with Andrew Lovedale, please contact **Liz Fetzer** at lizfetzer@a2sfoundation.org.

To learn more or contribute to the \$2.5 million public campaign supporting the OWA Center, visit: <https://a2sfoundation.kindful.com/?campaign=1283008>