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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT MRS. JOSEPHINE ITORO DAN



We have accomplished a great deal:

- Our scholarship program applicant pool reached record-setting numbers.
- We added a new a school to our school adoption program.
- Our last Nto Annang Gala fundraiser was highly successful.

I am so pleased and excited to say, we the Nto Annang Foundation BAWA, have made significant advancements in the lives of our youth in Annangland. In this time of booming technological advances and new inno-

ventions, we need new leaders that are able to compete and strive. We offer our future leaders continued empowerment, inspiration and financial support through our foundation by volunteering our time, talent, ideas and expertise. Promoting education means a great deal to us. Nto Annang has dedicated time and energy to reaching out and extending a hand to our future leaders. Nto Annang BAWA victories would not be possible without the diligent com-

mitment of our talented members and supporters. It is this dedication that makes us unique because **"We Deliver"** and that is something to be proud of. We remain grateful for our existing sponsors and look forward to influencing others to join our mission.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS !!!

THE NTO ANNANG FOUNDATION BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER WILL BE HOLDING OUR 2016 FUNDRAISING DINNER AND CULTURAL GALA. ON JULY 30, 2016, 7:00 PM. AT BETHEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD HALL, 9001 VOLLMERHAUSER ROAD, SAVAGE, MD 20763. COME PREPARED FOR ENTERTAINMENT, FUN, DELICIOUS FOOD AND A CULTURAL EXPLOSION!!



## NTO ANNANG SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The 2015 Awards ceremony was a great success. The scholarship recipients and guests were graciously hosted by Chairman Abom Tony Esu, Proprietor and Chairman of the Esu Center. Guests included parents, friends, and family members who came to witness the award ceremony. Scholarships were awarded to seven students:

**Edsana Emmanuel Ituen** – Forestry, University of Uyo; **Udeme Emmanuel Etuk** – Electrical Electronics, Cross River University of Technology; **Imo Augustine Obot** – Medical Lab Science, University of Nigeria; **Ekeminiba Albert Dickson** – English, Madonna University; **Uduak Gabriel Eto-kudo** – Medicine & Surgery, University of Nigeria; **Godwin Joe Iwang** – Medicine, University of Uyo; and **Ekomobong Mfon Udoh** – Forestry, University of Uyo.

Each student was awarded N 100,000 (about \$600)

Hon. Justice Theresa Obot, who coordinates the program in Nigeria, witnessed the scholarship fund dis-

bursement and presentation of certificates. The special guest of honor was Mrs. Felicia Essien, one of the oldest members of Nto Annang Foundation. Ms. Nnene Janice Essien traveled from the United States to represent the foundation at the event. The special guest of honor and all the parents applauded the foundation for the sacrifice to raise the funds for the scholarship and challenged the awardees to make the best use of the scholarship by being serious in their academic pursuits

All the awardees spoke at the award ceremony and expressed their profound gratitude. They promised to make the best use of the scholarship money and expressed their commitment to giving back to the Annang community, following the example of the foundation members in the USA.



## SCHOOL ADOPTION PROGRAM



*Today a  
reader.  
Tomorrow a  
leader...*

The funds donated by Nto Annang Foundation Baltimore/Washington, DC Chapter play a vital role in purchasing school supplies for the teachers and the students at many schools in Annangland. Children from St. Dominics International School, Wesley Primary School, and Annang Primary School Ikot Obiokon received funding to purchase school supplies.

## FEATURED ANNANG YOUTH: EDIMA ESSIEN

I'm currently a junior at Mount Hebron High School in Ellicott City, Maryland. Inside and outside of school I participate in various activities. I am a member of the National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Student Government Association and Delta Scholars at my school.

My current passion is theatrical performing. At a very young age, I loved to sing, dance and act. Performing gives me a way to express myself. I participate in multiple aspects of the music department at my school, singing in choir and performing in theatre productions.

Recently I performed in *Children of Eden* with the Young Artist of American at the world renown Strathmore Center.

My other accomplishments are being on the honor roll every semester of high school, participating in the Maryland Women's All State Senior Chorus and gaining acceptance to Pace University's pre-college summer program.

My hope in college is to pursue a major in a field I love, whether it's musical theatre, business, or journalism.



The singers and musicians of *Children of Eden*

Photo by Carmelita Watkinson

## ANNANG FOLKLORE: THE SELFISH TORTOISE

Once upon a time, there lived a tortoise. He was handsome, funny and very, very wise. Everyone loved him and wanted to be friends with him but he was very selfish. All the animals that walked the earth knew that he was selfish and avoided him at all cost. The birds and all other flying animals, not knowing of his selfishness, were taken by his charm and loved his company.

Every year, the king of the heavens threw a party in heaven. Of course the party was above the sky and you had to fly to get there. This party was the best party that any animal could wish to attend. Our good friend the tortoise heard about it from the birds and really wanted to go. His friends, the birds, wanted to take the tortoise but he could not fly.

The birds then came up with a plan. They decided to contribute their feathers and make the tortoise two beautiful and strong wings.

"Awesome!" said the tortoise, "I am very grateful." On the day of the party, the birds came down and put the wings on the tortoise and taught him how to fly. The tortoise was very happy and the birds were glad that they

could take their friend along. During their flight, there was laughter and our good friend the tortoise told many jokes and the birds loved his company.

Upon arrival at the heavenly party, the tortoise saw the beautiful layout of food and his selfishness took over. He gathered the birds together and told them that he was changing his name. The birds thought nothing of it and asked him what his new name was. "Everybody!" he said. The birds said "Okay!" The king of heaven arrived and welcomed everyone. He was very happy at the turn out.

It was now time to eat and the king announced: "Arise Everybody eat and be merry!" At this, the tortoise rose up and reminded the birds that his new name was "Everybody". He sat down and devoured the food. When he was completely full and could eat no more he told the birds they could have what was left. The birds were very angry and all decided to take their feathers from the tortoise.

The tortoise was full and satisfied but with no wings. It was time to go home and the only choice left for the tortoise

was to jump all the way down to his house. Unfortunately for him, one of the angry birds had gone to his wife and told her to bring out all the sharp objects, rocks, and everything that could hurt someone "because the tortoise wanted to show off his new flying skills." The message that the tortoise had sent was for the wife to bring out all the mattresses and everything soft so that he can land without hurting. So the tortoise jumped down on to rocks, swords, knives, needles, glass, etc. and broke his shell into many pieces. That is why the tortoise walks so slow and has a shell that looks broken.



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## Letters of Appreciation.....

I am writing this letter to appreciate you for what you have done in our school. I thank you for all the good things you have provided for the school. I am so thankful for the computer system, water system toilet, the library and the books, even the scholarship given to the best pupils of the school which I was included. Please I wish to ask for more scholarship so as to enable me to cover my secondary education. God will bless you in Jesus name. Thank you.  
Victoria Friday James, Basic 6

I am very happy to write this letter to you, sir. I am happy you gave us computer and library, thank you for all you have done for us. Please, sir, I want you to give us a school bus and also build a fence for our school. I thank you for what you have done for our school.  
Yours faithfully,  
Abasiana Aniefiok Ossom, Primary 5

I wish to thank you for the good things you have done in our school. I appreciate you all for the happiness you have given to us. I thank you for the library, water system, toilet, and computer. Please I still have to ask for more favor like fencing of the school, photostat machine, and also borehole for drinking water. Thank you and God bless you all. Thanks.  
Yours faithfully,  
Endurance Effiong Joshua, Basic 6

## WHO WE ARE

Nto (children of) Annang Foundation Baltimore/Washington, DC Chapter is a non-profit organization with the following objectives:

- To Promote Annang Culture
- To Foster unity and understanding among and between Annangs and other heterogeneous ethnic groups or international bodies throughout the world
- To offer educational assistance and medical services to people who need and could benefit from them



- To conduct and/or support scientific, educational, agricultural and environmental research programs that will enhance/promote quality of life of the people through better housing, nutrition, health, literacy etc.

Our members are professional men and women living in the Greater Baltimore/Washington, DC metro area.