



## 2009 AKISAN National Convention Award Recipients Profile spotlight

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**Detroit, Mich. (08.06.09)** - Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria (USA), Inc. will hold its much anticipated 22nd Annual National Convention on **Thursday, August 13 thru Sunday, August 16, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn, Mich., located at 600 Town Center Drive.** The theme of the convention is **"Building a Bridge to Unlimited Socio-Economic Potentials in Akwa Ibom State through Partnership and Collaboration."**

As promised, today we begin spotlighting some of our 2009 Award recipients. Their profiles are exemplary and each of them has differentiated themselves through relentless **Giving, Advocacy, and Volunteerism.** We encourage friends and family of our recipients to register on line at [www.akisan.org](http://www.akisan.org) and attend the 2009 National Convention to support and join us in celebrating and toasting these distinguished Akwaibomites.

Today please meet Humanitarian award recipient, Her Excellency, Ekaete Unoma Akpabio.



Her Excellency, Mrs. Ekaete Unoma Akpabio, has given her time, energy and resources for the poorest and otherwise excluded groups in the state. Her mission is to empower women, alleviate poverty, encourage disillusioned youths and give the disabled a sense of belonging. She established the Family Life Enhancement Initiative, a non-profit organization, to promote the well-being of families. Through this organization she built a four-bedroom flat for a homeless father of six children and a four-room apartment for house a blind man. Through her Prisons Intervention Program, 26 inmates were freed from incarceration while about 200 inmates received useful training. She has also made available a monthly allowance of

N100,000 for the feeding of lepers at the Leprosy Hospital in Ekpene Obom, Etinan. Through her, physically handicapped children in the state have been supported by generous donations of various medical equipment, supplies and computers. Mrs. Ekaete Akpabio has received many honors including Patron, Widows Right Advocacy Network, Grand Patron Anti-child Trafficking Club, Patron Akwa Ibom State Joint Association for Handicapped persons. She is happily married to His Excellency, Governor Godswill Akpabio of Akwa Ibom State, and they are blessed with five lovely children.