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22nd Annual National Convention Announcement
Linda Akon Umoh Foundation

Detroit, Mich. (08-18-09) - Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria (USA), Inc. (AKISAN) wishes to congratulate distinguished Akwaibomites Dr. Edwin E. Ekong, DO and Ms. Linda Akon Umoh on the establishment of the above referenced foundation at the recently concluded 2009 AKISAN convention.

The four-day convention was jam packed with exciting events, cultural exchanges, and opportunities for economic advancement. There was the business partnership expo, a national cultural dance competition, a Town Hall Meeting and Governor's Forum, an African fashion show, a youth leadership forum, a beauty pageant, a free health fair, authentic African cuisine, activities for the kids, and much more.

During the Saturday night fundraising event, Dr. Ekong addressed the floor and expressed appreciation for the enthusiasm, tenacity and accomplishments of Linda Umoh towards enhancing the image of Akwa Ibom State and improving the welfare of Akwa Ibom citizens. "It is not easy to do some of these things, but it's because she has love for her state", he said. He then announced a pledge of \$3,000 to be renewed annually towards a foundation in her name which would support similar projects. Linda's parents, Mr. Linus Umoh and Dr. Frances Umoh pledged an additional \$500 and noted that the work started by Linda was meant to be a catalyst for young Akwaibomites in the Diaspora to learn from and "pick up the mantle to participate in uplifting their state."

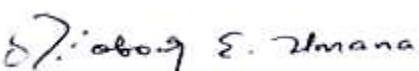
Believed to be the first of its kind, this Foundation will support inventive, viable programs that promote Akwa Ibom State and position it in a favorable international standing. Preference will be given to youth initiatives who will be encouraged to consider use of their talents.

Since then, we've received offers from others who want to contribute. We want to invite others not present at the fundraiser to consider the impact this would have on our broader community. Contributions can be made via contacting Ms. Linda Umoh, 614-378-6560; linda_umoh@yahoo.com or by visiting the Association's website www.AKISAN.org. Please specify that contribution is towards this foundation.

About Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria (USA), Inc.

Akwa Ibom State Association is a 501C (3) non-profit organization. It was founded in 1967 to promote, encourage and foster unity among the citizen of Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria both at home and abroad - To promote economic, educational, cultural, scientific and social progress of Akwa Ibom State within the framework of one Nigeria - To cooperate with and support bona fide Nigerian Associations in the USA and encourage members of the Association to join Nigerian Associations and participate in promoting the interest of Nigeria both at home and abroad - To encourage and support the educational, professional and legitimate business aspirations of all Akwa Ibom State citizens, provided those aspirations are consistent with the best interest of Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria and its citizens.

For more information about the Linda Akon Umoh Foundation, the Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria (USA), Inc., or to make a tax-deductible donation to the Association, please visit the website at www.AKISAN.org.


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