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# THE WOMEN COLLECTIVE

THE PHILANTHROPIC JOURNEY OF BANWO FOUNDATION, INC





Quote From Our President

"LENDING A
HAND IN FINE,
BUT TEACHING
A LIFE SKILL
WILL LAST A
LONG TIME."

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## **BF, Inc. Goes To Nigeria**

#### WRITTEN BY STAFF

The focus on the state of women has taken a positive shift globally with women championing causes and leading the charge in various sectors. Those female voices that are lost in translation as those young girls and women that come from socio-economic backgrounds that are underrepresented irregardless of the country or part of the world.

Banwo Foundation's mission was jump started in March this year when the Founder & President Tinu Peña, with the support of local community leaders and businesses in Palm Beach County sponsored the supply donation drive to Wesley Girls Secondary School.

Wesley Girls Secondary School was founded in 1989 and has since been divided into a Junior and Senior Secondary School. Both schools combined, serves over a thousand plus low-income female students.

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#### **BF, Inc. Goes To Nigeria Continues**

Ms. Peña was able to meet with both Principals. The state of education in Lagos, Nigeria was discussed highlighting the dire plight educators face in providing the much needed STEM-based curriculum to the female youth in the state.

Very noticeable was the lack of science and technology equipments, apparatuses and supplies. The school did not have a infirmary nor medical staff. The Principals, teachers and parents (that are primarily low-income) are using creative ways to hire teachers to teach classes where the state has failed to make provision using a crowdfunding-like mechanisms to raise money for the teachers salary.

The state of female education is on a decline in this 21st century technological economy where STEAM is much need. The school currently has 18 computers with only 4 functioning which was donated by an Non-governmental organization.

The challenges faced by Lagos state and the nation is very dire to the economic future of the nation. The need to revamp and support an education system that is tailored towards the indigenous people much needed. There is much work to be done and BFI will be working together with the Wesley Old Girls Association in raising funds for the infirmary this cycle.

#### 2nd Authors Showcase - PBC

The 2nd Authors Showcase is just around the corner. This May 26th at CreativeDept 413 24th Street, West Palm Beach, in Northwood Village, Our local female authors will be stepping onto the stage to share the journeys on becoming published authors and read a specially selected section from their books.

Join us for an eclectic, coffee house-style event with our inspiring authors. Get your tickets today. Use discount code "RISE" to get \$5 off your ticket. For more information, visit www.banwofoundation.org

## **Upcoming Events**

# 3rd Authors Showcase Palm Beach County

August 25th 2019 1pm - 4pm CreaptiveDept - Northwood Village 413 24th St, West Palm Beach, FL 33407, USA

## Inaugural Phoenix Brunch Award

Nov 24, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Location is TBD

Sponsorship Opportunities Available
Contact Sheron Rose at
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## **Online Community Giving**

The work we are doing is very important in building a "womanunity" for future leaders. Your support will go a long way in fulfilling that mission. Support today by donating, visit www.banwofoundation.org