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# GODWIN MADUKA, MD. Pharm D.

Triple Professorships in Medical Sciences Founder/ Medical Director, Las Vegas Pain Institute & Medical Centers. Founder / Chief of Staff, Spring Valley Surgery Centers

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To contribute to the growth of medical sciences in Nigeria, he built the tallest research center, a 17 s t o r e y all glass magnificent edifice that is regarded as the largest research center in Africa. He continues to be the epitome of black and African pride in the United States.

# Welcome to AfrikFest Las Vegas

Dear honorees & guests,

We welcome you to this wonderful experience, which celebrates African excellence through its amazing traditions, arts and culture.

**Afrikfest** is our passionate effort at filling a vacuum in our immediate community; Las Vegas -Nevada and the US. Africa is the continent of the future and symbols of its awesome and resilient people continue to impact the world. Africa's remarkable fashion and beauty, as vividly epitomized in the global record breaking movie *"Black Panther"* and its wonderful traditions and cultures, have helped Africans remain grounded in terms of family, communal living and nation building, no matter where they find themselves in the world. Today many Africans contribute a lot to building their adopted home - USA.

This experience is what we are sharing with our neighbors of all hues in Las Vegas, Nevada and the US, so we can understand each other better. This also lets our African American & Caribbeans brothers and sisters know more about the glorious pride of their African ancestry.

This way we lay foundations for fruitful and unifying collaborations, for growth in the community, business, tourism and other socioeconomic integrations.

We thank the Governor of Nevada State, Brian Sandoval, Mayor of Las Vegas, Carolyn Goodman, Mayor of North Las Vegas John Jay Lee, for their incredible support.

We welcome and thank His Excellency Sen. Dr. Ifeanyi Okowa, Executive Governor of Delta State Nigeria, for his awesome support. We also welcome His Excellency Arc. Darius Dickson Ishaku, Executive Governor of Taraba State Nigeria and other special guests.

We sincerely hope this is the beginning of fruitful bilateral engagements between the State of Nevada and Africa. Thank you.

- Chris and Favor



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## Office of the Governor

### **GREETINGS FROM THE GOVERNOR**

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As Governor of the great State of Nevada, I am proud to welcome you to the inaugural African arts and culture festival, AfrikFest Las Vegas. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our community to learn and share in this vibrant culture and I offer my thanks to all who have worked to coordinate this festival.

During this event, participants will celebrate with music, dance, folktales and performances. Thank you to all of the performers who have dedicated their time to sharing their talents with our residents and visitors. This event celebrates the shared culture and heritage of the African community and provides an opportunity to spread awareness and increase understanding. We all benefit from the opportunity to share in this celebration, and I hope you enjoy this experience.

Again, welcome to this celebration and I hope you enjoy the many events in this showcase. I wish you all the best for your future endeavors.

Sincere/regards, V SANDO Governor



CAROLYN G. GOODMAN



From the Office of Mayor Carolyn G. Goodman

#### AFRIKFEST LAS VEGAS LAS VEGAS, NEVADA May 19, 2018

Dear distinguished attendees:

As Mayor, I am pleased to welcome you to America's most dynamic, entertaining, and intriguing city for Afrikfest Las Vegasi Thank you for coming to our community. I am convinced that once you get a taste of what our city has to offer, you will never want to leave. Las Vegas continues to capture the world's imagination as the city where anything is possible. With world-class hotels, award-winning restaurants, kuxurous spas, fantastic shopping, the finest golf courses, and spectacular entertainment, Las Vegas remains one of the most electrifying destinations in the world.

Afrikfest Las Vegas will celebrate the shared culture and heritage of the African community with price and passion. Additionally, this event aims to promote cohesion and integration of the peoples of Africa in Las Vegas. It is most wonderful to have you here for this special and important occasion. I especially want to acknowledge all the dignitaries that have traveled from afar to be here with us today.

I look forward to seeing you around town. Please accept my best wishes for Afrikfest Las Vegas. I know you will have a fabulous time enjoying our great city and everything it has to offer. Now what are you waiting for? The party has already started! Welcome.

Sincerely.

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Carolyn G. Goodman Mayor, City of Las Vegas

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r. Arthur Ifeanyi Okowa (born 8 July 1959) is the incumbent Governor of Delta State, Nigeria. He was inaugurated as Governor on 29 May 2015. Before his Governorship, he was elected Senator for Delta North, Nigeria, in April 2011. He ran on the People's Democratic Party (PDP) platform. He is an Ika from Owa-Alero in Delta State, Nigeria.

Dr. Okowa attended Edo College, Benin City (1970–1976), University of Ibadan Nigeria where he studied Medicine and Surgery, graduating in 1981 with a MBBS degree. After completing his National Youth Service, he worked with the Bendel State Hospitals Management Board as a Medical Officer. He went into private practice as Medical Director, Victory Medical Centre, Igbanke in 1986. Okowa became Secretary to the Ika Local Government and then Chairman of the Ika North-East Local Government Council (1991–1993). He was Delta North Coordinator of the Grassroots Democratic Movement (GDM). He joined the PDP in 1998. He served as a Commissioner in the Delta State government for Agriculture and Natural Resources (July 1999 – April 2001), Water Resources Development (April 2001 - May 2003) and Health (September 2003 – October 2006).

In June 2007, Ifeanyi was appointed Secretary to the Delta state Government. He won the Delta State Gubernatorial elections

# DR. ARTHUR IFEANYI OKOWA

Executive Governor, Delta State, Nigeria

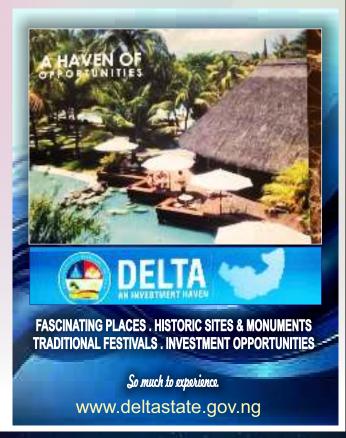
#### SPECIAL HONOR FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

in April 2015.

In less than three years in office as the governor of Delta state, Dr. Okowa has completed numerous projects in every sector, from Health to Education, Agriculture to Trade and Investments. His emphasis on the growth of Tourism in Delta state has seen his government continue to look

for opportunities to develop the sector in partnership with global investors.

Sen. Dr. Ifeanyi Okowa is happily married to his amiable wife, Dame Edith Okowa for 32 years and they are blessed with lovely children.



# ARC. DARIUS DICKSON ISHAKU

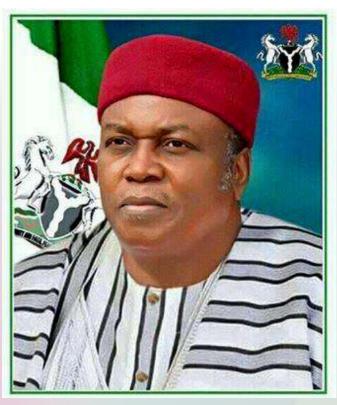
Executive Governor Taraba State, Nigeria

#### SPECIAL HONOR FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN TARABA STATE

rc. Darius Dickson Ishaku was born 30th of July 1954. He is currently the Executive Governor, Taraba State Nigeria

Darius Dickson is a Nigerian architect, urban planner, former university lecturer and political figure. He is a member of the People's Democratic Party. Ishaku was previously the Minister of State for Niger Delta Affairs before he resigned to contest in the 2015 gubernatorial election.

He attended St. Paul's College Kufena, Zaria, for his high school education. He obtained his Bachelor's of Science Degree in Architecture in 1977 from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria. In 1979, he bagged the Master's of Science Degree in Architecture with distinction. By the time Darius completed his Masters Degree in Architecture, he had travelled to many parts of the world specifically to see different



architectural Landscapes, well planned and organised towns, cities and country-sides. In 1982, he was admitted as a Registered Member of the NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, and became a fellow of the institute (FNIA) in June, 2001. As a young Architect, he worked with Inter Design Partnership in 1980, however he left to work with Bestarc International Association where he rose to the position of Director in 1983.He later became the Managing Director of

Excelare Partners He emerged the Executive Governor of Taraba State after a re-run election in 2015.

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#### COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE WEEKLY

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION AS LVCVA CHAIRMAN & PROMOTING LAS VEGAS AS A PREMIER DESTINATION

ommissioner Lawrence Weekly is the first African American to chair the Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority. He also sits as chairman of the Board of Trustees for University Medical Center Southern Nevada, the Clark



County Liquor & Gaming Licensing Board and the Local Law Enforcement Advisory Board that awards nearly \$1 million to valley wide programs dedicated to improving the quality of life for families in Clark County.

Additionally, the commissioner is a member of the Family and Juvenile Justice Services Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board, Southern Nevada District Board of Health, Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition, and the Springs Preserve Board of Trustees for the Southern Nevada Water Authority. Commissioner Weekly was appointed to the County Commission in 2007 by former Gov. Jim Gibbons and was reelected to two additional terms. Prior to becoming a commissioner, Weekly served seven years as the Las Vegas City Councilman for Ward 5.

Commissioner Weekly is a native Nevadan and graduate of He earned a bachelor's in Communication. from Grambling State University He holds a master's in Public Administration from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and teaches public policy at UNLV and Nevada State College. He is a strong advocate for foster care, education and business development. He hosts numerous events annually for children in the Clark County Foster Care system. He also is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and is a founder of the Las Vegas Kappa Alpha Psi Leadership League for aspiring young black men in high school and a founder of Camp Brotherhood which affords inner-city youth an opportunity to attend camp at Mt. Charleston each year at the close of the academic year. Weekly and his wife, Kim, have two children, Malik and Kenya.



#### HIGH CHIEF (DR.)RAYMOND ALEOGHO ANTHONY DOKPESI

Chairman, Africa Independent Television Nigeria

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

Raymond Anthony Aleogho Dokpesi is a Nigerian media businessman . He entered the Nigerian mass media industry with his company DAAR Communications and set-up the Nigerian TV network Africa Independent Television (AIT). He was the organising committee chairman of the People's Democratic Party national conference in 2015. He started his undergraduate studies at the University of Benin Edo State, Nigeria and completed his studies in University of Gdansk, Poland where he earned his Doctorate degree in Marine Engineering.

The first private television network in Nigeria, Africa Independent Television (AIT) was pioneered by Dokpesi, and it was also Africa's first satellite Television station. Today Dokpesi is regarded as the media guru of Nigeria. Some also refer to him as the *Ted Turner* of Nigeria. Dokpesi not only pioneered the first satellite TV but also the first privately owned radio station in Nigeria.



#### DR. NEVILLE CAMPBELL SPECIAL HONOR FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN HEALTHCARE COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Halling from the island of Jamaica, Dr. Campbell was originaly an information Tachnology guy, living the dream in New. York City, He was quite successful in his career, allording him the ability to financially support family 'back home' while also maintaining a very cushy kiestyle in NYC which is no small feat.

But there was this "voice" as he calls it, whispering "medcine". I later discovered that this whispering same from the close-knit connection with his mother and some of the chakenges she experienced. We shall travel that road later

After 7 years in IT, Campbel decided to finally listen to the hankering of the medicine calling, and set out to complete his undergraduate degree to open the door to attend medical school. Dr. Campbel says "I've aways been out to reinmedical school. Dr. Campbell says "I've always been out to rement myself". And a reinvention this most certainly was.

Well Dr. Campoell's transition transpired in the most fascinating way; taking a mind-blowing 24 credits in 1 semester (which by the way he had to convince the Dean to agree to), but Campbel was betermined to finish rapidly and effectively. Here is the losson: unless we can take on the task being fully present, focused, and diligent, it's cest to refocus our energy until we are in a costion to complete our tasks with total sufficiency. Speed and success are an equation only when one is thorough in his approach!

When allowed the chance, Campbell not only achieved his goal out excelled.

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# **DR. BENJAMIN CHAVIS**

r. Benjamin Chavis, President, and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, who was once an assistant to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., rose to the international stage at just 24 years old, as the leader of the Wilmington, Tennessee activist group who were falsely imprisoned and freed after a federal appeals court overturned their convictions.

Dr. Chavis has achieved principal leadership roles within the NAACP, the National African American Leadership Summit, the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network, and the Education Online Services Corporation, and several others

# PASTOR SOLOMON & MRS. CAROLYN UGBODU

#### ANSLEM OPARAUGO, MD, MPH GOOD CHOICE PEDIATRICS, LAS VEGAS

SPECIAL HONOR FOR SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE IN THE NIGERIAN COMMUNITY

Pastor Solomon Ugbodu is the General Overseer of Christ Ambassadors Church, which has been in the forefront in giving solace to thousands in Las Vegas by ministering to them about the unconditional love of God.



SPECIAL HONORS FOR OUTSTANDING ADVOCACY TO THE HOMELESS

#### Together with his wife

Carolyn, who directs the affairs of Ambassadors Behavioral Health Services, a charity organization, the wonderful couple has helped rehabilitate hundreds of homeless, jobless and emotionally disturbed individuals in North Las Vegas.

Many continue to benefit from their selfless services which has the foundation in the words of God, for us to be our brothers' and sisters' keepers. Practicing at Good Choice Pediatrics, he is



honored to be the pediatrician of choice for many families in the greater Las Vegas area.

Working with children is a calling, and one that Dr. Oparaugo finds deeply rewarding. He views his role as a partnership with parents, helping them make the very best choices for their child's health and wellness.

Dr. Oparaugo's medical experience began with his undergraduate training at the University of Ibadan College of Medicine in Nigeria. He completed an internship at Jos University Teaching Hospital, also in Nigeria. Once in the United States, Dr. Oparaugo further refined his skills with a pediatric residency and a fellowship in pediatric infectious diseases. He also earned a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Las Vegas.

At Good Choice Pediatrics, Dr. Oparaugo leads a team of caring and compassionate support staff.

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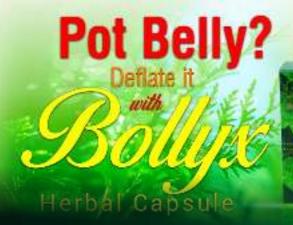
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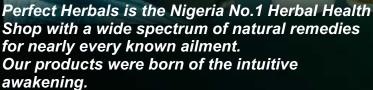


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## **KEN EVANS**

President, Urban Chamber of Commerce, Las Vegas

#### RECOGNITION FOR ADVOCATING THE BLACK COMMERCE AGENDA

en Evans has more than 25 years of design, construction management, project management, managerial and leadership experience in the engineering and construction industry and as an Air Force Officer. He is a 1985 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He also has a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA). Evans served on both active duty and in the Air Force Reserve. He is a retired Lieutenant Colonel. Evans was recognized as the top Reserve Air



Force engineering officer and received the 2010 Air Force Civil Engineering Officer Manager of the Year award for the Air Reserve Component.

Evans has been a small business owner in several different business ventures since 2001. His leadership, business and entrepreneurial background contributed to his selection in September 2013 as the President for the Urban Chamber of Commerce. Since joining the Chamber, he has been instrumental in leading the effort to forge strategic alliances, create new partnerships, boost Chamber membership, and ultimately, better position Chamber businesses to pursue procurement opportunities in new, emerging and existing markets.



arning a football scholarship and a BS in Public Relations & Broadcasting notwithstanding, Mr. Brooks chose to move into healthcare and established a number

# **DEVIN BROOKS**

CEO Brooks Behavioral Health Center, Brooks Family Clinic & GROW

#### RECOGNITION FOR INNER-CITY YOUTH ADVOCACY

of healthcare-related businesses. He currently serves as CEO for Brooks Behavioral Health Center, Brooks Family Clinic & GROW, as well as being an active member of the healthcare coalition he founded to lobby for under served communities. In 2013, Mr. Brooks was the recipient of the NAACP Rising Star Award and has been featured in articles by the Review Journal, View News, Urban Voice, Vegas Inc., Seven and the Answer Newspaper.

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# MRS. SEINYE O.B. LULU - BRIGGS

Executive Vice Chairman Moni Pulo Ltd. Nigeria

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

rs. Seinye O.B. Lulu-Briggs, an astute and multi-faceted entrepreneur, is the Executive Vice Chairman of Moni Pulo Limited, an indigenous exploration and production company.

She is responsible for steering the overall strategic, operational and financial affairs of the company. Mrs. Seinye O.B. Lulu-Briggs is also an ardent social entrepreneur.

A sought after speaker at national and regional conferences on social welfare, entrepreneurship and pressing national issues like utilities and infrastructure provision, Mrs. Seinye O.B. Lulu-Briggs has been identified and recognized as one of the top 20 women of influence in Africa. She serves on the board of many reputable companies.

Mrs. Seinye O. B. Lulu-Briggs also serves as Chief Executive Officer of Rachael Hotels Limited. Mrs. Lulu-Briggs is a seasoned administrator and astute businesswoman.

# HON. OMOREGIE OGBEIDE-IHAMA

Chairman, Nigeria House of Representatives Committee on Culture & Tourism

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

he member representing Oredo Federal Constituency of Edo State in the Nigerian House of Representatives and Chairman House Committee on Culture and Tourism, Hon. Engr Omoregie Ogbeide-Ihama recently bagged a Masters of Business Administration degree from the London Graduate School and Doctorate degree in Public Administration from the Commonwealth University.

Apart from providing the people of his constituency empowerment in areas of skills acquisition for women and youths, Dr. Ogbeide-Ihama has also brought about massive improvement in the culture and tourism industry in Nigeria, by sponsoring a number of bills on the floor of the House of Reps to boost the industry.

He got his first degree from the University of Benin and was elected into the Nigerian National Assembly in 2015. He is married and blessed with children.



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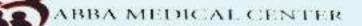
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## CHIEF MRS FOLASHADE TINUBU-OJO (The Iyaloja General of Nigeria)

s the head of market men and women in Nigeria, a position that was occupied in the past by her Grandmother, the lyaloja followed the footsteps of her whom she studied very closely while the late Alhaja Abibatu Mogaji was President-General of the Association of Nigerian Market Women the young lialoja was able to understand the workings, the language of the market people despite her high educational background, she would go to some events and ceremonies to represent the late lyaloja, and as a matter of fact, she was more or less the Personal Assistant to her grandmother, as such, "stepping into her shoes was only natural for the legacy of the old lyaloja to be maintained", she was quoted to have said in an interview.

She devotes most of her time to charitable activities, providing food items, clothing and other relief material to different internally displaced persons` camps across the country. She also has hundreds of less privileged children on her scholarship scheme.

Chief Mrs Folashade Tinubu-Ojo is married with a child.



#### HON. NKEM ABONTA SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

Born in 1962, Hon. Nkem Abonta Uzoma is a Member of the Nigerian House of Representatives, representing Ukwa West/Ukwa East Federal Constituency of Abia State.

Hon Abonta is a graduate of Law from the prestigious University of Jos and obtained his masters in Law from the same University in 1992.

Before being elected into the Federal House of Representative, Hon Nkem was first a councilor and later a member of the Abia state House of Assembly.

He is the chairman, House committee on public petitions, His legislative area of interest borders on, Agriculture, Capital Market, Trade and Investment

He has brought so much joy and smiles to his constituents through the various projects and aids he has brought to them,

Hon Uzoma is married with childrem



# CHIEF HON. **JOE EDIONWELE**

hief Hon. Joe Edionwele was born to the family of Edionwele of Idunmun-Olgo of Iruekpen, Esan West LGA of Edo state. He is a Chartered Accountant (ICAN). He was elected as the Executive Chairman of Esan West Local Government Council, Ekpoma (1999-2001).

A year later, he was appointed 2nd member at Local Government Service Commission Edo State. Upon completion of his tenure, he was appointed Secretary South-South geo-political zone. Before now, he was equally a member of National Orthopedic Hospital Enugu, Nigeria. . He was equally Editor-chief, TORCH MAGAZINE at a time. He is a quadruple Chief: Being a chief in four (4) kingdoms. He is happily married with children.

A great philanthropist whose major interest is bringing socur to people with disabilities, providing them with wheelchairs, providing free eves treatment, etc.

He is the present PDP candidate for House of Representatives to represent Esan West/Esan Central/Iqueben Fed Constituency.

## **VARNEY FOFANA** CHAIRMAN / CEO,

**FOFANA AFRICAN CARIBBEAN & ASIA IMPORTS LAS VEGAS** 

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#### DR. EVARISTA NNADI, MD President Nigerian Association Las Vegas

#### RECOGNITION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

r. Evarista Nnadi is an exceptional Psychiatrist with vast experience in the medical field.

She is the first female president of the Nigerian Association Las Vegas, the sociocultural organization that continues to promote the image of Nigeria in Southern Nevada.

Her first tenure was colored with an impressive, commitment to building a strong and profitable Nigerian community, thus leading to another twoyear term. She has, along with her executives engineered greater awareness of the remarkable country - Nigeria and its dynamic people through cultural and socioeconomic activities. Dr. Evarista Nnadi also runs a charity organization that seeks to improve education.

# MICHELLE JACKSON

Executive Director Women in Transition Re-entry Project Inc

RECOGNITION FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS



ichelle Jackson, the Executive Director of Women in Transition Re-entry Project Inc . Las Vegas Nevada.

Michelle's organization is a community based effort to help bring solutions to homelessness, poverty, and mental health in Las Vegas by providing services that lead to self sufficiency. She has taken a fast track approach to cutting down the problems of recidivism for the mildly mentally ill and those in need of services. The mother of 8, grandmother of 7, and wife of 18 years, has employed over 200 African-Americans and helped dozens of men and women start their own prosperous business.

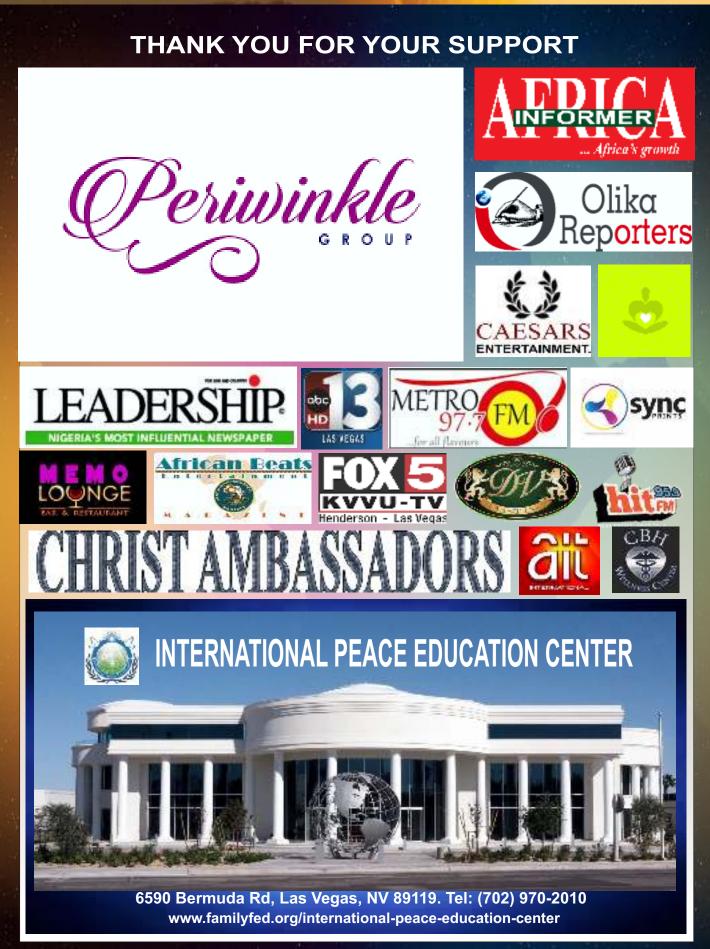
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