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VIN Club's 10K Walk Fundraiser for RACET on Saturday September 7th

RACET is grateful to have been chosen by VIN Club (*vires in numeris*), a professional and social club based in Essex, to be its designated Charity for 2019.

Join the RACET-VIN Club team and come along on a 10K walk starting in West London and ending at Trafalgar Square! Ask your friends and family to sponsor you to help end rural poverty in Nigeria through education.

Alternatively you can support the campaign by making a donation at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/vin-club-4-racet

If you fancy a night out, **VIN Club is also hosting a Charity Ball on behalf of RACET on Saturday October 26th**. Classic Nigerian food and great dancing will feature prominently, so dust off the dinner jacket and long dress and put on your dancing shoes.

For further information about both events, contact secretary@racet.org

See you there!

Visit the RACET website at

www.racet.org

and share your thoughts with us at secretary@racet.org

For information about donations and other queries by phone, contact Mary Ann Perasso on 01959 522337

RACET sees Improved Exam Results in Senior Secondary School Students



Ayo Gbadebo, RACET's Head of Operations (centre), organises the distribution of solar lanterns, notebooks and pens to RACET students at the Mfuma Secondary School as one small step on the path to better academic results

RACET's mandate over the past eleven years has been to financially assist young people with their secondary school education so they gain the skills and potential to provide them with a route out of rural poverty.

Initially this was geared towards what the children needed in order to attend school. However, it soon became apparent that more was required to really make a difference for these young people and ensure they possessed the skills necessary in the 21st century.

To this end, RACET built the Sir Brandon Gough Learning Centre which houses a computer suite and library. It is equipped with computers and laptops which provide an essential opportunity for rural students to become familiar with the use of computers and gain access to a wide range of digital learning courses.

Children are taught how to use the computers, make the best use of the learning resources available and sit computer-based tests to assess their progress. In addition, gifted students are offered full scholarships and receive after-school tutoring in the sciences, all paid for by RACET, to give them a better chance at passing their final GCSE equivalent examinations.

As a result, the number of students who pass their secondary leaving examinations (WAEC) and university entrance examinations (JAMB) are now at a record high.

Record Number of RACET Students Score High Marks on University Entrance Exams

RACET's efforts to improve opportunities for secondary school students has led to a significant increase in the number of students gaining admission to university. This year RACET provided full scholarships to seven students at two universities in Cross River State. A further 13 students recently obtained scores high enough to gain admission to university in the new academic year starting October 2019. Those who are strong in the sciences are encouraged to pursue university degrees in the Medical Technology fields to give them highly employable skills.

Although these are excellent results, more funds are needed if these students are to have a chance of reaching their potential professionally and personally. Please consider helping a university student by becoming a RACET donor. It is a direct means of contributing to social and economic development in Nigeria: not only are these young people able to break out from generations of rural poverty, but their professional skills will enable them to improve the quality of life for many others in Nigeria.



Lucia is now in her first year of university studying Radiology. Previously she was a RACET student at Community Secondary School of Ntrigom.

Upgrading School Toilet Facilities



Mfuma: Before there were only makeshift screens for nearly 400 boys, girls and staff



Mfuma: The finished toilet block containing three Enviro Loos

RACET wishes to heartily thank Andrew La Trobe of Sevenoaks for the donation of seven Enviro Loo sustainable permanent toilet units for use at the secondary schools in Mfuma and Ntrigom. In addition, Andrew spearheaded a campaign to raise funds for their installation as well. We also wish to thank members of the Parish of St. Thomas of Canterbury for their support in this endeavour and especially Fr. David Gibbons for the donation received from the One World Fund towards this project.

There is no doubt that these safe toilet areas are much needed to provide a bit of dignity and protect students and staff alike from snake bites and other injuries while seeking privacy in the bush. They are also essential to keep older girls in school every day, every month.

The Enviro Loo is an ingenious design which functions without water or chemicals and captures and treats waste through the natural processes of dehydration and evaporation. www.enviro-loo.com