



CHIEF V. N. C.
NWANDU
FOUNDATION



Our Vision:

Offering Hope to the Needy and
Empowering the Vulnerable.



Our Mission:

The V.N.C. Foundation is committed to improving lives and strengthening community by:

- Providing welfare support for the elderly, widows, widowers, and orphans through the **Nwabude Welfare Program**.
- Supporting education through the **Stephen Okobi Scholarship Fund**, offering tuition assistance to students in colleges, universities, and technical schools.
- Promoting self-reliance and economic growth through the **VNC Lifup Program**, which provides entrepreneurship training and apprenticeship opportunities.

Together, we strive to nurture hope, foster dignity, and build a brighter future for all.



Life, Peace and Hope

The logo of the VNC Foundation features an olive branch and the word "Ndu." In our language (Igbo), "Ndu" means "life," symbolizing the belief that where there is life, there is hope. The olive branch represents peace, creating a harmonious balance within the logo. Together, these elements form a full circle, embodying the core values of the foundation: life, peace, and hope.

About VNC Foundation

Purpose:

The purpose of the VNC Foundation is to create a structured approach to giving, honoring the loving memory of our parents and beloved brother. Our mission focuses on extending support to those in greatest need, beginning in our home community in Asaba, embodying the principle that "charity begins at home."

Programs:

- **Nwabude Welfare Program** (Palliative for Elderly, Widows & Widowers, Orphans, etc.)
- **Stephen Okobi Scholarship Fund** (Tuition Support for Selected Students in Colleges, Universities & Technical Schools)
- **VNC Liftup Program** (Entrepreneurship Training/Apprenticeship Programs)



Inspiration:

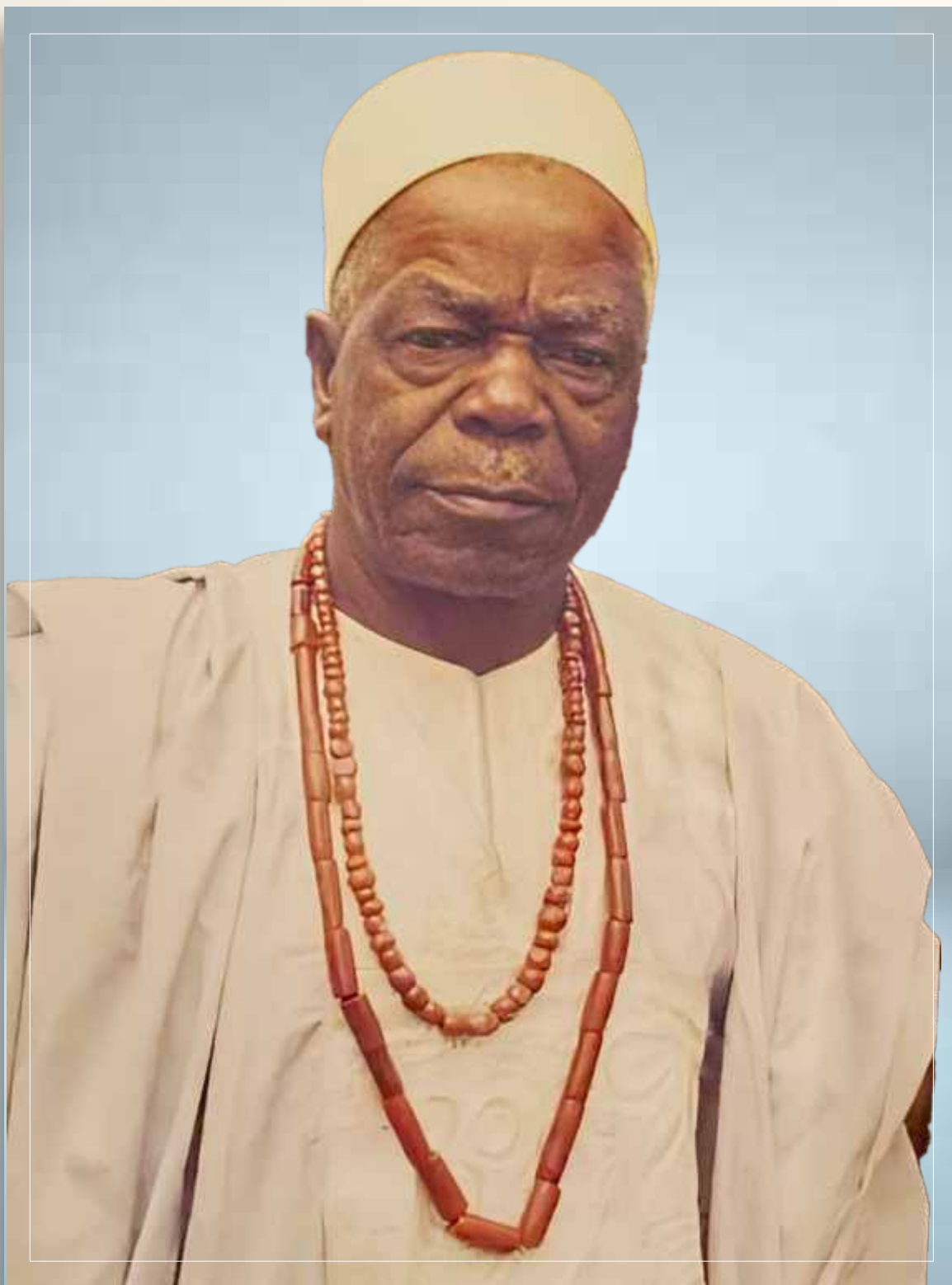
The inspiration behind establishing the VNC Foundation is deeply rooted in our family's legacy of generosity, education, and community service:

- **Papa's Commitment to Education:** As an educator for most of his professional life, Dad placed a high value on education. He not only taught but also made it possible for many young men from our community in Asaba to pursue higher education and secure jobs in the city.
- **Mama's Support for Women:** After retiring and moving back to Asaba from Lagos, Mom devoted herself to championing women's causes and supporting the women in our community, leaving a lasting impact on their lives.
- **Stephen Okobi's Spirit of Giving:** Our brother Stephen was a selfless giver who supported family, friends, and the community. As the first in the family to study abroad, he paved the way for some of his younger siblings to access educational opportunities in the UK and the US. His generosity extended to the wider community, exemplified by his donation of land to ASDEV for their club building in Asaba.

This legacy of empowering others through education, community support, and selfless giving will continue to inspire the mission of the VNC Foundation.

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**Chief Vincent Nwaolisa Charles
NWANDU**



Biography of Chief Vincent Nwaolisa Charles NWANDU

Chief Vincent Nwaolisa Charles Nwandu, affectionately known as Papa, Baba, or VNC by friends and family, was born on December 14, 1914. When his father passed away at a young age, twelve-year-old Vincent took on the role of a father figure for his younger brother, supporting his family under the guidance of their mother, a dedicated trader.

Gifted with remarkable intelligence and academic promise, he pursued his studies with passion and excellence, earning a place at the Teachers' Training College. After completing his degree, he began a career in education, teaching in various colleges and working with the Federal Ministry. In 1960, he traveled to England for further training in education. Upon his return, he taught Mathematics and Business Studies at Yaba College of Technology, where he made a lasting impact until his retirement in 1977.

Education was Papa's lifelong passion. He made great personal sacrifices to ensure that each of his children completed college, and he extended his dedication to the wider Asaba

community, providing financial support and using his influence to help countless young people gain access to higher education. He began studying Law at the University of Lagos, though family commitments prevented him from completing his degree. In recognition of his contributions to education and community, he was honored with the chieftaincy title of "Osuma Afar" of Asaba by the Asagba of Asaba.

Papa was a therapist, counselor, and advisor to many. He was never quick to act, always choosing dialogue and thoughtful reasoning to resolve issues. A man ahead of his time, his home became a safe haven for young people, where they found guidance and understanding. He had a rare gift for connecting with others, effortlessly engaging with people of all backgrounds—regardless of race, age, or religion.

In 1944, he married his wife, Beatrice, with whom he shared a loving partnership for fifty years. Together, they raised eight children and welcomed numerous grandchildren. Chief Vincent Nwandu's legacy lives on through his family and his profound influence on the Asaba community. He passed away in 1994, leaving behind a heritage of dedication, generosity, and an enduring commitment to the power of education.



Mrs. Beatrice Nwabude
NWANDU



Biography of Mrs. Beatrice Nwabude NWANDU

Mrs. Beatrice Nwandu was born in December 1926 to the Okolie family of Umuaji Quarters, Asaba. Although her formal education was limited, she was a remarkably industrious and sharp-minded businesswoman. Beatrice successfully traded a wide variety of goods and played an essential role in helping her husband manage both a prosperous poultry business and an independent oil marketing venture.

A devoted wife and mother, Beatrice dedicated herself wholeheartedly to the well-being of her immediate and extended family. Her home was a haven of warmth and hospitality, where she graciously welcomed relatives and friends alike. At any given time, her household was filled with relatives, often outnumbering her own children, as she readily embraced all who needed a place to stay. Her hospitality was legendary; her husband often brought home guests without prior notice, and Beatrice would generously accommodate everyone with open arms.

She was a steadfast advocate for the

women in her village, who often turned to her for guidance or financial help. She encouraged her children to assist in any way they could, and she generously provided provisions, clothing, and money to the women and their families. Known as a leader in several women's groups, she was affectionately called "Ochiora One," meaning "the Uniter."

A devout Catholic with unshakable faith, she was deeply prayerful and attended daily Mass without fail. Her no-nonsense attitude and frankness earned her the family nickname "Sergeant" back in her family house in Umuaji Quarters. Each morning, on her way to Mass, she would pass through her village, checking in on her elder siblings. For years, she delivered daily meals to one and handled market errands for the other. She was the nurturing heart of her family—a true mother hen to her children and loved ones.

Mrs. Beatrice Nwabude Nwandu's legacy endures through her unwavering love, generosity, and dedication to family and community.



**Stephen Okobi
NWANDU**



Biography of Stephen Okobi NWANDU

Stephen Okobi Nwandu, fondly known as Steve or Okobi, was born in Asaba on March 13, 1947, to Chief V.N.C. and Mrs. Beatrice Nwandu. He was the second son in a family of eight surviving children. Stephen passed away on August 4, 1995, after a long and courageous battle with colon cancer at the age of 48.

From a young age, Stephen was considered a remarkable child. As his mother recounted, he was paralyzed by a mysterious illness at the age of two, leaving him unable to walk or talk. Miraculously, after a few months, he suddenly regained his strength, began to walk and talk, and from that moment, he moved through life with an unstoppable energy, as if he was on a mission. In his younger days, he was involved in the Catholic Church, St Dominics where he served as an Altar boy and mass servant and at some point considered priesthood. As a teenager, he survived the Biafran war and Asaba massacre and bravely dealt with the after effects/ PTSD issues that stemmed from that trauma.

Stephen was known for his extraordinary generosity, always helping anyone who crossed his path. His commitment to family was profound, and he played a significant role in supporting the education of his siblings and relatives. He was a giver to the core.

He attended St. Finbarr's College for high school and went on to study Mechanical Engineering in Switzerland and England. Upon returning to Nigeria, Stephen began his career with the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) before eventually establishing his own company.

Stephen's legacy lives on through his four children—Christoff, Clementina, Elizabeth, and Stephanie—his grandchildren, and his brothers and sisters, all of whom remember him with love and respect.

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