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Annual Report



THE SPECIAL YOUTH
LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION



"Making dreams come true, one child at a time. Every child has the right to dream."

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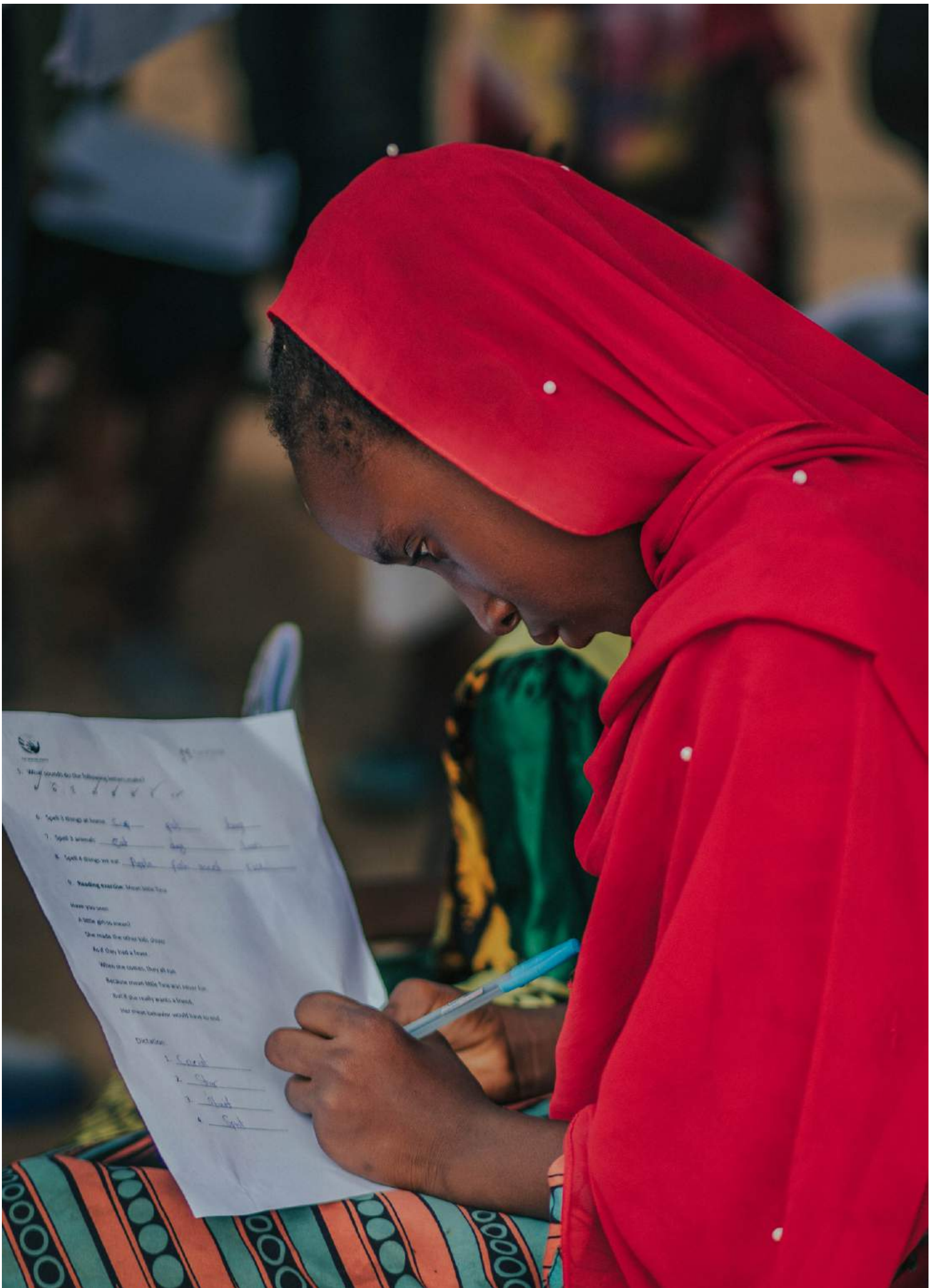
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A Letter From Our Founder



As I reflect upon the past year, I am reminded of how far we have come as an organization in a very short time. The incredible accomplishments and how The Special Foundation has distinguished itself as a unique and formidable brand is remarkable.

We continue to expand our model, innovating and applying data, while serving as leaders in our field with whom others seek to collaborate. Firmly established as an accountable and sustainable school impact organization, we look ahead to what comes next and the future looks bright.

2020 was a time of change and in 2021 we are investing in our greatest asset: The Special Foundation Family; our students, our donors, and our team so that collectively we may advance our mission and serve our community.

Last year, we implemented the Special Literacy Project which reached out to children who had no access to learning due to the COVID-19 lockdown. The project was carried out in low-income communities in Kuje, Abuja. This project touched the lives of over 300 children and provided them with access to literacy and learning. Despite the pandemic, the foundation enrolled 20 new children under the Inspire Scholarship Program and we are now responsible for the continuous sponsorship of over 45 children; 5 of the new children were enrolled in Kazahchat school, 10 of the children are from Roy-Dek Academy, Makoko.

The Special Foundation is still committed to developing future leaders and we are more motivated to ensure that every child has access to quality education, mentorship, and leadership opportunities. We cannot do it without you. With your continued support, we will see a brighter future for all.

With gratitude,
Seyi Akinwale

Year In Review



Special Literacy Program

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, schools were closed all over the country. The Literacy Project was implemented for children who had no access to learning due to the COVID-19 lockdown. The first phase of the project started June 22, 2020, and ended July 17, 2020; The second phase started August 24, 2020, and ended September 4, 2020. Through this program over 300 out-of-school children had access to literacy and learning. The objectives of the program were to build the foundation literacy skills of pupils - based on their levels, Nurture self-leadership towards life-long learning and Stimulate a love for reading in children.



Inspire Scholarship Program

The Foundation enrolled 20 new children under the Inspire Scholarship Program. 5 of them were enrolled in Kazahchat school, 10 of them are from Roy-Dek Academy, Makoko. We have a total of 50 children under the Inspire Scholarship, 13 of these children are being sponsored by our partners. Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, schools were closed but resumed back in September; Kazachat School one of the foundation's partner school was able to make plans for online school services; One of our Partner- Mission school that has 5 beneficiaries of the Inspire Scholarship Program had to be closed down due to Boko haram crisis in the region. The children and missionaries had to leave the school and community due to a gathered intelligence about security. The Foundation is in discussions with the school of the blind in Gbagada to adopt children from the school into the Inspire Scholarship Program.



Special Recognition

The Foundation got selected by Google as one of its project partners.

We were given the grant to promote the activities of the foundation through Google ads.

The Foundation also got recognized by AREAi Programs for our activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Partnership Co-operation for Development

At the Special Foundation, we believe that developing partnerships and mutually beneficial alliances is a sure way to ensure optimal impact.

The Foundation partnered with P2P Nigeria, a UK-based charity organization with a passionate commitment to transforming the lives of disadvantaged young people in Nigeria. The Foundation has adopted one of the children from the center into our Inspire Scholarship Program.

The Foundation is currently in talks with Team Kwanda (Kwanda.co), an organization based in London that will like to partner with us on our next projects. A group based in Columbia- Evolved Teaching Centennials had a podcast with the Foundation to discuss its impact in the education sector in Nigeria and share learning. The podcast will be aired in Q1 2021.

To spread love during the Christmas holidays, The Foundation partnered with Roy-Dek Academy Makoko and Flames Initiatives during their end of the year Christmas party. 10 children from Roy-Dek Academy were awarded scholarship opportunities while 63 children were impacted at the Flames initiatives party.

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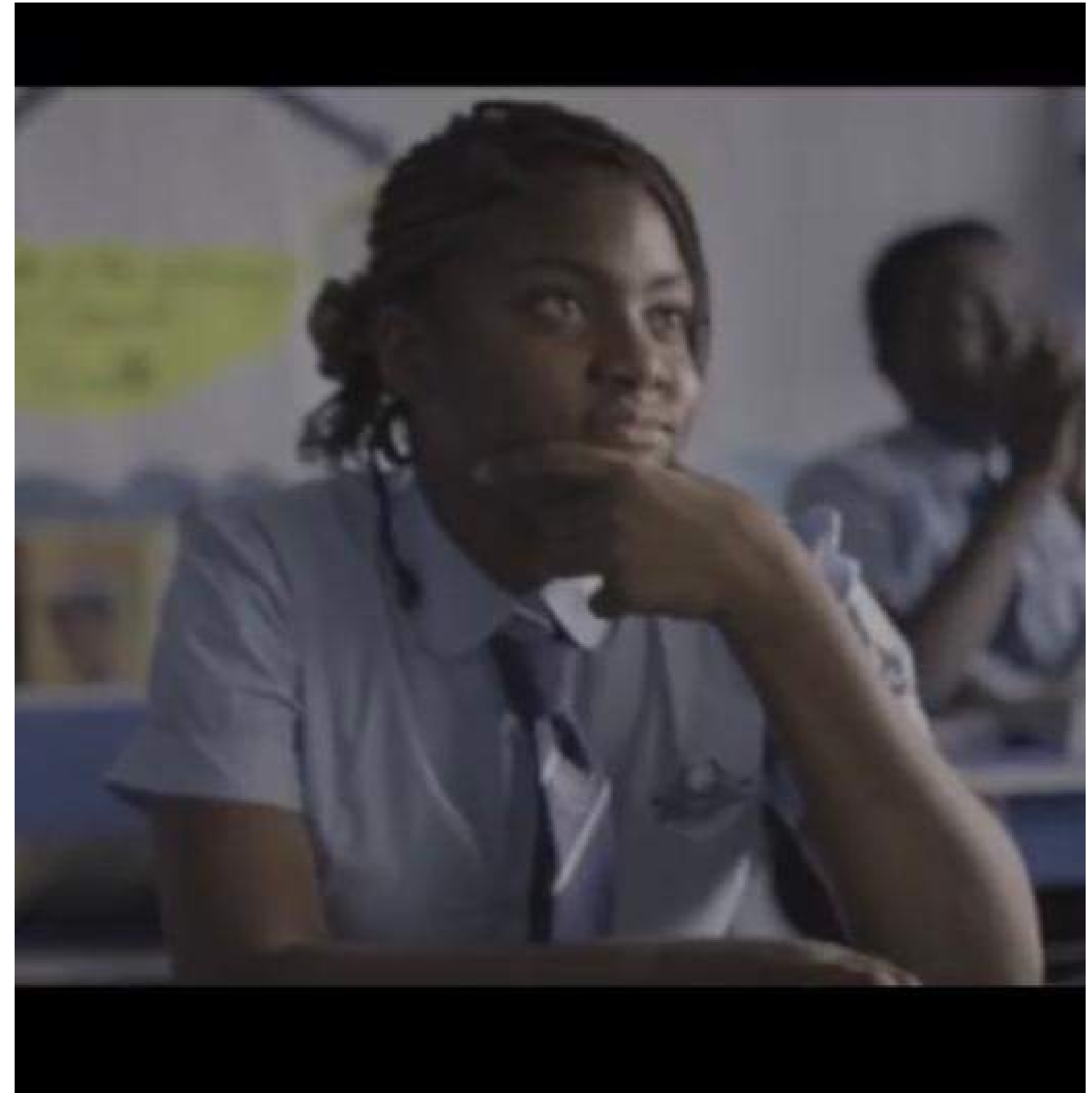
Inspire Scholarship Beneficiary Spotlight

Favour Patrick, the first beneficiary of the Inspire Scholarship program graduated from Secondary School in 2020. Favour passed both her WAEC and NECO exams.

Favour dream is to become a professional actress and she will be going to the university to further her education.

For more details on Favour's story please watch the link below:

<https://youtu.be/IFBk3YE8pm0>



"We believe every child should have access
to quality education.

The Special Foundation is committed to
impacting the lives of children in Africa by
empowering them through education,
mentorship, and leadership
opportunities."

INSPIRE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This program provides scholarships to orphans and vulnerable children for their primary and secondary education. The scholarship covers tuition fees, books, stationery, and school uniforms. We currently have 50 students on the Inspire Scholarship Program. The Special Foundation is in partnership with the following schools to train and nurture our scholarship beneficiaries:

- Kazachat Schools, Kuje, Abuja.
- Anthony White Bridge Academy, Mowe, Ogun State.
- World Missionary Fellowship & Seminary School, Ikota, Lagos State.
- Tullar Academy, Kontagora, Niger State,
- Government Day Secondary School, Wuse II, Abuja.
- Divine Mercy Nursery & Primary School, Abuja
- MOSCEC Glorious Haven School, Ajah, Lagos.
- Roy-Dek Academy Makoko, Yaba, Lagos

Impact - 50 Children



SPECIAL LITERACY PROJECT

The Special Youth Leadership Foundation in line with its objectives of promoting basic education in Nigeria implemented a literacy program for children who have no access to learning due to the COVID-19 lockdown. The intervention tagged The Special Foundation Literacy Project adopted an EdTech solution, specifically suited for remote learning - Mavis Talking Books™. It is an audio-visual, offline solution with foundational literacy content, to enable continuous remote learning suitable for children who are not in school, who have dropped out of school for various reasons, or who are affected by long-term school closure. The user simply turns on the Talking Pen and taps on pages of the book to hear the lessons and do exercises in a fun and engaging manner. The Special Foundation Literacy Project was implemented in the Kuchiyako community in Kuje, Abuja. The first phase of the project started on June 22, 2020, and ended on July 17, 2020. The second phase started on August 24, 2020, and ended on September 4, 2020. The Literacy Project Increased access to Literacy and learning, it gave pupils who have been out of school for over 3 months the opportunity to learn in a fun way. It supported the creation of awareness on the COVID protocols - including physical distancing and regular washing of hands.

Impact- over 300 Children





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A group of young people, mostly Black, are gathered in a room, clapping their hands. They are wearing white t-shirts with a logo that includes a stylized hand and the text "THE SPECIAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION". The room has a green door in the background and a poster on the wall. The text "IN GRATITUDE" is overlaid in the center.

IN GRATITUDE

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"From The Special Foundation, we're excited
to go BEYOND THE BUILD and create a
lasting impact together."

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