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FOUNDATION

Hope and Opportunities

Maiden Press CONFERENCE On Lupus

VENUE: Envoy Hotel and Suites, Diplomatic Drive,
by American Embassy, Central Area, Abuja

DATE: 16th of Dec., 2021

TIME: 10:00am

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

TIME	ACTIVITY	DURATION
9:00 AM	ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION	30 MINUTES
9:30 AM	ARISE MONALISA FOUNDATION LUPUS DOCUMENTARY	30 MINUTES
10:00 AM	NATIONAL ANTHEM	5 MINUTES
10:05AM	OPENING PRAYER/INTRODUCTION BY MASTER OF CEREMONY	5 MINUTES
10:10AM	WELCOME REMARKS BY CHAIR OF ARISE MONALISA FOUNDATION STEERING COMMITTEE MR. EJIKE ASIEGBU	5 MINUTES
10:15 AM	GOOD WILL MESSAGES	15 MINUTES
10:30 AM	PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE FOUNDATION/CEO OF ARISE MONALISA FOUNDATION MONALISA CHINDA - COKER	30 MINUTES
11:00 AM	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS TO BE COORDINATED BY MR. PATRICK OBI, MEMBER ARISE MONALISA FOUNDATION STEERING COMMITTEE	15 MINUTES
11:15 AM	PHOTO SESSION	10 MINUTES
11:25 AM	MORE GOODWILL MESSAGES	5 MINUTES
11:30 AM	VOTE OF THANKS BY BARR. AHAM NJOKU, MEMBER ARISE MONALISA FOUNDATION STEERING COMMITTEE	5 MINUTES
11:35 AM	CLOSING PRAYERS	5 MINUTES



**Founder,
Arise Monalisa Foundation
Convener**

ARISE MONALISA FOUNDATION AND THE LUPUS CAMPAIGN

Arise Monalisa Foundation is a not-for-profit organization founded by veteran multi award winning actress, TV Show Host and Humanist, Monalisa Chinda-Coker. With the mission to inspire hope, promote creativity and create opportunities, the foundation has over the years, actively worked in association with other well-meaning organizations to provide empowerment initiatives for indigent women, youths and children in Nigeria.

Among the most notable initiatives of the foundation are free surgical interventions provided for indigent patients suffering from fibroids, lipoma and breast lumps in rural Nigeria during periodic medical outreaches carried out in collaboration with the Benjamin Olowojebutu Foundation. It is therefore not surprising that the foundation, which has in the past eight years demonstrated a concern for the health and well-being of Nigerians, has taken an interest in creating awareness and promoting advocacy around Lupus, the chronic autoimmune disease that has claimed the lives of some friends of its founder, Monalisa Chinda. Tagged Arise Against Lupus, the initiative seeks to bring issues pertaining to lupus to the front burner of discourse, drawing inspiration from Jacqueline Achu's ongoing eighteen-year battle with the disease.

These efforts at leading the conversation around Lupus are aimed at inspiring:

- Committed efforts to establish a system for collating data on sufferers.
- Building an extended list of the different symptoms with which Lupus manifests based on the information provided by sufferers.
- Efforts to intensify researches into life-threatening chronic diseases such as Lupus; and
- A long-term goal of establishing a diagnostic center where all the different tests can be run within a fully functioning facility.

**THE TEXT OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE DELIVERED BY MONALISA CHINDA-COKER ,
FOUNDER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ARISE MONALISA FOUNDATION
AT ENVOY HOTEL, DIPLOMATIC DRIVE BY AMERICAN EMBASSY,
CENTRAL AREA ABUJA ON THE 16TH OF DECEMBER, 2021.**

Protocol

It is with the compliments of the Yuletide season that we at the Arise Monalisa Foundation, a registered non-governmental organisation promoting awareness and engaging in advocacy to help people suffering from Lupus welcomes you all to this important Press Conference.

Let me first of all humbly thank God for giving all of us here sound health, not forgetting that good health brings great wealth.

We express our deep appreciation with high regards to our reliable, cherished and candid partners; The Defense Head Quarters, Lucky Irabor, Admiral Awwal Zubaru, Everight Diagnostics, FCT Minister of State and African Women Conference.

Equally, we immensely thank the media for their support so far to The Arise Monalisa Foundation on her mission on societal issues such as Gender based violence; health challenges such as Lupus, autism etc. Everybody here present is very important to the growth of AMF. We are grateful to the values you all have added to our mission. Honestly, it has been a journey filled with concerns, filled with passion, empathy, compassion, tears, pains and sorrow. Those affected would know that they are not alone.

Consequently, in the midst of these, AMF must march on. AMF will not relent. AMF must not be tired. Although we started late this year, (blame it on COVID) during the planning of The World Lupus Day (10th of May) awareness program, we made remarkable inroads through various projects, among which are; World Lupus Day 2021; Walk Against Rape; Courtesy and collaboration visit to The Maman Marshal Foundation; Courtesy and collaboration visit to the CDS and the latest experience in Kigali with The African women Conference.

It is on the note of the forgoing that the AMF's press conference before the end of this year is auspicious. It is to reflect on some of our activities and highlight what we are planning to do further in the coming year. We at the Arise Monalisa Foundation are battle ready.

THE AMF'S ACTION PLAN 2022

The year, 2022 shall be a busy one with loaded action plans towards the suppression and fight against Lupus, and various ways on how it can be managed as it has no cure!

On this note from January to April we shall focus on intensifying our efforts on building viable partnership and collaboration with international and continental organizations, government, MDAs, State Governments across the country, Faith-based organisation like religious bodies, educational institutions, corporate bodies, private entities, telecommunications, who are passionate about this fight against Lupus; various visitations, sensitization and creation of awareness.

By May 2022, the theme for the world Lupus day shall be announced, AMF would have been ready to tell the world of her commitment to Arise in the fight against Lupus, coupled with several events.

The case of Jaqueline Achu is one in so many. Her story prompted the foundation to work on database on Lupus cases. There is an existing community which has grown rapidly from five known cases to about 35. This means the intensification of efforts by AMF is a must. It is on this note that AMF plans to setup mini testing centres across the country. Also AMF intends to make a Documentary on Lupus. This will highlight major interesting activities and events of the foundation; the plights of the sufferers and remedies to their problems.

You can all agree with us that our gathering here today is crucial because the truth is that we are all stakeholders in the task of alleviating and bringing hope to all those suffering from Lupus and other immune related diseases.

On this note we want to sincerely say, “no man is an island.” So, In any given occasion, there will always be people who have exerted so much effort for its success. An event cannot be successful without people who devote their time and resources just to make sure everything is perfect. At the same time, people who attend and gather for the event are still very much a big part of its success. Let’s make this happen!

Thank you all for coming

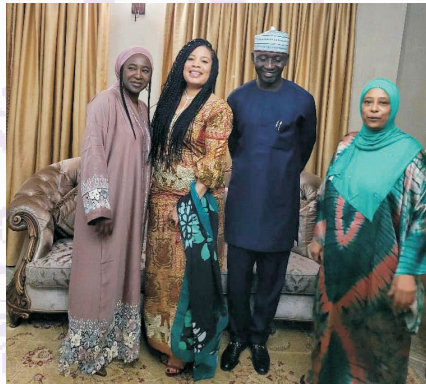
RECENT PROJECTS, ARISE MONALIZA FOUNDATION



International Day of The Girl Child 2021



Arise Monaliza Foundation team courtesy call/partnership with the CDS



Collaboration with the Maman Marshal Foundation for Medical Intervention in Kaduna State



Monalisa Chinda shares amazing Birth story of a new Mum who won against fibroid after six year of Childlessness



Monalisa Chinda Coker receiving award from Dr. Benjamin Olowojebutu on journey to 1000 free fibroid surgeries

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