

# Red Tank

*All about the LASMOCK 97 Alumni Quarterly: April-June 2017*

**Thanks  
to you**

Why your support  
is crucial to the  
students

**Surprise!**  
Alumni pay a visit  
to Kankon



Your support counts

## You've made a huge impact!



Welcome to the maiden edition of Red Tank, in which we will look at The LASMOCK 97 Alumni Toilet Building Project and how this will impact the lives of students for many years to come. Our re-energized alumni group and our fund raising efforts have been the support for this exciting work.

Personally, it has been rewarding for me to see how dedicated the LASMOCK 97 Alumni group has been so far. I've seen at first hand the impact our support is making on the lives of the students as we work towards a toilet-building project. So I'd like to thank everyone who has supported the LASMOCK 97 Alumni Toilet Building Project over the past four months.

I hope you enjoy this issue.

Oladipupo Adebajo President, LASMOCK 97 Alumni



Members of the LASMOCK 97 Alumni stakeholders committee and project committee posing with some LASMOCK officials

## Why We're Taking On This Challenge

Between January and now, our alumni has taken on a wide variety of big tasks – including choosing a name, registering the association, designing a logo, selecting and establishing project committees, launching our social media networks, and most importantly, giving back. Every one of these tasks will help us build a future beyond the toilet-building project. The project manager has set a N7,000,000 or more for the project. The stakeholders have determined a September start date for the project. This will commemorate the 20th year anniversary of the LASMOCK 97 graduating set.

"I firmly believe that we can complete this project as scheduled" said Zansi Amusu-Adebowale, the project coordinator. She also added that fundraising needed to be accelerated to enable us meet this goal.

What you are saying \_\_\_\_\_

*"It's cool to see that the future generations are really looking up to us!"* Damola Makinde (Mansfield, TX)

*"Personally, I can't wait for the day one of our students win an Olympic medal or Nobel prize and says I couldn't have done it without my alumni."*  
Zansi Amusu-Adebowale (Ikoyi, Lagos)

*"I'm happy to follow the steps of Segun Balogun to sponsor the Best graduating Yoruba student in JSS and SSS."* Mosunmade Oshingbesan (London)

# Seven Million Reasons To Donate

*"It was character that got us out of bed, commitment that moved us into action and discipline that enabled us to follow through"*  
- Zig Ziglar

Dear Kankonians,

We'd like to appreciate everyone that joined the trip to Kankon on April 1st 2017, same goes to those that were with us in prayers. We can only be thankful for the grace to look back to the school that has impacted our lives.

On this day, the school was practically empty. The SS3 students were preparing for their WAEC exams while the others students were on holiday. The alumni members spent some time with the students introducing ourselves and giving motivational speeches. We held a one hour meeting with the school officials.

Present at the meeting were:

- The 2 Principals (Junior & Senior)
- The 2 VPs of Senior school and
- LASMOCK 97 Alumni (Ladi Adebajo, Nurudeen Yusuf, Zansi Amusu-Adebowale, Yemisi Dansu, Tolu Okusaga, Ade Martins, Nurudeen Bamgbasa, Saburi Majekodunmi and Niran Ojora.



**Total Population:**

Junior School- 1300 students

Senior School- 1394 students

## What we learned

The Lagos State Government (LASG) has started the renovation of schools and Kankon has benefited from this gesture. So far, the hostels have been renovated with the exemption of the female senior hostel. The toilet for use during school hours that was scheduled to be constructed by the government was dropped due to inadequate funding. Our proposed toilet building project was discussed. According to a Junior School Principal, students need toilets to use during school hours. We later visited the proposed site (see below). It is the space beside JSS2 block by the pathway that leads to the female hostel from the school gate. *(Hope we all remember this place?)*



The approved project site.

## Did You Know?

LASMOCK was divided into two schools. Both operate independently but share a cordial relationship i.e. They have independent facilities like assembly ground, hostel, dinning hall, kitchen, different school uniforms, different Prefects etc. However, they collaborate during Inter-house Sports and recite the same school anthem.

The school management also requires assistance on the following initiatives:

### Prize Giving Day

A day set aside for giving prizes for the Best students in each subject and Best overall student. *We suggest individual donations for this initiative.*

### Excellent Students Club

A club created for the Junior School. Membership is reserved for students with a minimum of 90% score in ALL subjects. Members are given special privileges. They also receive special treats like cinemas visits and such. Donations are required to sustain this effort. Membership is increasing as other students are motivated to join.

### A Day With the Stars

Also known as a career day where old students will pay a visit to LASMOCK with a mission to share ideas and inspire the students.

### Career Fair Day

Henceforth, every October 1st is set aside as a day when old students come back to mentor the current students. Hopefully, the date this year will double as our project commission day. We promised to make the day worthwhile.

We encourage all alumni to mark down these dates. A planning committee will be announced soon.

-Signed  
Nurudeen Yusuf  
(Alumni Secretary)

# Making Kankon heroes look Super!

**Ayo Apata** has made quite an impression since joining the stakeholder committee. From developing the alumni logo to creating the popular Superhero Status characters, he has indeed worn many hats. In this excerpt from an interview, he discusses his approach.

## How do you approach designing a superhero look?

The process is actually quite complicated. I'm a bit of an introvert so I find it difficult to engage in group discussions. Instead, what I do is study the messages to see if there's a way I can help. It was Zansi's idea to start a donor recognition. She had sent me Ladi's photo as a test. I looked at Ladi's signature broad smile and immediately drew a connection with Mr. Incredible from one of my favorite Pixar animated films. So I went into Photoshop and replaced Mr. Incredible's head with Ladi's own. It was a perfect fit. I showed it to Zansi who thought it was well, super!

## How much does each alumni inform their superhero creation?

The challenge with creating a superhero is that we're stuck with whatever photo we can find on Google. As I decide on a costume for a donor, I see A, what they'd look great in, what makes them look super and, B, what they themselves would like. I'm most inspired by the reason behind each superhero story- A regular person who saw some ways to help someone in need and decided to do something about it. All donors are superheroes in my eyes. We've had a few misses but the donors have generally been satisfied with the outcomes. At the end of the day, the purpose of recognizing donors is to encourage other alumni who haven't donated to do so.

## What's your biggest challenge?

Running out of superheroes. Kankon needs more superheroes.



Above Left: Dele Madume  
Above Right: Peju Adeola Said  
Below Left: Tara Osude David  
Below Right: Ladi Adebajo

## Be Social

Don't miss out! Connect with fellow alumni through any of our social media platforms. Simply send a text to 0809-8306-700 for [WhatsApp](#).



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# LASMOCK '97 ALUMNI PROJECT

Our alumni association aims to improve sanitation at LASMOCK by building toilets for use by students.

2 Million

7 Million

**SINCE ITS LAUNCH,**

**2.4M+** RAISED

money was given by LASMOCK 97 Alumni all over the world.



**DONORS**

**43**



so far, representing just 21% of the members of the LASMOCK 97 Alumni Association.

**200**

**ALUMNI**

LASMOCK 97 Alumni Association is made up of 200 members who share a common vision.



**POTENTIAL GIVERS**

**160**



We call on potential givers to move on into the 21% to enable us meet our goals and objectives for the project.

**LONG LIVE LASMOCK!**

Donate to:  
GTB Acc No: 0237673263

## Get involved

Do you wish to **help raise money** for the LASMOCK 97 Alumni Toilet Building Project, but unsure how? Contact us with [lasmock97@gmail.com](mailto:lasmock97@gmail.com) or donate to **GTB Acc: 0237673263**.  
*(If you have already made a pledge, please make sure you redeem it by the due date).*



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