



## AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA

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### **About the American University of Nigeria Foundation**

The American University of Nigeria Foundation (AUNF) is an independent tax exempt U.S. based 501(c)3 nonprofit. The mission of the Foundation is to raise funds for the American University of Nigeria, to provide education for Nigerian youth in general and in the northeast region in particular.

The Foundation is governed by an elected board, consisting of the following members: Dr. Margee Ensign, President of the American University of Nigeria, Dr. Laurence Day, President of CAMRIS, and Dr. Eamon Kelly, President Emeritus of Tulane University.

#### **#EducateOurGirls**

To bring greater awareness to the plight of school age children – especially girls – in Africa's most populous country, the Foundation launched the #EducateOurGirls campaign in September 2014 to fund scholarships for the young Nigerian girls who escaped after being kidnapped from Chibok on April 15th by Boko Haram, as well as for the girls still in captivity once released. As of September 2014, AUN has secured the funds for 11 of these girls who will start at AUN this fall.

It costs \$5,000 per year per scholarship student. To allow for academic and personal adjustment, AUN is reserving a year of remedial education at the AUN Academy, their secondary school, for each girl. After this, they will begin their four year college program, at the cost of \$12,000 per year per girl. The initial fundraising goals are as follows:

- \$55,000 to educate 11 girls for one year
- \$583,000 to educate 11 girls for five years
- \$3,074,000 to educate all 58 escaped girls for five years

The scholarship covers all of the students' expenses, including housing, tuition, food and counseling. AUN is located in Yola, Adamawa state, just 250 miles from Chibok where the girls were kidnapped. Ensuring the safety of all students is a top priority and for this reason, AUN has a security force trained at the highest international standards.

AUN currently has capacity for 200 children in the secondary school and another 300 in the undergraduate program. Therefore, any additional funds raised will be used to provide scholarships for other Northeastern Nigerian children in need. Additional targets have therefore been set at:

- \$9,600,000 to educate 200 children for four years at AUN
- \$10,600,000 to educate 200 children for five years at AUN Academy and AUN