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FROM THE DESK OF THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

*Dear Fellow Alumni,***Look Who Made It to Round Two**

They say the second edition of a newsletter is the most important one, mostly because it proves the first one wasn't just a fluke.

Hurray! We survived our big debut, we didn't accidentally crash anyone's inbox, and we are officially back. If our maiden edition was the opening handshake, consider this the part where we sit down, skip the formal pleasantries, and get into the good stuff.

Whether you're reading this during a quick coffee break in Lagos, on your evening commute in London, or winding down in Atlanta, welcome back to our shared space.

Keeping the Momentum Going

Our first release reminded us of something we already knew but love to see: the ABUAD family is doing incredible things globally. From courtrooms and tech hubs to creative studios and boardrooms, our collective footprint is expanding by the day. This newsletter remains our favourite way to nosy into each other's successes, celebrate those major career wins, and remind the world exactly what an ABUAD degree represents.

But we aren't just here to talk about the past, we are actively building the future.

Turning Plans into Real Estate (and Relationships)

Since we last spoke, the groundwork for our big initiatives have been moving forward at full speed. We are deep into the planning phases for launching localised alumni chapters in major cities. Think of these as your go-to hubs for local networking, spontaneous meetups, and direct professional support, right in your backyard.

Even more exciting: the vision for the ABUAD Alumni Building on campus is gaining real traction. This isn't just going to be a structure of bricks and mortar, it's going to be a permanent, physical monument to our collective journey and a base for future generations to look up to.

So grab your drink, settle in, and enjoy this second edition. The ABUAD story is still being written, and luckily, we all made the contributors' list.

- Timothy Atasie

Warm regards,
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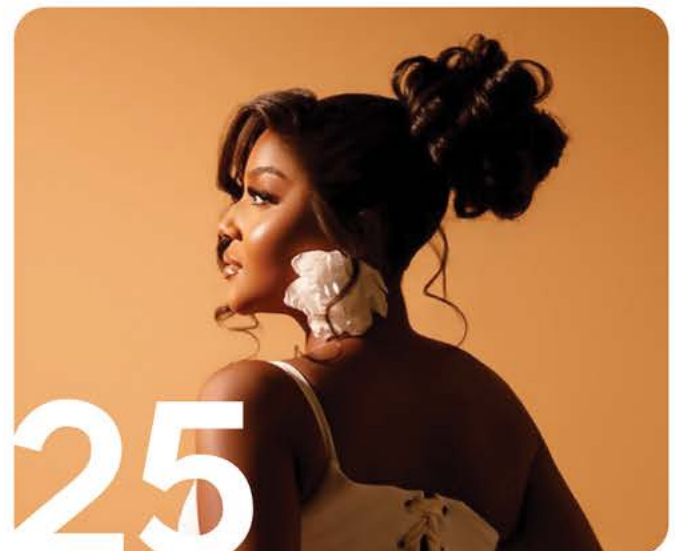
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For Jasmine: The Day the ABUAD Alumni Family Showed Up

Oladeji Emmanuel Oluwatobilola | June 2026



A mother's account of a daughter's fight for life, and the community that refused to look away.

Some stories don't arrive neatly. They come through phone screens, late-night reposts, and WhatsApp messages from people you barely know, strangers who saw a post about a little girl and chose to act.

This is Jasmine's story. It is also, in many ways, yours, because it belongs to everyone in the ABUAD alumni community who played a part in keeping her alive.

Jasmine was born with a heart condition that her doctors in Nigeria spent months trying to diagnose. By the time her family had the full picture, they were facing a bill of ₦25 million, a flight that airlines kept refusing to board her on, and a daughter whose oxygen levels were dangerously low. The odds were not good.

But the ABUAD alumni network had already heard. And it showed up.

We sat down with Jasmine's mother to hear the story, in her words, exactly as she lived it.

The Diagnosis

Q: When did you first know something was wrong?

The diagnosis came from birth. The doctors noticed a heart murmur almost immediately, so we've been following up from that very first moment. It was never a question of whether something was different, it was always a matter of figuring out what, and how serious.

Q: The diagnosis kept changing, can you walk us through that?

It was one of the most confusing and frightening parts of the whole journey. At first, the doctors said it was an ASD and VSD, two holes in the heart. They told us the ASD might close on its own, and at her six-month check-up, they confirmed it had. The VSD was small enough that they discontinued her medication. We were really happy about that news.



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But then we relocated to another state and tried a different hospital. The new doctor came back with a completely different diagnosis, AVSD and pulmonary stenosis. I didn't believe it. Why would a doctor give us a result so different from what we had before? So I went looking for a third opinion.

"The support came before I even knew where it was coming from. That's what made it so unexpected."

That third doctor confirmed a TOF – Tetralogy of Fallot. They enlisted us for a yearly heart surgery programme covered by their foundation at a discounted price. We saved up the money. We prepared. We went in for surgery.

And then upon evaluation, we got yet another result: Ebstein Anomaly. A combination of ASD, VSD, pulmonary stenosis, and a malfunctioning tricuspid valve. The doctors advised us to go to India because their team would be leaving Nigeria and wouldn't be able to provide the aftercare she'd need. That's when everything changed.

The Community that showed up

Q: How did the ABUAD alumni community come into this?

I want to be clear about something: I didn't reach out to ABUAD myself. I reached out to people on my WhatsApp and Instagram through a post, and a lot of people reposted on their own pages. A friend of a friend, she's an ABUAD alumna, saw the post and brought it to the community.

The support came before I even knew where it was coming from. That's what made it so unexpected.

Q: What was your biggest challenge through all of this?

Honestly, raising ₦25 million felt impossible at first. But even as we worked toward that number, my biggest fear wasn't the money. It was whether my daughter would survive even if we got there. It wasn't looking good. There wasn't much hope in what we were seeing. But I had to try. Even if there was only a 5% chance, I had to take it. I just wanted to keep her alive.



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The ABUAD Alumni Community came together in support of a fellow alumna whose daughter requires urgent heart surgery in India.



Through the collective generosity of our members and everyone who supported this cause, we have not only reached but surpassed the initial target, raising an incredible **₦34,500,000.**



This is the power of unity, compassion, and community.

And then, after we finally had the money, we still couldn't get her on a flight. Most airlines rejected her because her oxygen levels were too low. That was another wall we hadn't expected. Getting her to India became its own battle.

Q: Did the ABUAD alumni support make a difference?

It made a huge impact. Before their intervention, we had raised ₦9 million naira. We wouldn't have gone this far without the ABUAD alumni community. Not even close.

Jasmine's Current Condition

Q: How is Jasmine doing today?

Jasmine is doing so well now. She will need another heart surgery in the next two to three years, but I am so happy she is alive.

She plays now. Her breathing has improved. She walks without getting exhausted the way she used to. She gets to play with other kids without feeling left out.

A Message to Other Parents

Q: What would you say to another parent going through something similar?

There is God, and there are good people. It might feel like the end but it's not. Don't stop trying. All hope is not lost, even when it feels like it. And once there is life, there is definitely hope somewhere.

Don't give up on your child.

"There are good people. It might feel like the end but it's not. Don't stop trying."

Q: Where did your strength come from in the hardest moments?

I honestly don't know how God managed to help me through this situation. But I can say God gave me a good husband, a man who was willing to let everything he had go just to help his daughter live. God gave me amazing friends who helped and encouraged me throughout, even though I hadn't told most of them how serious Jasmine's condition was until it became really obvious. When the contributions started coming in, I knew I had to stay strong. There was no other option.



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Q: What does the ABUAD alumni community mean to you now?

I want to be honest. Before all of this, I wasn't in any of the ABUAD alumni forums. I didn't think I'd need them after graduation. I'd lost my old phone and SIM card, so the ABUAD connections I still had were mostly people I saw around me or classmates from secondary school.

"This community means everything to me, to Jasmine, to my entire family. We are truly grateful."

But after what the ABUAD alumni did for me and my daughter, words fail me. I genuinely don't know how to thank you all or show even half of the appreciation I carry in my heart.

This community means everything to me, to Jasmine, to my entire family. We are truly grateful."

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Together, we save lives.

A Note from the Newsletter

Jasmine's story is not a finished story. She will need another surgery in the years ahead, and her family's journey continues. But she is here. She is playing. She is breathing more freely than she ever has.

That is because people in this network chose to act, not because they knew her family personally, not because they were asked directly, but because someone reposted a story and someone else recognised a name and someone else reached into their pocket.

That is what this community is. Membership isn't just a card. It's the moment you decide to show up.



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Five Things We Learned About Grants and Scholarships: Insights from Our Workshop with Dr. Adewole

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“A recap of the ABUAD Alumni Association’s exclusive funding workshop, featuring a Postdoctoral Fellow from Georgia Tech.”

Navigating the world of academic and professional funding can feel overwhelming, especially when you’re not sure which opportunities are right for you, or how to present yourself to win them. That’s why the ABUAD Alumni Association recently hosted an exclusive workshop with Dr. Adetola Adewole, a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA. Here are the five key insights every ABUAD alumnus should take away.

1. Know Exactly What You’re Chasing

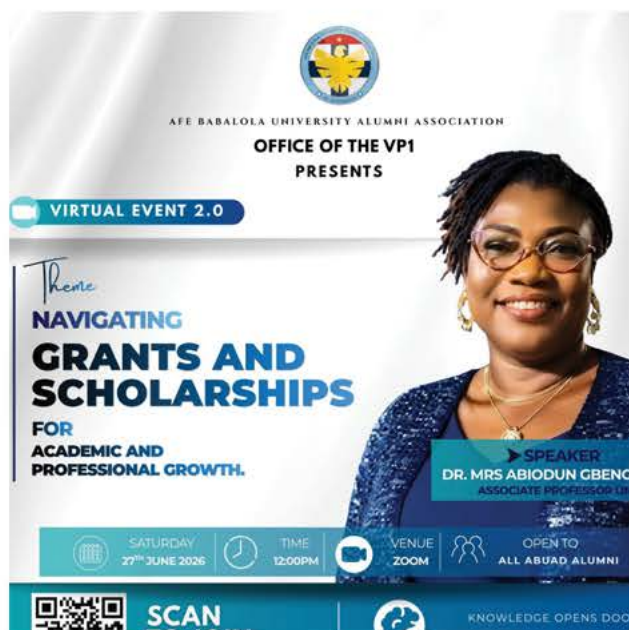
Before you apply for anything, understand what type of funding you’re looking at. Dr. Adewole broke down the four core categories:

- Scholarships: direct financial support for your education.
- Fellowships: funding designed to support an individual specifically as a researcher.
- Awards: recognitions that may be purely prestigious, or may come with a monetary prize.
- Grants: dedicated financial support to fund a specific project or research initiative.

Knowing the difference changes how you frame your application and whether you’re eligible in the first place.



OPPORTUNITIES



2. Merit Alone Won't Win It

A common misconception is that funding is awarded purely on academic achievement. Dr. Adewole identified five pillars that actually determine success:

- Fit: does your profile align with the donor's core mission?
- Timing: are you applying within the optimal window?
- Eligibility: do you strictly meet every foundational criteria?
- Presentation: is your story told in a compelling, professional manner?
- Attention to Detail: did you follow every single instruction to the letter?

3. Always Read the Fine Print

Securing the funding is only half the battle. Dr. Adewole urged every attendee to verify these key terms before accepting any offer:

- Coverage: what exactly does the award cover tuition, living expenses, travel?
- Disbursement: how and when are the funds actually paid out?

- Duration: how long does the financial support last?
- Milestones: are there GPA, reporting, or service requirements to maintain it?
- Strings Attached: are there return policies, employment bonds, or strict renewal conditions?

4. Rejection is Data, Not Defeat

"Rejection is not the end of the road," Dr. Adewole reminded the group. "It does not mean you are not good enough; it usually means the opportunity was not the right fit at that time. Treat it as feedback, adjust your strategy, and try again."

This reframe from rejection as failure to rejection as strategic information, is one of the most practical mindset shifts any emerging scholar or professional can make.

5. The Network you're already in is an asset

Events like this one are part of what the ABUAD alumni network offers its members: direct access to practitioners who have navigated the systems you're trying to enter. Dr. Adewole's insights are freely available to anyone who shows up. The question is: are you showing up?

Keep pushing, keep applying and let's keep growing together.

— **Waleola Funmilola,**

Vice President, ABUAD Alumni Association



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Some athletes compete. Others build. Dabo Green, ABUAD alumnus, Lagos Knights running back, speedster and flag football coach.

Dabo opens up on what it takes to bring Flag football to the continent, and what ABUAD gave him to get there.

BUILDING A SPORT FROM THE GROUND UP

A standout multi-event athlete during his time at ABUAD (100m, 200m, javelin, long jump), Dabo was no stranger to competition or the discipline it demands. But when his track career paused after graduation, he found something unexpected: a sport that didn't just absorb his speed and athleticism, it gave him a platform to build the next generation of Nigerian athletes.





How one ABUAD athlete turned a track and field foundation into a flag football mission and why he believes Nigeria's athletic future is just getting started.

The Dabo Green Story

We sat down with Dabo for an exclusive interview ahead of this summer edition. how ABUAD shaped him, what drives his passion, and where he's headed next.



EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

Building a sport from the ground up: The Dabo Green story

Owicho John Edache | June 2026



The ABUAD Years

Q: How did track and field come into your university life at ABUAD?

Back then, there were only a handful of us who were really passionate about track and field, and the sport didn't have the level of support or facilities that it has today. We often had to train on rough surfaces and grass fields, but that never stopped us from putting in the work.

Dabo remembers the scrappiness of those early years and the payoff. "I remember us constantly proving to the university management that we were capable of competing with other schools. Eventually, we got that opportunity, and it paid off.

Q: How did track and field come into your university life at ABUAD?

Winning overall best athlete during YAMBAF,

representing the school at NPUGA, and being part of a group of athletes I could call family." He pauses. "The joy of competing against them with smiles on our faces, that's what I remember most.

Q: What were your proudest moments on the track?

Winning overall best athlete during YAMBAF, representing the school at NPUGA, and being part of a group of athletes I could call family." He pauses. "The joy of competing against them with smiles on our faces, that's what I remember most.

Q: Who left the biggest impression on you?

I had incredible teammates: Dushos, Damola, IBK, Fola, Tega, Itunu. Everyone supported everyone. And then there's Coach Dada. He was honestly the best coach. Kept us in shape and pushed us harder than we thought we could go. I still use some of his coaching cues during my training sessions."



EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW



The Switch to Flag Football

Q: How did you end up in flag football?

After school, I still wanted to continue with sports. I couldn't do track anymore at the time, and then I found flag football. For a better part of my secondary school in the US, I played contact football so I thought, this wouldn't be too hard. I said to myself: 'Yes, this is it.' And it has been amazing since then.

Q: Did your track background give you a competitive edge?

Speed is one of my biggest strengths today. When I started playing flag football, I used my speed and athleticism to help me develop. The biggest adjustment was learning to control that speed, knowing when to accelerate, stop, and change direction. I didn't have to rebuild my instincts; I just had to adapt and add new skills. I was also fortunate to have a great coach, Coach Fagha, who helped me learn the game and continues to coach me today.

Building a Sport from the Ground Up

In the next half of the interview Dabo shares the obstacles he's had to encounter in his journey, the opportunities to come and his message for the next generation.



Dabo showcasing his speed and agility on the pitch

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Q: What do you see as flag football's biggest opportunity in Nigeria?

The amount of athletic talent we have, and the growing support for the sport. Flag football is now included in the Olympics, and there's a federation in place to provide structure. The opportunity to develop athletes and create pathways for them to compete at higher levels is very real.

"I believe it can grow tremendously.

We also need more people who put the interests of athletes over their own personal interests.

Q: What have been the biggest obstacles so far?

Awareness and access. Many people still don't know what flag football is or the opportunities available within the sport. Once more people are exposed to it and have access to proper development, I believe it can grow tremendously. We also need more people who put the interests of athletes over their own personal interests.

Q: What role can universities like ABUAD play?

Huge. Introducing the sport to students, bringing in qualified coaches, including flag football in competitions like YAMBAF and

and NPUGA, that would increase participation and exposure. It would create pathways for athletes who want to pursue the sport at a higher level.

A Message to Young Nigerian Athletes

Q: What message do you have for the next generation of athletes?

Do it. Flag football is an amazing sport, and with the way it's growing in Nigeria, there are so many opportunities that can come from it. Be coachable, open to learning, stay consistent, and give it your best effort. You never know where the sport can take you it could open doors to experiences and opportunities beyond what you imagined.



Dabo celebrating victory with the Lagos Knights after the match



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Get to know *Glory*

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In this edition of SPOTLIGHT, the ABUAD Alumni team reached out to Glory Konum, an accounting graduate turned entrepreneur, founder and CEO of Konum Garden, for a conversation about her journey from a single backyard plot to a nationally stocked, organic lifestyle brand. She generously agreed to share her story with us, in her own words.

Her Story

My name is Glory Konum, and I am the CEO of Konum Garden. I am passionate about promoting healthy living through natural products and creating practical solutions that improve people's well-being. Through Konum Garden, my focus is simple: provide quality, nature-inspired products while educating people on the benefits of incorporating healthier choices into their daily lives. I believe that what we eat should nourish not just our bodies, but our families and communities too.

Where It Began

Konum Garden was born from a deeply personal moment. It started when I discovered my mother had cancer. That experience became the cornerstone of the brand and heightened our awareness of how important it is to consume clean, healthy food.

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discipline, planning,
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Food, I realized, is medicine

That realization pushed me to take action, not just for my family, but for everyone around me.

The business began humbly in 2022 when the Konum family started a single home garden in Lagos State, Nigeria. At first, it was just a small plot with a limited variety of vegetables and herbs meant to meet our own family's needs. But as word spread and neighbors tried our fresh organic produce, demand grew quickly. People kept asking for more. That community response prompted us to expand beyond our backyard and start catering to a wider market.



How We've Grown

Today, Konum Garden operates three outlets two located within Awoyaya and one in Epe. We've diversified significantly since those early days. In addition to fresh green vegetables, we now produce spices, herbs, flour, and livestock. Everything we grow and produce strictly adheres to organic practices.

From seed to shelf, we prioritize soil health, natural pest control, and zero harmful chemicals. Our goal is to bring you the best of nature's future offerings, food you can trust.

My ABUAD Foundation

My background has played a big role in getting us here. I am a graduate of Accounting from Afe Babalola University, ABUAD. That training equipped me with strong

organizational, financial, and entrepreneurial skills that I now apply every day in managing and growing Konum Garden.

"Our goal is to bring you the best of nature's future offerings, food you can trust."

Accounting taught me discipline, planning, and how to turn a vision into a sustainable business. Those skills help me balance the passion side of farming with the structure needed to scale.

What I Stand For

As an entrepreneur, I am committed to three core values: excellence, innovation, and relationships. Excellence means we never compromise on quality. Innovation pushes us to develop new products and better farming methods. But relationships are what keep us grounded, the trust we build with clients, partners, farmers, and the community. I genuinely enjoy connecting with people, sharing knowledge about healthy living, and contributing positively to my community through my work.

Where We Are Now

Remarkably, within just three years, Konum Garden has grown from a home garden to a brand that has sold over 70,000 bottles of our products across Nigeria. Our products are now readily available in some of the country's most popular supermarkets, making it easier for more families to access clean, organic food.

The Bigger Picture

At the heart of it all, Konum Garden is more than a business to me. It's a mission to prove that healthy living is possible, affordable, and delicious, one harvest at a time.





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Your Alumni Membership: What the New Alumni Welfare Process Means for You

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From the Office of the Welfare Lead, ABUAD Alumni Association

It was 11:43pm in January 2025 when my phone rang.

“Bro, I have lost everything.”

Segun was Class of 2018, First Class in Engineering. By 2024, he was lead engineer at a tech startup. Then funding dried up. Five months of salary went unpaid. His landlord locked his apartment. His eight-month pregnant wife was in the village. dey lie.”

His words stuck with me: “I don’t even know who to call. I don’t want pity. I just want make somebody that understands, and confirms that i know. Four of us alumni pooled ₦1 million and got him a room, linked him to an HR alumna for CV support, and six weeks later he had two job offers. Segun’s story is why Alumni Welfare exists. Welfare is not a “help the poor” charity , it’s a “hold your brother up” community. Because school fnishes doesn’t mean life has finished. Job loss, medical bills, bereavement, depression, relocation challenges, these things don’t check your degree before they visit. So how do we make sure help reaches the right people, fast, and without shame? We built a process.



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Step	What Happens	Timeline	Why It Protects You
1. Reach Out	You, family, or a trusted classmate contacts the welfare desk via a confidential form or WhatsApp.	Anytime	You control who knows. No public post needed.
2. Verify Quietly	Welfare committee calls you and one referee you nominate. We confirm the need, not interrogate your life.	24–48 hrs	Stops fraud. Protects donor funds and your dignity.
3. Approve & Act	Committee approves. Medical/job loss emergencies move in 72 hrs. All other cases: 7	72 hrs–7 days	Speed saves lives. Delay kills trust.

FAQs: Let's Clear the Air

Who qualifies for welfare support?

Any financial member of the alumni body who has paid dues at least once in the past 24 months, or any recent graduate within their first year of leaving ABUAD. Non-financial members can still access non-cash support: mentorship, job leads, and legal advice.

Will people know my business?

No. Only three people see your full details: the two verifiers and the Treasurer. The wider committee votes on anonymous case numbers. For example, Case #ABUAD/24/011 – Medical – ₦450k needed.

our name stays with us.

What if someone is lying?

That's why Step 2 exists. We don't believe or doubt, we verify. We call your HOD, hospital, employer, or named referee. Fraud hurts real people who need help, and we owe it to them to check.

Where does the money come from?

Three sources: voluntary annual dues; targeted donations for specific cases; and alumni business partnerships. All spending is signed off by the President, Welfare Lead, and Treasurer. A quarterly inflow and outflow summary is published, no names, just figures.



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FAQ's: Continued

I'm doing well. Why should I care?

Because Segun was doing well too. Until he wasn't. Welfare is insurance you pay with participation. Today you donate. Tomorrow you might need to call. Plus: strong alumni = more job referrals, more business deals, more respect for our certificate outside.

How can I help if I no get money?

List your skills. Are you a doctor? Lawyer? HR? Therapist? Landlord? We need pro-bono 1hr calls more than cash sometimes. Or join the verification team — 2hrs/month to make calls. Or just share job posts to the group.

What does welfare NOT cover?

Business capital, wedding/birthday parties, or lifestyle upgrades. We handle shocks, not wants. Medical, bereavement, sudden job loss, eviction, mental health crisis, legal

emergencies, those are shocks.

The Real Benefit? We Stop Losing People

Since we tightened this process in 2024, we've handled 19 cases. 14 are back on their feet. 5 started businesses we now patronize. 3 became donors. We wore the same matric gown. The goal is simple: make sure we all get to wear agbada at 70, healthy and together.

Need help?

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If you can help? Join the Trust Fund

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