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Jewel Starfish Foundation (JSF) Prioritizes Education Across Liberia

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The Jewel Starfish Foundation (JSF) is proud to announce its continued commitment to empowering less-privileged females through education. With the beginning of the academic year 2023-2024, JSF is taking proactive steps to ensure that education remains accessible to all deserving students across the Country.

JSF's primary mission has always been to provide scholarships to less-privileged females from grade 7 to university level, across Liberia's 15 counties. We are delighted to share that this year, we have validated 3,892 students in partnership with various schools, with a total annual commitment of 17.8 million Liberian Dollars and 85,000 USD.

In our unwavering commitment to making education dreams come true, the Foundation has already begun the process of school registration and tuition payment for our beneficiaries, starting with the central region. Over the past week, JSF's financial team disbursed nearly 4.5 million Liberian Dollars to schools in Bong County, ensuring that deserving 570 students in this region can continue their education without financial barriers.

The schools covered under the JSF scholarship program in Bong County include:

1. Al Osamey School
2. Alexandria A. Andrews Academy
3. Botoe Barclay High School
4. Dominion Christian Institute
5. Dorothy Cooper Junior High School
6. E. J. Yancy Junior High School
7. Gboveh High School
8. Home of the Quran Islamic school
9. Islamic Solidarity Jr. High School
10. John F. Bakalu Jr. High School
11. Kerkulah Giddings High School
12. Kirsten Marie Jensen Lutheran High School
13. Lelekpaya Elem & Jr High School
14. Liberia Muslim Youth Association
15. Lofa Road Church of Christ Christian Academy
16. Margaret Kennedy Elem & Jr High
17. N V Massaquoi Senior High School
18. Nyakoi Bee High School
19. Second AG - Bong Mines
20. St. Mark Lutheran High School
21. St. Marks Catholic Jr. High School
22. St. Martin's Catholic High School
23. St. Peter's Episcopal High School
24. Suakoko Central High School
25. William V. S Tubman Gray High School
26. Younger International School

The Foundation would also like to mention the payment of 1.2 million Liberian Dollars for the 2023-2024 registration and full tuition for all of the students at Sanoyea Junior. & Senior High School. This is in commitment of the JSF's Founder, H.E Chief Dr. Jewel Howard-Taylor, to provide educational opportunities to all, including those in her home town, Sanoyea, Bong County.

JSF's commitment extends beyond borders, and we are proud to support students not only in Liberia but also in Ghana, Sierra Leone, Malawi, and China. As you may be aware, the Jewel Starfish Foundation is a non-governmental organization dedicated to empowering less-privileged females through education. We provide scholarships to deserving students, enabling them to pursue their academic dreams and create a brighter future. Our programs extend across Liberia and beyond, fostering educational opportunities for girls in need. As we move forward, JSF remains dedicated to its mission of transforming lives through education. We believe that every girl deserves a chance to shine, and we will continue to work tirelessly to make this vision a reality.

We want to thank all of sponsors who continue to believe in the vision of educating girls for the future. We thank so very much.

Signed:

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