

CAMEROONIAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS IN DALLAS GIVE BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY

History was made on Saturday November 14 2015, when Cameroonians in the Dallas Fort Worth Metro area ushered in the Thanksgiving season in a creative, ExSSA-DALLAS-initiated “Summer Closeout Food Drive Event of a Lifetime”. It was a family fun day with food and games for everyone.

In the words of ExSSA-Dallas President Mrs. Linda Mukum Ndofor, “the turnout was massive! We felt an overwhelming outpour of love and support from our community”

Several Cameroonian Alumni organizations participated in this event, viz: Presbyterian Secondary School Bamenda ex-students (PEMEXANs). St Joseph’s College SASSE ex-students (SOBANs), Our Lady of Lourdes ex-students (LESA Dallas), Okoyong Past Students Association (OPSANs) Our Lady of Lourdes Ex Students Incorporated (LESA Inc). They also competed against each other in adult league games whilst the kids went head to head in the Kids league. Overall, it was exhilarating!

The Mistress of Ceremony (MC) Mrs. Gladys Tambong (a vibrant OPSAN) kept the crowd engaged, as they transitioned from one activity to the next.

Whilst the SOBANs took control of the grill, serving up delectable cuts of juicy steak and a side of flavorful, soul nourishing pepper-soup. Whoever said men were one-dimensional and couldn’t multi-task? Give it up for Dallas SOBANs. And that’s not all: they churned out hit after hit at the DJ’s station, as the crowds responded with dexterous footwork, showcasing latest dance moves from around the globe. Also on the menu was puff-puff, dodo, akara banana and a variety of beverages, courtesy of ExSSA Dallas as they personified southern hospitality to the valued guests and concurrently, manning the face-painting station, balloon art, and a slew of other games. (Sack Race, Tug-of-War, Three-Legged Race, Egg & Spoon, Hula Hoops et al for adults as well as kids).

And the winners:

First Place: LESA Dallas!

Second Place: OPSANs!

Third Place: PEMEXANs!

Fourth Place: ExSSA

There you have it.

I know...ExSSA Indomitable Lionesses came in 4th place.

There is a solid explanation for that. But hold that thought....

The best part: all the Alum organizations submitted their charity of choice for a drawing and the winning team would pick from the submitted entries, the charity would be the beneficiary of the food drive.

LESA Dallas being the winning team got to pick the charity who would receive the donations.

In an amazing twist, LESA picked the selfsame charity they had submitted for the drawing! The Family Place in Dallas TX!

A Double win for LESA Dallas, which merits Double congratulations!!! Way to Go, LESA Dallas!!!

So, twenty boxes of non-perishable foods will be donated to The Family Place, courtesy of Dallas Fort

Worth Cameroonians.

Now that, is a heart-warming story to inspire you this Thanksgiving season and beyond!