



Aart of life Foundation was established in September 2002 in memory of the late Abioye Aronke Taiwo, the 24 year old, much loved daughter of Chief Mrs Taiwo Taiwo, who died in a car crash on April 19, 2012. Aart is an acronym of her names.

The foundation has achieved tremendous success in the following:

- ❖ Installed traffic light at the notorious Sobo Arobiodu/Mobolaji Bank Anthony intersection in Ikeja GRA. This move challenged the state government to put up traffic lights all around the Lagos Metropolis.
- ❖ Evolved the Aart of life Foundation 4 step approach training in bereavement /trauma counselling.
- ❖ Trained and certified several counsellors and established the first ever grief and trauma counselling support service centre in Nigeria
- ❖ Produced a series of publications to support those experiencing trauma and grief, also to enlighten others on related issues.
- ❖ Established in partnership with the MTN Foundation, the 0703 Healing Toll free lines with trained counsellors offering 24 hour grief/trauma counselling services.
- ❖ Initiated the 'Against all Odds' Awards, which evolved into the innovative Against All Odds Tv Docu-Drama. Two series of this gripping programme have so far been done in partnership with NTA and other electronic media.
- ❖ This further culminated in the 'Look at Me Now' Gala which held in Lagos and the UK
- ❖ Created and lovingly maintained The Peaceful Garden in the Ikeja GRA as a permanent memorial to Abioye Aronke Taiwo. To kick off the festive season, we switch on Xmas lights at the Peaceful gardens every year on Bioye's birthday, December 3rd.
- ❖ **'Fear Abides With me Constantly'** Abioye's book of poems was published in 2007 and was presented as a stage performance led by the talented Zara Udofia.

- ❖ In April 2009 Abioye Aronke was awarded Posthumous Ambassador Award of Atlantic Hall, Lagos. Even in death, your beacon shines forth.
- ❖ In 2010, the Aart of Life Foundation promptly intervened with the support of EMZOR Pharmaceuticals Ltd to save the life of Mr Soji Biobaku (Aged 34 then), who suffered a left sided stroke that left him with residual Paresis. He was flown to India for a double valve replacement cardiac surgery.
- ❖ Bioye's book of poems '**Fear Abides with me constantly**' is now the recommended poetry text for years 1 to 3, in Atlantic Hall.
- ❖ Ten years on, Aart court (A mixed residential block of luxury apartments) was commissioned and dedicated to Bioye's memory.
- ❖ **Letting Go** -a book that chronicled the dark days of grief and the gentle emergence into a whole new dawn of hope through courage and belief- was published and presented to the public.