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### **CORPORATE OATH**

Dedicated to providing professional healthcare services and maintaining close working relationships with our employees.

***A special thanks to all employees for your hard work, support, and dedication.***

### Nigerian-born businessman targets AIDS, ignorance

Omosowofa - or "Omo," as he's known - dreamed of becoming an entrepreneur, of using his brains and organizational skills to build his own company from the ground up. By 1995 he had done just that, establishing the Omo Group, a federal- government contractor specializing in health care services that today employs 150 people in 25 states and boasts \$4 million in annual revenues.

Still, something was lacking, he says.

"I made a promise to God that I would do something to help out," he says. So in the African tradition of helping your inner circle first, then others, he put four of his three sisters' children through school. He also gave the women enough money to start their own businesses.

But it wasn't enough.

So Omo looked around and saw what was blighting his beloved Nigeria - an HIV infection rate reaching pandemic proportions. With huge buckets of his own money, he founded a nonprofit organization called Partners for International Development and Education, or PIDE, a group that aims to lift the deadly veil of silence surrounding HIV and AIDS in Africa.

Omo's story begins in Kano, Nigeria, and is peppered with fortunate coincidences and lucky breaks that he perceives as the guiding hand of God. He was born in 1954 into a family of 30 children led by a father who had four wives.

After high school, he came across a friend named Peter Osalor who was down on his luck. Against his father's wishes, he took Osalor into his home.

"This was the first of many things to happen to me that shows the hand of God," says Omo, his eyes merry at the thought.

While in school, he met Ann Doreen Mitchell, who would become his wife. (The two have been married 22 years and have three children; today Ann helps Omo run the business.) After college the couple moved to Washington, where Omo earned a masters degree in business from the University of the District of Columbia in 1984.

That same year he returned to Nigeria, leaving his wife and young child with her parents in Wichita, Kan.

Disillusioned with the political and economic situation in Nigeria, he returned to the United States with only \$75 in his pocket and a dim flame of wanting to help people in Africa.

Things got worse. He couldn't even get hired at a fast-food restaurant, and the family got by on food stamps and help from Ann's parents. Then one day, Omo passed an Army recruiting office. He went inside. Not only would he receive a job, he learned, but would get a signing bonus.

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## essage from the President

**Oluagba Omosowofa**  
President & CEO



But he quickly became interested in the officer ranks.

Just by chance in the infirmary one day - here's the guiding hand again - a young black doctor was on call.

The doctor, eager to help, made a few phone calls.

Omo was selected and was put in charge of revamping information and communication programs at Walter Reed.

The nagging feeling that had been haunting him since 1986 came to the fore. How to help? After a family trip to Nigeria in 2000, Omo huddled with a highly educated cousin from Ethiopia to discuss the burgeoning problem of HIV and AIDS in Nigeria. There was plenty to despair.

In 2003, Omo decided to establish a grass-roots organization based in Abuja, the capital, to conduct education and outreach in three towns - Eflu, Ozoro and Aradhe.

But after various town meetings, Omo had a core of 20 or 30 volunteers under the supervision of a medical doctor; they focus on spreading the truth about HIV and AIDS to people at schools, health care facilities, churches, mosques, civic groups and others.

Omo, who has journeyed to Nigeria three times to monitor PIDE's progress, has spent \$150,000 to take the program this far.

But he wants to go further, and that's where Permenter comes in.

It was in the 1980s that Permenter found himself in much the same position that Omo now encounters in Nigeria.

"People in East Texas thought AIDS was sent by the Russians inside a sheep traveling in a weather balloon," jokes Permenter,

Permenter met Omo through a contact at the Kronkosky Foundation, a philanthropic agency. Together they have joined hands to proceed with the second tier of PIDE – adding volunteer counseling and testing centers at three community sites already in existence.

Beyond that, Permenter wants to replicate the AARC in Nigeria, including coaxing pharmaceutical companies to underwrite drug costs for antiviral medicines. He has petitioned San Antonio leaders to join in a "sister city" arrangement with Abuja and will host a luncheon July 23 aimed at that goal.



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## EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!!

#### Aug

Dawn Huff, Shirely Cisco, Crystal Wild, Louissette Rivers, Rodger Gurdon, Delia Hernandez, Richard Goldman, Tandra Jackson, Adrianna Garza, Judith Rappl

#### Sept

Richard Vagts, Rebekah Schultz, Frances Pappey, Nichole Rachal, Louise Joplin, Diane Davis, Norma Burke, Brenda Lyter, Rose Bivens, Oluagba Omosowofa

### ANNIVERSARY

#### 1 Years

Omar Cruz, Albert Gamez

#### 2Years

John Cantu, Michelle McAllister, Mary Pappey, Bryan Salas, Patrick Pastrano, Virginia Roberts

#### 4 Years

Issa Koroma, Melody Neal

#### 5 Years

Romualdo Gamez, Judith Rappl, Arthur Trevino

#### 6 Years

Alodie Cicat

### NEW EMPLOYEES

**San Antonio, TX – Veteran’s Admin. Division, General Clerk II**

Adrianna Garza, Kristin Quinonez, Bronte Price, Roxanne Mena, Gloria Eberhardt, Tania Torres Franceschi, Andrea Gormez, Gloria Cerna, Denise Quintanilla, Hope Dowling, Christina Calder, Georgina Cerda, Reginald Gordy, Antia Ramirez, Nichole Rachal, Albert Zamarron, Keith Walter.

**Washington, DC-Walter Reed Medical Center**

**Pharmacist– Tech** Michelle Townsend In-patient, Shirley Cisco Out-patient Angela Curry Pharmacist.

**Fort Lee, VA**

**Pharmacist** Gayle Paul

**San Diego, CA NDCSW**

**Dental Hygienist** Norma Burke

**Charleston, SC NDCSE**

**Dental Hygienist** Sarah Hudson

**Meridian, MS NDC Gulf Coast Dental Assistant**

Elizabeth Richardson

**San Antonio-Lackland AFB Janitor**

Pedro Delgado

## Recipes from Ann’s Kitchen



### Barbecued Beef Brisket

- 1.1/2 cups beef broth
- 1.1/3 cups water
- 3/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1.1/2 teaspoons dry mustard
- 1.tea garlic powder
- 1.tea hot pepper sauce
- 9 pounds beef brisket

1. In a large mixing bowl combine beef broth, Worcestershire sauce, oil, cider vinegar, dry mustard, garlic powder, water and hot pepper sauce.
2. Build a charcoal fire in a grill at one end of the pit.
3. Grill brisket slowly, basting often with the sauce, until done, 3 to 4 hours.

Makes 20 servings.

Ann Omosowofa

### Job Opportunities

Accepting applications for  
Pharmacists,  
Medical/Pharmacy Technicians,  
General Dentist  
Dental Hygienists,  
Dental Assistants,  
Recruiters,  
and  
Animal Caretakers  
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