

Newmont donates to United Way Ghana

Newmont Ghana has donated a vehicle and an amount of GH¢120,000 to United Way Ghana (UWG) to aid support for the underprivileged in society.

The donation was part of its Workplace Giving Program dubbed "Boa Me Na Me Mmoa Wo" (help me to help you), which is an effective philanthropic initiative that offers opportunity for Newmont and its employees to make a difference in the lives of the underprivileged in society through regular voluntary contributions.

Speaking at the donation ceremony in Accra, The Regional Vice President, Human Resources of Newmont, Dave Kern said the donation is to help spur on UWG to achieve greater levels of impact in the lives of the underprivileged.



A picture of the Vehicle Newmont donated to United Way Ghana

"We are making a formal presentation of our 2011 Workplace Giving contributions of GH¢120,000, made up of our employees' contribution of GH¢60,000, and our company's equal match-up of GH¢60,000 and a vehicle to help you undertake various projects in the charities our employees have chosen to support" Dave Kern said.

The Vice President reiterated that, through Newmont's partnership with UWG, which dates back to 2006 when the company started operations in Ghana, its employees had touched a lot of lives through initiatives such as "Day of Caring" and "Workplace Giving Programs".

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Dave Kern presenting the cheque of GH¢120,000 to Dr. Tuakli, as Jonathan Akuamoah (L) and Ishmael Oppong (R) look on.

Night of Entertainment and Jazz with KSM



United Way Ghana in line with our focus areas of Education, Income Generation and Health we have embarked on a major campaign to assist children in Ghana with Cerebral Palsy. We have partnered with the Salvation Army to build the First Facility in Ghana that provides physical therapy and assistance to children afflicted with the disease. This collaboration brings together two non-profits, United Way and Salvation Army, that are Global Partners to address a major issue in our Country by bringing all local stakeholders together.

Cerebral Palsy continues to grow in endemic proportions without relief insight. This facility will enable us to bring in health officials, volunteer doctors, therapist, experts and others to help children adjust to life with the disease while looking at preventive methods.

UWG will host a Fundraiser on September 20th at the State Banquet House dubbed, 'A night of Entertainment and Jazz with KSM, one of the biggest personalities in Ghana.

Please call our office for more information or to be a sponsor of this event at 030 278 2509. Also look for announcements of Ticket Outlets, Radio, and TV advertisements.

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He noted that Newmont's three-year \$150,000 startup support to UWG has contributed significantly to the growth of the NGO's "Day of Caring program", which now attracts the participation of over 30 corporate organizations annually.

Dave Kern said through the "Day of Caring" and "Workplace Giving" programs, Newmont employees had contributed over GH¢ 230,000 and 3,000 man hours to support charities and undertake social responsibility activities in its communities, adding that Newmont had supported charities such as the Akropong School for the Blind, Mums Love Orphanage in Sunyani, Help Age Ghana and the Accra Psychiatric Hospital and others.

"Newmont will continue to embark on these and other partnerships that ensure sustainable development in

our communities and the country as a whole. I commend all employees who participated in these worthwhile programs," he said.

Receiving the donation, the Executive Director of United Way Ghana, Jonathan Akuamoah thanked Newmont for their immeasurable support, saying

"Newmont has been our backbone in this charity work and we are most grateful to them".

Jonathan Akuamoah said United Way Ghana Staff have relied on their personal means of transport in executing projects throughout all of Ghana, which hindered accessibility to rural areas. "This vehicle and Cash donated to us will really make our programs more effective and also help us extend help to more needy persons," he said.

The President of the Governing Council of UWG, Dr. Juliet Tuakli commended the management and employees of Newmont Ghana, for their efforts in supporting UWG. She said UWG will continue to engage Newmont through its effective partnership programs.

UG Student interns with UWG

University of Ghana student, Gloria Osei Asuamah, is offering her internship services with United Way Ghana. A Social Work student, Gloria brings on-board a huge experience in volunteer services with the youth in and around Kumasi in the Ashanti Region.

Gloria's hobbies include: Youth Career Counseling and Mentoring, Cooking, Interior decor and Reading self help materials, listening to music and watching movies. She believes in giving back to the society.

Volunteering and reaching out to people, especially the less privileged and the vulnerable is her passion.

She has been very helpful and suggestive with her schedules in United Way Ghana.



Gloria Osei Asuamah

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Coca Cola Supports Youth Development

United Way Ghana (UWG), Play Soccer, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), Junior Achievement Ghana (JAG), and The Zawadi Africa Education Fund were the beneficiaries of various sums of monies donated by the Coca-Cola Equatorial Africa and its bottling partner, the Coca-Cola Bottling Company Ghana to build the capacity of the youth in the country.

The Coca-Cola has consistently supported youth development organizations in Ghana as part of its commitment to help nurture the skills of the youth of this country.

Speaking at the presentation ceremony, the PAC Director of Coca-Cola Equatorial Africa, Philippe Ayivor stated that Ghana needed active, skillful, knowledgeable and confident youth to support its ambitious development agenda. "We, at Coca-Cola, will play our part by continuing to invest in sustainable youth development programs," he indicated. He urged the beneficiary organizations to continue to develop active and productive youth in society.

Coca-Cola, according to him, focused on organizations that contribute to building an informed, independent, active and enterprising youth to support Ghana's development goals.

Jonathan Akuamoah, Executive Director-United Way Ghana lauded Coca-Cola for investing in the organization and its affiliate NGO, Street Girls' Aid. United Way Ghana has been in collaboration with Coca Cola Equatorial Africa in youth development program especially in relation to Street Girls' Aid, an affiliate of NGO of United Way Ghana. This is in response to our Community Investment Programs (CIP) that we provide. As community investment has a legitimate and important role within responsible businesses, bringing the unique competences of a company like Coca-Cola Equatorial Africa to bear on issues affecting the community in which it operates is crucial.

UWG's Community Investment Program offers both employers and employees of Coca-Cola Equatorial Africa and its bottling partner, The Coca-Cola Bottling Company Ghana the opportunity to make a big difference in the communities they live and work in.



Dr. Juliette Tuakli, the President of the Governing Council of UWG (Right) receiving the dummy cheque on UWG's behalf



Mr. Jonathan Akuamoah, the Executive Director of UWG (Middle) with Representatives from Coca Cola

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MTN Builds Borehole for Pamdu Community

Water, they say, is life. MTN has brought life to the people of Pamdu in a short but an impressive ceremony in Pamdu in the Kintampo South District in the Brong Ahafo Region.

The people for a very long time had been using a stream that is way out of the town as a source of water for domestic use. This water source also served agricultural purposes as well as livestock in the community. Whenever there is a dry spell of water, women and children have to walk even further and along the busy Techiman - Kintampo trunk road leading to Tamale to fetch water for use. The people also suffer from frequent bouts of water-borne diseases because of the use of water from the stream and other stagnant water in the community.

With the provision of the mechanized borehole for the community by MTN, the women and children will no more walk long distances to fetch water for use. School children will also have ample time to go to school and study. High medical bills for water-borne diseases will also be a thing of the past.

Mr. Samuel Djamena, the Deputy Coordinating Director of the Kintampo South District who deputized for the District Chief Executive thanked MTN for the mechanized borehole system. He indicated that government will not be able to provide water to all communities and would appreciate the support of companies and individuals to help in this course.

Nana Boadu, the Chief of Pamdu also thanked MTN, United Way Ghana and Mission of Hope Society who collaborated to bring the construction of the mechanized borehole to reality and advised the water and sanitation committee to develop a maintenance culture to sustain the borehole for a very long time.

United Way Ghana has health as one of its focal areas and collaborated with MTN to solve this perennial health issue in the Pamdu Community. This is the first collaboration of its kind with MTN and it is hoped that it will continue especially in other areas like education and income generation to better the lives of people in deprived areas for the good of all. United Way Ghana and Mission of Hope Society facilitated the construction of the mechanized borehole for the community.



The Chief of Pamdu cutting the tape to commission the borehole



The Assembly Man of Pamdu, drawing the first water from the borehole

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Letter from the Executive Director



Jonathan Akuamoah
(Executive Director - UWG)

From the staff and Governing Council of United Way Ghana, we send our condolences to the people of Ghana and the Family of our beloved, the late President John Evans Atta Mills. May He rest in eternal Peace.

The Vice President was sworn in as President a few hours after the late President's passing ensuring Democracy and Rule of Law. This has been an example to neighbouring countries and the world that Ghana is deeply entrenched in democracy and the Democratic process. Ghana continues to promote peace as it has led the way in Africa for over 30 years.

Again, this is a sad occasion for us all and we appreciate all the messages of condolence from our Affiliates and Partners worldwide.

May God bless us all!

Jonathan Akuamoah
Executive Director
United Way Ghana

As we all know, our President died on Tuesday July 24th during his term. With elections coming up in a few months, this was indeed a major blow. In this time of crisis, I have never been more proud of our country as all parties suspended their bitter rivalry and campaign to join together in Unity.

Meet UWG's Governing Council

- Dr. Juliette Tuakli (President)
- Mr. K. Albert Wilson (1st Vice President)
- Mrs. Douha Smith (2nd Vice President)
- Mrs. Victoria Cooper-Enchia (Treasurer)
- Mr. Philippe Ayivor (Member)
- Mrs. Patricia Quaidoo (Member)
- Mr. Edward Boateng (Member)
- Mrs. Safuratu Andani (Member)
- Dr. Baffour Agyemang-Duah (Member)
- Nana Ofei-Nkansah II (Member)

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