

## *Vodafone Ghana Foundation marks International Women's Day*

**E**ach year around the world, International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8. Thousands of events occur not just on this day but throughout March to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women.

To mark the occasion, employees of Vodafone Ghana Foundation (VGF) offered volunteer service at the Street Girl's Aid Day Care Centre at Maamobi, a suburb of Accra. Over ninety six man-hours of service were rendered.

Clean up exercise, painting the walls, pillars and other structures as well as treating the children to fun games marked the event. The children were served lunch by Vodafone employees.

In addition the employees donated food items like bags of maize, beans and rice, cooking oil, detergents, toiletries, educational materials and a bundle of roofing sheets and accessories to replace leaking roofs of the centre.

In her speech to mark the event, Mamle Asare, Sustainability Manager indicated that VGF was committed to their community social responsibility initiatives and this was part of it. VGF would ensure a continuous support to the Street Girls' Aid Day Care Centre, she reiterated

This special event provided an opportunity for the employees of Vodafone Ghana Foundation to serve society in a very special and meaningful way.

United Way Ghana facilitated the event.



**A volunteer cleaning the windows of one of the classroom blocks**



**A volunteer painting one of the classrooms**



**Presenting of items to the Centre**

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## Canadian Couple invests in Ghana's Future

It is a worldwide fact that children are the future of any nation, thus education of our children is even more important for a developing nation such as Ghana.

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Macdonald, through the United Way Canadian Centraide Across Borders, are donating more than 20,000 Canadian Dollars a year for three years to help United Ways in Ghana and Uganda.

The first installment of the fund goes to implement a program aimed at providing quality formal education to Muslim children in Asawasi in the Ashanti Region.

These communities, especially the Muslim female child have the highest level of illiteracy in the country.

Joining with our NGO partner in that Region, the Muslim Family Counseling Centre, UWG will help to sensitize the parents in these communities as to the importance of education for their children and making sure they play a significant role in addressing this issue.

This funding was developed through United Way Worldwide Vice President responsible for the African Region, Ms. Janet Butler.



UWG gives many thanks to the Macdonalds in their commitment to those less fortunate and philanthropic efforts.

UWW continues to support the African Region under the leadership of Ms Butler. United Way Ghana is excited about the possibilities of growth with donors such as the Macdonalds and others to support our work.

## Newmont Donates to Mum's Love Rural Orphanage Foundation

Through a UWG initiative called Work place giving, where employees donate a small amount from their monthly salary to an NGO which is matched by the corporation, Newmont Ghana Gold employees have been able to help a needy orphanage.

Newmont Ghana Gold Ltd, in response to their corporate social responsibility objectives has donated GHc 83,000.00 to Mum's Love Rural Orphanage Foundation at Duayaw Nkwanta in the Tano North district of the Brong Ahafo Region of Ghana.

The amount is intended to support the orphanage in creating opportunities through which child abilities, talents and creativity can fully be harnessed.

Mum's Love Rural Orphanage Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that takes care of orphans, abandoned children, street children, school drop-outs, drug addicts, discharged prisoners and the excluded in the society to promote micro-enterprise development and vocational skills training for the unemployed youth.

This is an example of how through partnership, corporate institutions and community groups can come together to achieve sustainable change at the community level.

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## United Way Ghana appoints new Board Members

The Governing Council of United Way Ghana has appointed into office two (2) more members who will be supporting in steering the mission of UWG. They are;



**Mrs. Safuratu Muhammed Andani**

Mrs. Safuratu Muhammed Andani, who is currently the Greater Accra Regional Director for Community Water and Sanitation Agency (CWSA), holds a B.SC. (hons) in Civil Engineering and a M.Sc in Environmental Engineering.

She has a vast wealth of experience in Engineering experience spanning over 20 years..

With her experience at her current position with CWSA, Mrs. Andani will support other members of the Governing Council to build stronger, healthier, better educated, and self sustaining communities in Ghana.



**Nana Ofei-Nkansah II**

Nana Ofei-Nkansah II, known in private life as Mrs Oforiwa Bervell-Ackah, is the Queenmother of Amanokrom and also the Environmental Queen of Akuapiman Traditional Area in the Eastern Region.

Currently, she is the Managing Director of Gemini Maritime Services Limited (Stevedoring Company operating in Tema/Takoradi Ports), with responsibility for the day to day management, formulation and implementation of company vision and policies for the overall advancement of the business.

Among her numerous accomplishments is setting-up the Nana Ofei-Nkansah Environmental Foundation that has created environmental awareness in the Akuapem State. It also created the Plastic Banks and initiated the waterless

places of convenience dubbed the Waterless for Ghana at 50! She is also involved in the buying of virgin land to monitor how it is used for sustainable environmental projects.

Nana Ofei Nkansah is a lawyer and holds a postgraduate degree in industrial relations and trade union studies. She is married with two children.

UWG wishes both new GC members well and hope that they will help in various capacities to help UWG in its programs.

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## Letter from the Executive Director



United Way Worldwide will celebrate 125 years in existence rebuilding lives, at its convention in Nashville Tennessee U.S.A. from April 30th to May 5th.

In over 41 countries with more than 4,000 affiliates, United Way Worldwide

continues to be a leader in community engagement and community impact as the largest non-profit globally.

UWG is proud to be a part of this amazing network

and is working hard to be a force in Ghana. With each United Way responsible for raising funds in its country, UWG faces many challenges in a developing nation to promote the UWW movement and attain sustainability.

With a Governing Council of volunteer community leaders headed by Dr. Juliette Tuakli as president and a committed Vice President for UWW responsible for the African Region in the person of Ms. Janet Butler, UWG is making strides in our goal of sustainability due to transparency, accountability, and dedication to improve the lives of all Ghanaians through a community impact strategy.

### 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)
- Mr. Baffour Agyemang (Member)
- Nana Ofei-Nkansah II (Member)

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