

# SHGO! GLOBAL

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## COMMUNITY HEALTH & EDUCATION CAMPUS

The Zion Ministries Community Health and Education Campus opened in Bandawa, Sierra Leone this May. Ministry of Health representatives, funders from Consigli Construction Co. Inc., Seven Hills' President/CEO Dr. David Jordan, employee Harun Sanusi, and leaders from SHGO's local partner organization, Zion Ministries, were all in attendance for the grand opening. The celebration drew hundreds of community members, who were excited about this new local development and supportive of SHGO's partnership in Sierra Leone.

The campus currently houses a maternal-child health clinic, providing free essential services to mothers and children. This clinic will help to improve and save the lives of many women and children. The campus is also home to a primary school that is currently filled to capacity with eager students. The campus will expand to include an adult health clinic, agricultural and recreational spaces, a secondary school, staff quarters, and a church. A fresh water well has been secured to provide clean water to Bandawa and the 15 surrounding area villages.

Thank you to Consigli Construction Company for their generous support and to the Seven Hills' staff for their continuous efforts with this partnership.

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## GEO

### CREATING & EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES!



This is a busy and exciting time for Global Exchange Opportunities! The first four GEO Fellows arrived in May and are settling in at their training sites and sharing experiences with SHF employees. Sehiban Tura, from Germany, explains how this program has enabled her to gain more experience working with children with autism. She has been observing her coworkers and supervisors to gain a deeper understanding of behavior plans, how to implement goals, and a variety of new methods. She structures her work with empathy, patience, and calmness and would recommend her GEO experience to her peers.

The GEO staff will continue to build relationships with its partners both nationally and internationally to create and expand opportunities. GEO is working with agencies in Maine, Washington DC, Minnesota, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York. These initiatives continue to promote the goals of fostering an educational and professional exchange experience for all participants and to enhance cultural awareness, mutual understanding and international cooperation.

To learn more, please visit our website at [www.yourgeo.org](http://www.yourgeo.org).

**GLOBAL EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES**  
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## SHGO C.A.R.E.S. COLLECTING AND REDISTRIBUTING ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES!

Talented Seven Hills employees in Massachusetts and Rhode Island hail from all over the world, and work hard here in the U.S. to support important humanitarian causes and family needs back home. SHGO acknowledges your hard work on behalf of others, and applauds our collective spirit of supporting those in need. To further these efforts, the SHGO C.A.R.E.S. program will support the cycle of giving by encouraging staff traveling abroad to carry a humanitarian bag filled with essential supplies to their destination. Whether supporting a SHGO partner or an organization elsewhere, we hope to send supplies where they are most needed. **This includes, of course, distributing supplies right here in our Worcester community to families or organizations in need.**



*Left to Right - Harun Sanusi and James Rogers ready to transport the much needed supplies.*

This program was inspired by Jane, a Seven Hills' employee, who worked tirelessly to procure a wheelchair to send to her nephew in Africa who has complex physical restrictions. After seven years of searching, she found an organization that could sponsor and ship this essential piece of equipment. Her ultimate success is incredible, showing great dedication and persistence. However, no one should have to suffer while waiting for supplies that can greatly enhance quality of life. Seven Hills' employees,

James Rogers and Harun Sanusi have recently carried hundreds of pounds of donated items to Sierra Leone! From school supply kits and clothes to medicine and hygiene products, you can make an impact just by checking a bag or picking one up for a local family in need.

If you are interested in participating or know someone with upcoming travel plans, please contact Ashley Emerson Gilbert at 508.983.1308 or [aemersongilbert@sevenhills.org](mailto:aemersongilbert@sevenhills.org).



SHGO is now on Facebook, at [www.facebook.com/sevenhillsglobaloutreach](http://www.facebook.com/sevenhillsglobaloutreach). Please 'like' SHGO's page to show your support, and invite your networks to do the same!

## SHGO SUMMIT CONNECTING AROUND THE WORLD

**International Summit Scheduled in Kenya:** For the first time, our diverse field of partners from around the world will meet in July of 2012 for an International Summit in Kenya! The summit will connect international leaders in sustainable development and social change around the themes of agriculture, sustainability, and international partnerships. SHGO partners will deliver a presentation on their related area of expertise to facilitate learning, networking and exchange. The summit will take place at the Beverly School of Kenya, and will include guests from Bangladesh, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Kenya, Sierra Leone and the United States.

**Partners Visit Seven Hills:**  
Chad Bissonnette, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Roots

of Development, SHGO's field partner in Haiti, recently visited Seven Hills in Worcester. Roots of Development is a non-profit organization working for sustainable development on the island of La Gonave. During his visit he shared his unique philosophy on international development, networked with local organizations involved with development work in Haiti, and shared plans for upcoming projects. His visit helped to expand partnership efforts and shared work opportunities.

In other news, this fall Seven Hills will be welcoming Pastor Michael Kanu of Zion Ministries, our partner in Sierra Leone. More information will be announced soon!

## PLANS FOR EXPANSION

After taking time to reflect and work on current partnership strengthening methods, SHGO is ready to support staff in developing new international partnerships. On behalf of the Seven Hills' staff from **Jamaica, Ghana and Liberia**, we are focused on partnering with grass-roots organizations to address areas of need in their home nations.

If you have a connection to these countries, or have a suggestion for a partnership, please contact Ashley Emerson Gilbert at [aemersongilbert@sevenhills.org](mailto:aemersongilbert@sevenhills.org) or at 508.983.1308.