

SHGO! GLOBAL

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SHGO Partners with HOCAP in Ghana

Dr. David A. Jordan, President/CEO, SHGO staff, and Seven Hills' staff, Leslie Barnor, recently returned from Tema, Ghana, where they solidified a new partnership with the nonprofit organization, HOCAP (Home of Care and Protection). Directed by Ms. Barbara Asempa, HOCAP works with rural communities in the greater Tema/Accra area to support healthcare outreach, education, advocacy, and agricultural/ economic development through the use of microfinance lending. In line with all of SHGO's partnerships, HOCAP is focused on grassroots development initiatives that are participatory in nature and structured on long-term sustainability. SHGO



Dr. David A. Jordan and Barbara Asempa – far right – applaud a village chief breaking ground on a new HOCAP project site in Okushibri, Ghana.

looks forward to supporting the good work of HOCAP by contributing seed funding to their microfinance initiatives to sustain a perpetual gift, as loans are repaid. These micro loans will enhance economic opportunities and development through agriculture. Learn more about HOCAP at hocapmissions.org. View photos of the trip at flickr.com/photos/sevenhillsfoundation.

SHGO C.A.R.E.S. Employee Spotlight: Deb Lloyd

Deb Lloyd, Seven Hills Family Services' staff member, recently traveled to Monsejour, Aquin, Haiti with her son and a team of volunteers from The Haiti Project, Inc. The group volunteered at a dispensary and nutrition center and helped with rebuilding efforts. Deb was proud to carry a SHGO C.A.R.E.S. bag filled with clothing, toiletries, soccer gear, and more, to donate to Haitian families as a part of her trip. Congratulations to Deb and her team! If you are interested in donating supplies and/or carrying a SHGO C.A.R.E.S. bag, please contact Jesse Mattleman at jmattleman@sevenhills.org.

GEO: FELLOW SPOTLIGHT: LIZE VAN DER AA

Global Exchange Opportunities (GEO) Fellows are hard at work, training in eleven different agencies from the East Coast to Minnesota. In this issue of *SHGO! GLOBAL*, we are featuring Lize Van Der Aa from the Netherlands, who has been training at Seven Hills Foundation as part of the CareerSource team. Lize is currently honing her vocational training skills with the individuals at Café Seven Hills.

Lize has forged great relationships with her colleagues and individuals alike, bringing a new perspective to training at the café. She is a great example of intercultural exchange and the power of international collaboration. Stop in for a cup of joe or healthy snack at Café Seven Hills and meet Lize, our Featured Fellow for Spring 2012.



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A Successful Meeting with Sierra Leone's First Lady

Dr. David A. Jordan, (President/CEO), SHGO Staff, and Pastor Michael Kanu of Zion Ministries, had the honor of meeting with First Lady Sia Nyama Koroma in Freetown, Sierra Leone, in January 2012. At the meeting, SHGO and Zion Ministries introduced a proposal in which the Community Health and Education Campus in Bandawa—funded by Consigli Construction Co., Inc. and Seven Hills Global Outreach, and managed by Zion Ministries—would be used as a model for nationwide replication, as part of a national effort to provide healthcare access, quality education, and other social support programs. This initiative, titled “The First Lady Rural Health and Education Initiative,” will be housed under the Office of the First Lady, and used as a national framework for



Dr. David A. Jordan, Pastor Michael Kanu, First Lady Sia Nyama Koroma, Jesse Mattleman, and Ashley Emerson Gilbert meet at the Office of the First Lady in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

the addition of 10–12 Clinic-School Campuses. Her Excellency, Madam Koroma, was excited by the concept, and appreciative of the important work of Seven Hills Global Outreach, staff and supporters, Zion Ministries, and the diaspora community. SHGO and Zion Ministries look forward to continued collaboration with the President and First Lady as they strive to extend essential services to the people of Sierra Leone.

Greater Worcester Community Gives Back to Students in Sierra Leone

Worcester area youth and adults contributed to SHGO's “Wish for the World” collaborative art project by inscribing or depicting their wishes for peace, love, happiness, health, and prosperity on small prayer flags to be hung in solidarity at Zion Ministries' site in Sierra Leone. Many thanks to all who participated!



“Wish for the World” participants display their prayer flags in Worcester, MA, before sending them to Sierra Leone.

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Roots of Development and SHGO Support Capacity-Building and Empowerment in La Gonave, Haiti

SHGO is proud to partner with Roots of Development, a nonprofit organization working to facilitate sustainable, grassroots development on the island of La Gonave. Recently, SHGO funded a workshop series for 100 women to learn about economic empowerment and increase local capacity. The workshop culminated in the development of an entrepreneurial business plan, to be operated by the workshop attendees, in which a food-based product will be manufactured for market sale. Profit generated from these sales will support the women's economic stability and that of their

respective families. In addition, a percentage of the overhead profits will assist in the development of a social program to support orphans and vulnerable children in the Gran Sous area—a great need identified by the workshop participants, and an interest the women hope to address.

Thank you to Chad Bissonnette for facilitating this transformative experience and best of luck to the women entrepreneurs of Gran Sous!



Forward-In-Health: Bringing Healthcare to Les Cayes, Haiti

SHGO is excited to advance its recent partnership with *Forward in Health*, a Massachusetts-based nonprofit organization working to construct a healthcare facility in Les Cayes, Haiti. SHGO and Forward in Health are working in collaboration with Chad Bissonnette, Executive Director of Roots of Development, to support local partnership-building efforts, sustainability, construction management, daily operations, and long-term strategies for best healthcare practices in Haiti. January 2012 marks the second anniversary of the 2010 earthquake, and there is still much recovery work to be done. Seven Hills Global Outreach is now responsible for coordinating the construction and opening of this new health clinic in Les Cayes.