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### PROGRESS IN EDUCATION COMPLETES 7<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF EDUCATION OUTREACH IN GHANA

September 15, 2007 – Progress In Education (PIE) completed its seventh year of operation on July 31, 2007, with total cash donations of \$14,300. This compares favorably with FY 2006 total of \$16,825, which included over \$4,000 in directed giving and sponsored projects by WGHS and TARSCO alumni.

In addition to the third annual golf fundraiser in Northern Virginia, fundraising was carried on by Directors in the Texas, Maryland and North Carolina, with the assistance of 2 advisory board members. For FY 2007/2008, PIE intends to recruit ten advisory board members and an additional director to enable our operations to benefit more students in Ghana, and to promote greater cultural awareness.

For the year ended July 31, 2007, thirteen secondary schools in Ghana received computers, monitors, printers, science laboratory equipment worth approximately twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

In the United States, the Ghana Association of Houston was the beneficiary of a corporate sponsored grant of \$500 for Ghana@50 essay writing contest. Additionally, Progress in Education was a community partner in a lecture featuring former United Nations Secretary General, Kofi Annan, in Houston, TX, on April 16, 2007.

Recipients of PIE grants in Ghana applied for, and were chosen by the Board of Directors of PIE in consultation with PIE, Ghana Ltd. Their selections are based in part, on the profile of our donors, and the potential for the grants to improve the quality of academic instruction in those institutions.

For the last three years, our grant program has benefited students in several senior secondary schools in the Volta, Eastern, Western, Central, Ashanti and Greater Accra regions of Ghana. Feedback ([video icon](#)) from Ghana, including video testimonials provides clear indications that our programs are on track, and we are confident that this year's grant recipients will enhance PIE's mission of creating a better world community by investing in secondary school education.

The table below shows a list of items donated in May 2007 to schools in Ghana.

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Items	Quantity
Computers (refurbished)	85
Monitors (refurbished)	74
Printers (laser 9, Inkjet 3)	12
Laser Ink Cartridges	18
Microscopes	10
Laboratory scales	12
Dissecting Kits	36
Glassware (beakers, pipettes, burettes, conical flasks)	180

FY 2007 also saw the completion of two sponsored projects: WGHS-86 renovation of their school library, which was partially funded by donations to PIE, and the donation of computers and monitors to Tarkwa secondary school in collaboration with TARSCO Alumni – USA.

The following institutions were recipients of PIE grants in 2007:

Ebenezer Secondary School, Accra, Greater Accra Region

Ghanatta Secondary School, Dodowa, Eastern Region

Keta Secondary School, Keta, Volta Region

Larteh Salem Secondary school, Eastern Region

Mfantshipim School, Cape Coast, Central Region

Mfantsiman School, Saltpond, Central Region

Nsutaman Catholic Secondary school, Ashanti Region

Odorgonno Secondary School, Accra, Greater Accra Region

Saint John's Grammar School, G. Accra

Swedru Secondary School, Central Region

Tarkwa Secondary School, Western Region

Wesley Girls High School, Central Region

Winneba Secondary School, Central Region

Progress In Education, Inc., a U.S. based charitable organization, was formed in August 2000 to advance education and learning in Ghana, and to promote cross-cultural understanding between the United States of America and Ghana. PIE is incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia and is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. [www.progressineducation.org](http://www.progressineducation.org)

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