



MARCH 2014 PRESENTATION TO SCHOOLS IN GHANA\*

## P.I.E. Donates \$50,000 worth of computers and science resources to schools in Ghana

P.I.E. made a presentation to thirty-five schools in Ghana on March 13, 2014. The donated items included ninety-nine refurbished computers paired with new LCD monitors, twenty printers and an assortment of science laboratory equipment, glassware and biological models. Please see page three for a list of beneficiaries.

*Pictured below, a section of the items donated to schools in Ghana. March 13, 2014*



*\*Top left: Dr. Sylvia Boye (center), P.I.E. - Ghana chairperson, and Dr. Kwame Owusu (far right), P.I.E. -USA Director at presentation in Accra.*



## 2014 Annual Report

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### MAKING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

We started the fiscal year with a very successful Gala in Houston, Texas, and ended the year with another successful event in Charlotte, North Carolina! In between the two events, we made our largest shipment of equipment and supplies to schools in Ghana, and funded a second tranche of USA scholarships. **YOUR** donations made this possible. Help us to do more. **THANK YOU!**



Partnering SMOGA'82 . Please see article on Page2; Below, Houston Gala scene.



# USA Program

By Naana Danquah Jefferson

The Houston Area Urban League (HAUL) and the Greater Baltimore Urban League (GBUL) disbursed the remainder of the original \$10,000 P.I.E. grant during the 2013/2014 school year. This paves the way for the release of \$10,000 in new funds to assist more students.

As part of the application process, the recipients were asked to write an essay focused on “Why There is a Need for an Inter-Cultural Exchange Program between the USA and Ghana or African Countries”. The common theme in all of the essays was the importance of education and sharing knowledge as contained in the following statement:

*“It is very important to have a cross-cultural exchange between America and the countries of Africa because it promotes exploration, awareness and a remarkable transformation.”*

Congratulations to our recipients as they continue to progress in their education!



## USA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Above (l), Venita Gatson, scholarship coordinator at the Houston Area Urban League (HAUL), student beneficiaries (center), and Gala host, Josiah Osei (r) of Afisco Interest LLC at the November 2013 Houston Gala.

## P.I.E. Collaborates with SMOGA'82

by SMOGA'82 Alumni group

The 1982 year group of St. Mary's Old Girls Association (SMOGA '82) responded to their alma mater – St. Mary's Girls Senior High School's request for a Polytank to ensure adequate and constant water supply to the school's kitchen at all times given the irregular water supply to the school as experienced in the city of Accra.

**SMOGA** provided a Polytank (Rambo 1000 with a capacity of 10,000 liters) and a supporting concrete base on which the tank is mounted. **Progress in Education** (“P.I.E.”) supported SMOGA '82 with a donation of a pump connected into

the school kitchen. P.I.E. donated the pump, provided funding for the installation of the pump and all plumbing work involved. This has further enhanced the water supply to the school's kitchen.

### Donation benefits:

Clean and regular running water is necessary for food safety and hygiene and this is guaranteed with the donation; overall hygienic environment for food preparation for students ensures healthy living for the girls of St. Mary's.

*(Extracted from SMOGA '82 report.)*





## GHANA PROGRAM –CONTINUED

## EQUIPPING COMPUTER LABS &amp; SCIENCE LABS



## LIST OF BENEFICIARIES - March 2014 presentation

**ASHANTI REGION**

Obuasi Secondary Tech. school  
 Jachie Pramso Senior HS  
 Nsutaman Senior High School  
 Kumasi Girls High School  
 Serwaa Nyarko Girls S. High  
 Konongo Secondary school

**BRONG AHAFO**

Serwaa Kesse Girls, D. Y. Nkwanta  
 Wenchi Senior High

**CENTRAL REGION**

Kweggir Aggrey, Anomabo  
 Boa Amponsem - Dunkwa  
 Edinaman Senior High School  
 Breman Asikuma Senior High

**G/ACCRA**

West Africa Secondary school  
 Chemu Sec Tema  
 Labone Senior High Sch.

**La Presbyterian SHS****EASTERN REGION**

Akim Swedru Senior High  
 Abuakwa State College  
 Mamfe Methodist Girls' Sec  
 Krobo Girls Sec. school  
 School for Hearing Impaired

**NORTHERN**

Savelugu Senior High  
 Salaga Senior High  
 Bimbilla Secondary school

**UPPER WEST**

St Francis Girls, Jirapa  
 Kanton SHS, Tumu

**UPPER EAST**

Bawku Secondary School  
 Bolga Girls

**VOLTA**

Afife Snr High Technical  
 Awudome Snr High, Tsito  
 St. Paul Snr High, Denu  
 Wovenu Sec Tech

**WESTERN REGION**

Bompeh Sec. Tech.  
 Huni Valley Secondary School  
 Saint John's Secondary School  
 Bogoso Public Library

## FIRST ANNUAL CHARLOTTE GALA



Event Host, Kodwo Ghartey-Tagoe.



left: Gala patrons at the silent auction.

## Fundraisers: Charlotte

by Kodwo Ghartey-Tagoe,

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014, P.I.E. held its first ever gala fundraiser in Charlotte, North Carolina. The event was a big success, raising over \$30,000 to support P.I.E.'s mission. The event, emcee'd by Mr. Joe (Joseph Butler) of the Charlotte radio show "Start Something," was held at the Crowne Plaza Executive Park Hotel, and was attended by approximately 110 people. Guests were treated to Ghanaian cultural drumming by drummer extraordinaire, Sam Amaning. Amaning's credits include performances with distinguished musicians like Dizzy Gillespie, Koo Nimo, and Blay Ambuley. Charlotte City Councilman Greg Phipps welcomed guests and provided greetings on behalf of the Mayor of Charlotte. P.I.E. Board Chair and event host, Kodwo Ghartey-Tagoe also shared a video of some of P.I.E.'s accomplishments in Ghana with guests. Great fun was had by all and feedback from guests has been fantastic! Excitement is already building for the Second Annual Charlotte Gala which is likely to be in the Fall of

2015! Many thanks to the Planning Committee (Kwasi & Dela Sarpong, Francis & Rita Obeng, Conitsha Barnes, Albert & Stella Doku, Richard & Priscilla Akomaning, and Kodwo & Phyllis Ghartey-Tagoe), the many volunteers, guests, our Title Sponsor TPM Consulting, and donors who made the event a big success.

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## 2013 Houston Gala

Planning committee: l-r: Joe Osei, Jeanette Harris-Osei, Griffiths & Dorothy Ayiteyio



Kobby Attefah, Lola Minta, Albert & Prudence Oppong, Kodwo Ghartey-Tagoe and Dr. Joel Bonaparte. Cross page picture: Theodora Vandyke (l), and Josephine Engerman (r).

## FAST FACTS

Charlotte Net: \$30K

Next Gala: Fall 2015

Houston Net: \$38K

Next Gala: Saturday November 8, 2014

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### Scene from Charlotte Gala



## 2013 Houston Gala

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Houston Gala held



at Sweetwater Country Club on November 8, 2013 raised over \$38,000 to support P.I.E.'s programs. Many thanks to the

volunteers, planning committee, donors and sponsors - especially



Afisco Interest LLC, Duke Energy, George & Angelina Owusu Foundation, for making the event a success.

The 2014 Houston Gala will be held at Sweetwater Country Club



on Saturday, November 8, 2014.

We look forward to having a fun-filled event to support P.I.E.'s mission.

## Q& A with Lifetime partner -Akbari Momin

*Q. When and how did you first hear about P.I.E.?*

I was first introduced to P.I.E. about three years ago. Mr. Joe Osei, one of my best friends introduced me to the organization.

*Q. What made you donate to P.I.E. the first time and why have you continued to donate since then?*

This program is about education, and education is one of the best gifts you can give. That's what I like; that's what has made me a lifetime partner.

*Q. If you could decide the future for P.I.E. what would you like P.I.E. to achieve 5 to 10 years from now?*

P.I.E. is a great organization; my suggestion to P.I.E. is do some more programs with other communities; build bridges with

others, and keep long term goals. Also set some financial goals (endowment funds).

*Q. What advice would you give to the beneficiaries of P.I.E.'s grants?*

Give back. I see P.I.E. continuing to help less fortunate students. Once those students succeed in their lives they will definitely help the organization. This is the way you will progress (helping each other).

*Q. Tell us more about yourself; what is your favorite pastime?*

I always believe in helping others. "It does not matter what you achieve, what matters is what you did for others to achieve". God bless you all. I am a humble religious guy; always believe in God. I always read about different cultures and peoples. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

BY NAA LAMLE WULFF

Pictured below, Mr. Akbari Momin (l) and Mr. Josiah Osei, P.I.E. Advisory Board member and event host.



"This program is about education, and education is one of the best gifts you can give."

# Financial Report

by Griffiths Ayiteyio

Progress In Education recorded net revenues (total revenues, less fundraising expenses) of \$72,000 for the year ended July 31, 2014, compared to \$63,800 for 2012/2013 fiscal year. This represents an increase of 12.89% and the highest net revenues of any given period in the organization's fourteen-year history. Total revenues amounted to \$88,693, compared to \$91,018 for the year ended July 31; 2013. We achieved this through two highly successful fundraising Galas in Houston Texas, and Charlotte, North Carolina.

During the year, we spent a total of \$53,800 on Ghana programs, of which \$49,000 directly impacted student life. Port clearance and local administration expenses were \$3,100, and cost of freight from US to Ghana was \$1,800. Our U.S. program was fully funded at \$10,000, and is represented as restricted net asset in the Statement of Financial Position. This will provide grants of \$1,000 each to ten eligible students enrolled in post-secondary institutions.

More detailed information about P.I.E.'s finances is available from the July 31, 2014 annual financial statements.

## Statement of Financial Position

	July 31, 2014
<b>Assets</b>	
<b>Cash</b>	\$ 120,564.73
Other Assets	1,885.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 122,449.73</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	
	\$ -
Total Liabilities	-
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 105,459.89
Restricted Net Assets	\$ 16,989.84
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 122,449.73</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 122,449.73</b>

## Statement of Activities

	Year Ended July 31, 2014, 2014
<b>Revenues</b>	\$ 88,692.65
Fundraising expenses	16,694.31
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 71,998.34</b>
<b>Program and operating expenses</b>	
Computers and science resources	\$ 47,933.71
Saint Mary's project	1,000.00
Port clearance, transport & presentation	3,100.00
Shipping	1,800.00
Total Ghana program expenses	53,833.71
USA program - HAUL	-
<b>Total program expenses</b>	<b>\$ 53,833.71</b>
Administration and general expenses	1,279.40
<b>Total program and operating expenses</b>	<b>\$ 55,113.11</b>
Change In net assets	\$ 16,885.23
<b>Net Assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>\$ 105,564.50</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 122,449.73</b>

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