

THE
CARTER CENTER



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To whom it may concern:

This letter is in support of the efforts of the Martha Educational Foundation (MEF), a Non Profit Organization registered in the USA and based in Atlanta with an office in Ghana, West Africa. MEF's general mission is to serve the community by reducing poverty and raising the standard of well being and healthcare across America and Africa to attain the best possible human development. One specific area that MEF is especially interested is to increase public awareness and reduce the stigma and discrimination experienced by people with mental illnesses in Ghana and West Africa. MEF hopes to demonstrate to the population that mental health illnesses are treatable.

To this end, MEF has proposed to develop "The Peep-Ters Institute" a mental health facility in Ghana, to help change the way mental health is managed in Ghana and in West Africa. In addition to managing mental health, "The Peep-Ters Institute" will serve as a counseling, addiction, and drug detoxification center, as none of these services are currently available in the private sector. MEF has enlisted the help of psychiatrists, nurses, and clinical psychologists. With current legislation being debated in the Ghanaian parliament on ways to improve mental health care to the level of other health care being offered, and the mandating of counseling instead of jail for first time offenders, MEF believes a modern mental health/educational facility in Ghana will advance the promotion, prevention, and early intervention and treatment for people with a mental illness and their families.

After discussions and interactions with MEF we have complete confidence in the organization and therefore strongly support MEF in their fundraising efforts.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. Bornemann, Ed.D.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas H. Bornemann".

Director