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SpecSavers' Support

SpecSavers' founder, Dame Mary Perkins, has offered to sponsor the first floor of the clinic building in Gyetiase. This amazingly generous act will mean that the clinic will be registered and licensed long before we had thought possible.

What's more, eleven SpecSavers' staff recently spent two weeks screening the villagers for eye diseases and distributing second-hand spectacles free of charge. They plan more visits, and are gradually installing laboratory equipment at the clinic.

Fund-Raising

Please come to two Ashanti Development fund-raisers, and bring your friends:

Out of Slavery

Gala Night

*Celebrating the abolition of the slave trade,
and raising funds for the Ghana charity Ashanti Development*

Dancers from the Royal Ballet

including Mara Galeazzi, Yuhui Choe,
Thomas Whitehead and Sergei Polunin

and

Agnes Lopez Rio, Antoine Vereecken and Neil Brown of
Wayne McGregor | Random Dance

in new and recent choreography
interwoven with music composed by ex-slaves, spirituals and
plantation songs

played by *Robert Gibbs, Adrian Bradbury,
Oliver Davies and Henry Roche*

Presented by the former Royal Ballet Principal dancer Bryony Brind

Sunday 28 September 2008 at 7.30pm

Bloomsbury Theatre, 15 Gordon St, London WC1H 0AH

*Tickets £25 available from The Bloomsbury Theatre
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Sponsored Walk

Saturday, 11 October at 2.00pm
start at St Pancras Old Church on Pancras Road

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to raise money for general development funds, including medicine for use in the Ashanti clinic in Gyetiase. The walk will consist of a gentle, eight mile stroll down Regent's Canal, walking at your own pace.

Last year's walk raised nearly £3,000 and this year we hope to raise at least £5,000!

If you'd like to join in, please contact Zoe Cunningham (zoeandsean@gmail.com or 07929 788 847) for details and a sponsorship form. If you can't make it but would like to sponsor the walkers, donate on line at <http://www.mycharitypage.com/AshantiDevelopment> or contact Zoe or Penny David.

Patrons and Trustees

Earlier this month, Ashanti Development welcomed two new patrons:

- **Nicky Gavron** is a Member of the London Assembly and
- **Dame Mary Perkins** is a founder of SpecSavers.

and five new trustees:

- **Albert Antwi** comes from the south-east, coastal region of Ghana. In London he works as a Housing Officer for the London Borough of Camden.
- **Vicky Coy**, a hydrogeologist, and **Catriona Neath**, a geochemist, both work for consulting engineers Ove Arup.
- **Anjum Khan** is a doctor at University College London Hospital with a special interest in HIV/Aids.
- **Tom Weekes** is a barrister.

Prize

Finally, congratulations to trustee Dr Ashkan Khalili for winning an **Abbey 1-UCL Excellence/Endeavour Award**. This award celebrates outstanding achievement or endeavour by current UCL students in a non-academic field – in this case, the establishment of Ashanti Development's centre for eye health in Gyetiase.

We especially appreciate the £1,000 award which Ashkan nominated Ashanti Development to receive.



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Donations

If you'd like to make a donation, please make your cheque payable to 'Ashanti Development' and return it to 21 Downing Court, Grenville Street, London WC1N 1LX. We'll be happy to send you a Standing Order form.

Please 'Gift Aid' your donation if you can, by filling in and returning the following form. Provided you pay at least as much Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax as the tax we reclaim on your donations in the appropriate tax year, we can then reclaim 28p in each £1 you donate

Gift Aid Declaration

Name: (caps)

Address:
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Post code:

I want Ashanti Development to treat my donations as Gift Aid donations until I notify otherwise. This applies to all donations I have made since 6 April 2000 and those I make from now on.

Signature:

Date: