Harambe is an African word which means “working together”. It is also the foundation’s slogan and name of one of Mrs. Rita Marley’s most popular tunes. Available through our website quarterly, this newsletter will be a vital vehicle to inform you of our foundation’s endeavors, events and accomplishments; importantly, we eagerly anticipate “working together” with you, through your contributions and feedback. So with One Love we could nurture Harambe into a constructive newsletter.

Water For Humanity & The Rita Marley Foundation
Build Boreholes for Konkonururu, Ghana

The Rita Marley Foundation is fulfilling its mission to promote education, good health and welfare among the youth and socially & economically disadvantaged communities through educational and empowerment projects. The Foundation collaborated with Water For Humanity (WFH) to install boreholes for Konkonururu, Ghana.

One of the greatest limiting factors to development is reasonable access to sufficient quantities of clean and potable water. The community of Konkonururu, Ghana typifies the problems of lack of the above mentioned resources across Africa and throughout the developing world. Women and children must walk long distances for water. Sometimes risking injury or attacks along the way. They devote a tremendous amount of time and energy to this task and wait extended hours to collect water from crowded boreholes. Keeping them and their families trapped in poverty and often ill from water-borne diseases.

Konkonururu is a small rural town near Aburi in Ghana, West Africa. The entire Konkonururu community covers an area of 5 square kilometers.

Its population is estimated to be at 3000. The community has approximately 300 households, each with an average of 10 persons per household. (cont)
Konkonuru also has a severe water problem. Only 20% of homes have pipe borne water. Three boreholes installed by the Rita Marley Foundation serve as the primary source of water for other residents.

Konkonuru Methodist School does not have pipe borne water. Students must fetch from a nearby stream.

To remedy these dire water problems, The Rita Marley Foundation (Jamaica) sought grant funding from Water For Humanity (WFH) for construction of three additional boreholes. We're delighted to share with you that our Foundation’s proposal received favourable approval.

The first borehole will be installed at the Konkonuru Methodist School to ensure the school population has access to safe, clean water. Students could attend school regularly and thus perform better academically.

The Rita Marley Foundation will further organize training sessions on water conservation and water hygiene for the school and the entire Kokonuru community.

The Rita Marley Foundation is sincerely thankful to Water For Humanity (WFH). Our Foundation is extremely grateful for your involvement and support of this project.

Harambe! 🙏

Mrs. Rita Marley is Caribbean Hall of Fame Inductee

On October 25, Mrs. Rita Marley OD was officially inducted to the Caribbean Hall of Fame. Mrs. Marley was selected for this prominent award by the Caribbean Development for the Arts, Sports, and Culture Foundation. Mrs. Marley receives this honour for her notable contributions and commitment to the development of art and culture in Jamaica. Mrs. Rita Marley OD (Queen of Reggae) upholds the artistic and cultural standards of reggae and continues to take it to new heights.

During her teenage years she formed the musical trio The Soulettes. Mrs. Rita Marley also provided her husband, Bob Marley, with vocal support as a member of the I-Three. Afterwards, she forged an extraordinary career as a solo artist. Her sizzling 1982 hit "One Draw" created shockwaves around the world and was a massive bestseller.

Over two million copies have been sold. The song made music history as the first reggae single to top the Billboard Disco Charts. It was re-released in April 2014 under Shanachie Records.

(Monday morning) here I am
Want you to know just if you can
(Tuesday evening) where I stand
(Wednesday morning) tell myself a new day is rising
Mrs. Rita Marley has extensively toured the Caribbean, Africa, Japan, Canada, the Americas, South Pacific, Australia, the United Kingdom and Europe. Her appearance with the I-Three, the Wailers and her children The Melody Makers - for a performance with the Fugees at the 1997 GRAMMY Awards marked the first time any reggae artiste performed for a GRAMMY audience.

Mrs. Rita Marley has been the driving force behind keeping the Legacy of her husband Bob Marley alive.

As the Matriarch of the Marley Family, Mrs. Rita Marley wears many hats and has been instrumental in the initiation and completion of great works internationally, regionally and locally. In 1986, she had the vision and wisdom to transform Bob Marley's house at 56 Hope Road in Kingston, Jamaica into the Bob Marley Museum. It is in her capacity as Founder of the Robert Marley Foundation; the Bob Marley Museum; the Bob Marley Group of Companies and the Rita Marley Foundation that Mrs. Rita Marley continues to make manifest her commitment to the works of her husband.

In 1996 the Jamaican government awarded Mrs. Marley the Order of Distinction (OD) for her outstanding works and accomplishments, which are numerous. In November 2011 Mrs. Rita Marley OD was awarded the prestigious Honorable Marcus Garvey Lifetime Achievement Award at the Caribbean American Heritage Awards in recognition of her outstanding contributions.

The twelve annual Caribbean Hall of Fame Awards for Excellence ceremony was held at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel under the distinguished patronage of Their Excellencies The Most Honorable Sir Patrick Allen, ON, GCMG, CD, Governor General and The Most Honourable Lady Allen. Thirty (30) Caribbean nationals were inducted for their illustrious contributions to the Arts, Sports, Culture and Music in the Caribbean region.

The Rita Marley Foundation Bestowed African Diaspora Bridge Builders Award

In the African Diaspora there are many persons who hope to someday contribute to the development of continental Africa, our ancestral home. To many it remains a genuine aspiration. However, some individuals and organizations have been able to make these goals materialize and thus a blessing for all. (cont)
On August 4, the (AU) Diaspora African Forum, conferred Bridge Builders Awards to twenty five (25) distinguished individuals and organizations, among them the Rita Marley Foundation. Dr. Erieka Bennett, Founder and Head of Mission for the (AU) Diaspora African Forum, stated “The awardees have made major contributions in the areas of economic development, strengthening relationships and opening opportunities that make it possible for the African Diaspora family to work, live and contribute to the social development of their homelands. This ceremony is a token of our sincerest appreciation and gratitude for the tremendous efforts these amazing bridge builders have made on behalf of the entire African community.”

The Rita Marley Foundation(Jamaica & Ghana) works to ensure the aged is protected and the infants nourished and cared for. The Foundation has created many opportunities and contributions in the areas of health, education and infrastructural development.

Ms. Sharon Marley who serves as a Director for the Rita Marley Foundation was in attendance to accept the award. The star studded ceremony in Washington DC also coincided with the first U.S-Africa Leaders Summit at the White House. An event hosted by the U.S government to fortify relations between the U.S and Africa.

Save The Nation's Sight Clinic

Dr. Baah is doing just what he says: Saving the Nation’s Sight.

Recently the seniors at the Alpha & Omega Seniors Daycare project in Konkonuru had that wonderful gift from God freely renewed...Their sight.

Alpha & Omega Seniors Daycare serves those 65 and over so this was really appreci-loved.

Sight is so critical as we grow older and in their case they are often alone at home and have to get around as best they can.

It was very simple as Dr. Baah brought his team with him and setup in one of the rooms inside. Here we see Fyah, the elder Rastafari who came to Konkonuru with Mrs. Rita Marley, benefitting also. (cont)
Dr Baah’s clinic Save the Nation’s Sight is situated in East Legon near Madina 0244014656 and also does eye surgeries at a really minimal cost.

His visit was totally free to all. We thank You Dr. Baah from all the seniors, the Rita Marley Foundation and Mrs. Rita Marley herself.

The Rita Marley Foundation is also thankful to the following persons/organizations: Nurse Janette Garrick, Nanuet COSTCO-Mandy (Optical), Leslie Sanderson-People To People Food Pantry, Dr. Rich Corney Ophthalmologist NJ, Dr. Norma Keller NYU/Belleuve Hospital NYC & staff, ARCS of Rockland County, Kaplan Special needs School in Nyack NY, George Reed Mt. Kisco NY.

Nurse Janette Garrick & Dr. Baah.

Dr. Baah examines senior

Student Penpal Program for Jamaica & Ghana

The Rita Marley Foundation is nurturing positive friendships between children in Jamaica and Ghana, Africa. The Foundation recently launched a student letter exchange (penpal program) between students of Lannaman’s Prep School, Kingston Jamaica and Konkonuru Methodist School, Konkonuru Ghana. The participants, their parents and teachers are super excited. They believe the program is a great learning tool.

During orientation sessions at both institutions, students learnt about the geography, history, government, food and language of each others countries.

Stephanie Marley, Director RMF with Lannamans Prep School students

Where I stand, know, know, know, know, know, know
We’ll lift our heads and give Jah praises
We’ll lift our heads and give Jah praises, yeah
Sun is shining, the weather is sweet now
Participants are absolutely enthused about making new friends and learning each others cultures. They will also practice communication skills. The students at Lannamans Prep School are eager to learn Twi. It is the native language of the students at the Konkonuru Methodist School. While the students at Konkonuru Methodist School are eager to gain knowledge of Jamaica’s music and culture.

**Bracelet Making Project at Alpha & Omega Home**

A team of qualified caregivers, supervised by Nurse Brenda Powell assist with the wellbeing and recreational needs of guests (elderly) at the Alpha & Omega Home for the Aged in Konkonuru, Ghana. A home built by the Rita Marley Foundation.

The seniors are creating beautiful beaded bracelets. During their childhood years their mothers had taught them the art of jewelry making. The colour and design of beads used for each bracelet bears symbolic meaning. Whilst stringing beads into bracelets, the seniors share romantic stories of their youthful days. They heartily recall adorning themselves with beaded jewelry to attract future mates. Skills they in turn passed on to their daughters.

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*Make you want to move your dancing feet*
*To the rescue, here I am*
*Want you to know just if you can*
*Where I stand, know, know, know, where I stand*
Reading Skills Program

The Rita Marley Foundation (JA) continues the Reading Skills Program for Basic Schools. On October 8, twenty-six (26), four-year-old students of the Holy Trinity Basic School in Kingston, Jamaica attended the program. Principal Ms. Julet Ellis is very pleased that her school is selected to participate. The students are smart. They enjoy learning and actively engage in the reading sessions.

Students read and enact One Love Bob Marley Story

Teacher Sarah reads with her class

Reading is like eating. Do it everyday.

Rosemary Duncan Manager RMF (JA) & Students

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So to the rescue, to the rescue, to the rescue
Awake from your sleep and slumber
Today could be your lucky number
Sun is shining and the weather is sweet
Mrs. Rita Marley's Fabulous Earthday Party, Family, Friends & Fun!

1) Mrs. Marley & daughter (Cedella Marley)
2) First great grandson
3) Birthday Cake
4) Skip serenades his grandmother
5) Mrs. Marley & grandson Mathew Prendergast
6) Stephan Marley smiles with his grandmother
7) Dancers
8) She’s Royal
9) African Musicians
10) Donisha Predergast welcomes guests
11) Mrs. Marley & brother (Wesley Anderson)
12) Stephanie Marley & son (Sajahta)
13) Mrs. Marley, Mr. Mavin Zolt & daughter, Mr. Everton Bonner
14) Mrs. Marley, brother (Donovan Anderson), Sharon Marley & Sister Minnie
15) Stephan Marley smiles with his grandmother