

Habari means news!  
“Habari yako” in  
Kiswahili, translated  
literally, means  
“How are you?”  
What is your news?”

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### Africare Strengthens Response to Food Crisis in the Horn

**S**evere food shortages in the Horn of Africa, which began last year, had reached crisis proportions by the early months of 2004. Eritrea, Ethiopia and Somalia are now the most affected nations. In Ethiopia alone, nearly 13 million people—one-fifth of the country’s population—are in need of food aid.

“For Ethiopia to be free from the threat of recurring famines and epidemics,” notes Africare President Julius E. Coles, “the international community, in partnership with the Ethiopian people, must invest in water projects, agricultural research and production, improved medical services, rural roads and soil conservation.”

Africare has mounted a strong response to the needs in the Horn. In Eritrea, Africare is supporting a major program to ensure food security among 38,000 people in the Bada area of the Southern Red Sea zone. In Ethiopia’s Gambella region, Africare is supporting food distribution, water supply and health care for the most vulnerable crisis victims, especially the children.

*Generous gifts to Africare—to combat hunger and to help meet other pressing needs Africa-wide—may be sent in the envelope in this newsletter or via the Africare Web site, at [www.africare.org](http://www.africare.org).*

### Civil War in Liberia Ends

#### Africare Responds to Relief, Reconstruction Needs

After more than a decade of civil war and border conflicts, Liberia in late 2002 seemed to have achieved peace. By March 2003, however, fighting broke out again—leaving tens of thousands more people dead, huge numbers displaced and further infrastructural decimation. In August of 2003, then President Charles Taylor left office and departed the country. In October, Gyude Bryant, previously chosen to lead an interim administration, was sworn in as Liberia’s chairman (head of state). Peace began to take hold.

**A**fricare has been on the ground in Liberia since 1992, throughout the period of fighting, assisting the neediest victims of war. Early assistance focused on helping internally displaced persons to regain some semblance of self-reliance, especially through farming. In 1998, Africare partnered with five Liberian nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) to strengthen primary health care services in the outlying Bong, Montserrado and Nimba counties, reaching 34 clinics that served more than 300 rural communities. In January 2003, Africare received a second grant to expand the

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for the friends and  
supporters of Africare

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Since assuming the role of the presidency of Africare, I have been heavily involved in expanding Africare's financial resources. Within the past 18 months, we have brought some \$90 million in new commitments in programmatic funds into the organization.

The majority of those funds were in HIV/AIDS and food security: areas that Africare has stressed in its new programmatic strategy. For example, major food security programs continued in 10 countries Africa-wide—addressing hunger among individual families and across geo-

graphic regions. The Africare HIV/AIDS Service Corps expanded and received a major grant from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation to develop further still. Africare's HIV/AIDS programs, large and small, are now operating in 18 African countries.

Africare also expanded its work to control malaria. We were pleased to receive a grant of \$3.4 million from the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria, Ltd.—the largest single corporate grant we have ever received—to help “roll back malaria” in Nigeria's Delta region.

ChevronTexaco, Coca-Cola, DaimlerChrysler, Discovery Communications, Exxon-Mobil, Merck, Pfizer and others in the corporate sector have maintained high levels of commitment to Africare's work. The William H. Donner Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation were among our largest foundation donors in recent months.

Africare has been very actively involved in Liberia. We won a \$10 million grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development to assist with post-war reconstruction in three counties: Montserrado, Bong and Nimba. To carry out the project, we formed a consortium with the Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs and the Morehouse School of Medicine. And at the United Nations International Reconstruction Conference on Liberia, held Feb. 5–6, 2004, in New York, Africare was selected to speak on behalf of the more than 160 American NGOs that are members of InterAction.

The 2003 Africare Bishop Walker Dinner brought in more than \$1 million. Individuals giving to Africare through the Global Impact workplace-giving federation contributed several hundred thousand dollars more. We appreciate, as well, every individual, family, religious group, school, social club—every donor—who gave to Africare to save and improve the lives of the people of Africa.

To all of Africare's supporters—thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julius E. Coles". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julius E. Coles  
President, Africare

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Africare works to improve the quality of life in Africa, assisting families, villages and nations in two principal areas—food security and agriculture, and health and HIV/AIDS—as well as water resource development, environmental management, literacy and vocational training, microenterprise development, governance and emergency humanitarian aid.

Africare was founded in 1970. Today, Africare supports more than 150 assistance programs in 25 nations in every major region of Sub-Saharan Africa. In the United States, Africare builds understanding of African development through public education and outreach.

Africare is a charitable institution under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Africare's financial support comes from charitable foundations, multinational corporations and small businesses, the religious community, other private organizations, the U.S. government, foreign governments, international agencies and thousands of individuals. Africare is a member of Global Impact: a part of the Combined Federal Campaign and many corporate as well as state and local government workplace drives. Gifts to Africare are tax-deductible to the extent provided by U.S. law.

Africare has its headquarters in Washington, D.C., with field offices in 25 African countries.

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## AIDS will yield ...

“I personally have no doubt about the final outcome in respect to AIDS. **The human response has attained such momentum, such strength, that there is no question AIDS will yield.** It is only a matter of time. But the more time it takes, the more lives it will take. We have to end it sooner rather than later. ... AIDS will fall to the relentless, persistent attack of millions of people, rich and poor, who decide **the time has come for AIDS to go.**”

— William H. Gates, Sr.

Co-Chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

From award acceptance speech, 2003 Africare Bishop Walker Dinner



## HIV/AIDS: “An Extraordinary, Historic Opportunity”

“This World AIDS Day,” stated Dr. Peter Piot, executive director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), on Dec. 1, 2003, “the evidence again shows a growing epidemic. In hard-hit regions, AIDS threatens the very fabric of society and life expectancy is plummeting. ... Yet amidst the unfolding tragedy of the epidemic, the global response to AIDS is entering an extraordinary and historic phase of opportunity.”

Africare has witnessed that global response—as major grants and an array of new and continuing programs have enabled the organization to help prevent HIV, provide care and counseling for peo-

ple living with AIDS, and assist AIDS orphans in more than 18 countries Africa-wide. Examples of Africare-supported HIV/AIDS programs include the following:

- ◆ HIV-prevention education—transmitted via satellite digital radios—in Benin, Niger, Uganda and Zambia, reaching hundreds of thousands of widely-dispersed rural people;
- ◆ Orphan assistance in Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe;
- ◆ HIV/AIDS prevention and counseling by and for adolescents and young adults in Southern Africa;

- ◆ Income-generating activities for individuals and families living with AIDS;
- ◆ National-level HIV/AIDS policy planning and disease surveillance in Benin;
- ◆ And the Africare HIV/AIDS Service Corps, whose local volunteers are now active in Eritrea, Ghana, Guinea, Niger, Senegal, Uganda and Zimbabwe, among other countries.

At the end of 2003, the UNAIDS global survey showed that, of all world regions, by far the most profoundly affected remained Sub-Saharan Africa. There, the HIV/AIDS adult prevalence rate averaged 8 percent: the world’s highest (as opposed to the Caribbean, the second-highest at 2.5 percent; or North America, the lowest at 0.1 percent). During 2003, three million people worldwide died of AIDS; of that total, two million AIDS deaths were in Africa. Every day in Africa, more than 6,000 people still die of AIDS. Every minute, still, one African child dies of AIDS.



*Please help Africare combat AIDS in Africa and assist the African people to build brighter futures in every way. Send your special gift to Africare in the reply envelope in this newsletter or donate online at [www.africare.org](http://www.africare.org). NOTE: To sponsor an Africare HIV/AIDS Service Corps volunteer, contact the Development Office at (202) 462-3614 or [development@aficare.org](mailto:development@aficare.org).*



As a child, I remember the days I used to struggle, living a life that got tougher each day. I dreamed of driving down streets where then I only walked. I dreamed of a proper education and a better life in the future. Now, 40 years later, I, an average Zimbabwean woman, have been given a chance to help others—other children now living the life I used to live, in areas where I used to live, with dreams like the ones I used to have. Africare gave me that chance.

## “Africare Gave Me The Chance”

By Ruth Mufute

I was born 49 years ago in my parents’ home in the Manicaland province of Zimbabwe. While growing up, I faced all the difficulties faced by a lot of children today. I walked long distances to fetch water. I bathed in rivers and drank unpurified water. I walked more than 10 kilometers to go to school. I attended schools with very limited resources. We used to sit on the floor, for example, and write on the sand due to lack of books. But I felt very fortunate to have an opportunity to be educated. Also fortunately for me, my family lived close to a district hospital and knew traditional herbs to treat some illnesses, so I missed death from malaria, bilharzia, measles and scabies.

*After graduating from high school, Ruth taught at a rural primary school “to help my parents pay the school fees for my eight siblings.” She moved on to an office position with the Zimbabwean government and at night took courses in administration and accounting. By then, she was*

*married and the mother of four children. In 1992, she joined Africare/Zimbabwe as an administrative officer.*

At the time, Zimbabwe and other countries in the Southern African region were severely hit by a drought. I remember that year there was no rain at all, resulting in the deaths of people and livestock. Africare received funding to sink boreholes and build dams. Due to that funding, the staff complement rose from three to over 20. I was in charge of administration, personnel and finance—I learned a lot!

*The drought abated. Africare’s country representative asked Ruth to manage a project enabling poor, rural women to obtain mechanical presses to better produce edible oil for consumption and sale.*

This was a tough assignment. I had not managed a project before and had to do a lot of consultation. But when I went back to the rural areas, passion for the people in need took over. I understood



their hardships. I'd witnessed my grandmother processing groundnuts into peanut butter using the long and laborious hand-grinding method. So, promoting presses to the women was a joy. And they *purchased* the new technology—gone were the days of donations and dependency!

As I listened to the women's stories of lives improved through the generation of income and the availability of nutritious cooking oil, I was inspired to write a proposal to expand the project—for economic empowerment is key to the development of any African woman. With a lot of encouragement from Africare's regional director for Southern Africa, Kevin Lowther, I wrote a proposal to expand the project, and the proposal was funded.

After receiving the funding, I was promoted to acting country representative. While in that position, I could not afford to sit back. I had to keep fund raising. My strategy was to do good work and have something to show to other donors. With more aggressive marketing, Africare received funding from other donors. The Zimbabwe program was growing!

Ruth Mufute served for four years as Africare's country representative in Zimbabwe. During that time, the program grew in size and diversity. "I fell in love with all the exciting initiatives," Ruth says. "All of the projects took me back to the rural areas where I grew up." In August 2002, Ruth became the country representative for Africare in Zambia, which position she holds today.

Africare has improved the quality of lives in rural Africa and, indeed, my life as an African woman. The organization has built my capacity to help my fellow people develop themselves. I now have a rich career from very humble beginnings. Knowledge is power, and no one can take that away.



## “Our Ample Harvest”

In Sub-Saharan Africa, one of every three people suffers from malnutrition. Africare's programs to combat malnutrition—to feed the hungry and, more important, to enable rural people to feed themselves over the long term—now reach needy communities in 21 African countries.

Some of the largest of those programs address the three essential elements of “food security”: the *availability* of food in a country or region, the ability of all people to *access* that food and the proper *utilization* of food to promote good health. At present, Africare's food security programs are helping to reduce malnutrition among about 1.4 million people in Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Guinea, Mali, Mozambique, Niger and Uganda. Other Africare programs combatting hunger are in the countries, above, as well as in Angola, Benin, Ethiopia, Malawi, Namibia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

“Before Africare came,” says Rougui Conde, a member of the Banora Women's Group in rural Dinguiraye prefecture, Guinea, “we had a lot of problems, the worst being that our children were thin and malnourished. Now we've learned to ensure that they get all the vitamins they need from the right foods. Through gardening techniques we've learned, our ample harvest allows us to eat well and satisfy our needs.” Guinea is one of the poorest countries in the world. And until the advent of Africare's food security program, Dinguiraye was Guinea's most malnourished prefecture.



### Top-Rated Charity

The American Institute of Philanthropy has designated Africare as one of its “top-rated” charities—graded “A” in the category, International Relief and Development. Find details at [www.charitywatch.org](http://www.charitywatch.org).





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## VitaCow Boosts Nutrition, Incomes in Zimbabwe

**O**ne machine is transforming both nutrition and incomes among farmers in Zimbabwe's Bindura, Mt. Darwin and Rushinga districts. Introduced by Africare in May 2003, the VitaCow-brand food-processing system converts soybeans into finished products such as milk, yoghurt, soup, porridge and tofu. For consumers, soy products are less expensive and more nutritious than their dairy alternatives. For farmers, soybeans enrich soil fertility and cost far less than cattle, goats and other, more traditional sources of milk and milk products. So soy is often called a "wonder crop."

Africare's VitaCow was the first in Zimbabwe. It is owned and managed by the Mt. Darwin, Rushinga and Bindura Cooperative Society: a farmer co-op that, by handling its own soybean processing, has eliminated the middle man and increased its members' earnings five-fold.

Between October 2003 and January 2004, the project really took off. Both production and income tripled during that period. The co-op is selling its products to outlying villages through mobile banks. Plans for "mini-depots" in even more villages are underway. A hospital, schools and other institutions are arranging purchases as well. In addition, says soybean farmer Patricia Mudita, "We hope to donate yoghurt to feed local schoolchildren." Due to their high protein content, the soy products have especially helped people with AIDS, as the illness more than doubles the body's protein needs.

The VitaCow system is supplied by Malnutrition Matters, a Canadian organization, with support from the American Soybean Association and the Rockefeller Foundation. Ultimately, the Africare project in Zimbabwe will reach 20,000 farmers. Similar work is underway in Benin, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Mozambique, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.



*(Liberia, continued from page 1)*

work, adding six clinics in the capital city, Monrovia, to the original network of 34. Large numbers of Liberians—most recently estimated at 1.5 million—had fled the rural areas, where fighting was most intense. But in Monrovia, they found little or no shelter; and cholera, dysentery and malaria, among other diseases, reached epidemic proportions among those crowded, displaced populations. The renewed fighting between March and August 2003 at times brought Africare's health work to a halt. In August, the Africare office in Monrovia was attacked, and much of the equipment was looted (within weeks, however, the Africare staff had regrouped and resumed its work).

Africare President Julius E. Coles traveled to Liberia in early 2004 to deliver essential medicines, medical supplies and infant food supplements, valued at \$3.2 million and donated to Africare by the NGO, AmeriCares. The donations went to underequipped facilities in Monrovia and rural areas. With UNICEF, Africare launched projects to improve sanitation and thereby stop the spread of waterborne disease, especially among children under the age of five years. With support from the U.S. Agency for International Development, Africare is providing supplementary feeding to families in need. All of Africare's emergency aid is being carried out in coordination with its community-based health care project, interrupted temporarily by the fighting of mid-2003.

"Liberia is undergoing an unprecedented humanitarian crisis," stated Coles, "a crisis that will claim many thousands of victims unless the international community acts immediately and effectively."

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*Please help Africare help Liberia's crisis victims and needy people all over Africa. Use the donation envelope in this newsletter or make your gift online at [www.africare.org](http://www.africare.org).*

# Africare invites you to make a difference!



Join other friends of Africa in giving to Africare to make a difference today. We urgently need your support to—

- ◆ **Help in emergencies:** the food crisis in Ethiopia and Eritrea, the aftermath of war in Liberia, and more.
- ◆ **Combat HIV/AIDS in Africa**—the worst humanitarian crisis in the world today—with programs to prevent HIV, counsel and care for people living with AIDS, and support the youngest victims: the orphaned children whose parents have died of AIDS.
- ◆ **Strengthen African communities**—through health care, agriculture, literacy and more—so they can feed themselves and build better lives on their own. Salome Monareng, vice chairperson of a vegetable nursery in South Africa (developed with assistance from Africare), sums it up well:

***“Africare helped us to discover ourselves, the potential that lies within us. And this was real education. We are creating our own jobs rather than waiting for someone to create jobs for us.”***

The nursery is a co-op, run by black women—historically disenfranchised under South Africa's apartheid regime—who had once been very poor. Today, they produce 660,000 seedlings every week, the sales of which enable them to support themselves.

Help us at this time of great crisis in Africa.

Help end hunger and food shortage.

Help the victims of natural disaster and civil unrest.

Help stop the horror of HIV/AIDS Africa-wide.

And help support programs that empower African people—helping them to help themselves in ways that truly last.

*Please give as generously as you can—\$25, \$35, \$50, \$100 or more—to Africare's 2004 campaign for the families and communities of Africa.*

And remember ...  
we need your support TODAY!

To make your gift, fill out the postage-paid reply envelope to the left, include your check or credit card information, and send it back to Africare. Or, donate to Africare online at [www.africare.org](http://www.africare.org). On behalf of the people of Africa—thank you!

# Gateses Honored; Frist, Thompson Speak at 2003 Africare Dinner

More than 2,000 corporate, national and international leaders—and groups and individuals from all walks of life who care about Africa—came together in Washington, D.C., on Thursday evening, Oct. 9, 2003, for the 14th annual Africare Bishop John T. Walker Memorial Dinner. They came to support the work of Africare. They came, as well, to join speaker **William H. Gates, Sr.**, in affirming, “The time has come for AIDS to go.”

Gates accepted Africare’s 2003 Bishop John T. Walker Distinguished Humanitarian Service Award on behalf of his son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Melinda Gates, honored for outstanding work in the arena of global health, including the African HIV/AIDS crisis; for raising public awareness of other issues of importance both in the United States and abroad; and for encouraging, by example, activist philanthropy for a new generation and a new millennium. The Gateses are the co-founders of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In a special message videotaped during their early-October trip to Africa, **Bill Gates, III**, stated, “Melinda and I believe that the

random geography of a child’s birth should not determine his or her access to information, education or a healthy life. Children in the developing world should not continue to die from diseases that have been eliminated in the rich world.” “We are honored,” continued **Melinda French Gates**, “to accept the Bishop John T. Walker Humanitarian Service Award from an organization that has advanced these fundamental beliefs for more than three decades. Africare has led the way in improving the lives of generations of Africans.”

The event’s keynote speaker, **Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) Tommy G. Thompson**, called the Gateses “examples for the world.” Thompson went on to issue his own call to action on behalf of the victims of AIDS in Africa: “This isn’t a war, this is an emergency ... and every single one of us in this room has got to stand up and take on this fight.”

**Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, M.D.**, who made special remarks at the Africare event, characterized the HIV/AIDS pandemic as the “most daunting moral, public health and humanitarian challenge of the last 100 years.” He stated, “We gather together to fight this virus for a moral reason. It is based on the dignity inherent in each one of us—as individual human beings ... as a people of this country and as a people of this world.”

Other distinguished speakers included **Rep. Barbara Lee** of California, former U.S. Surgeon General **David Satcher, M.D.**, and **Ronald V. Dellums**, former congressman and former chairman of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. The renowned Senegalese musician, **Youssou N’Dour**, performed



Photo by Gustave Assiri

Bill Gates, Sr., makes 2003 Bishop Walker Humanitarian Award acceptance speech.

“New Africa” as a blessing upon the evening. Television journalist **Maureen Bunyan** served as the emcee.

Heading up the fund-raising committees for the 2003 Africare Dinner were former HHS Secretary and President Emeritus of Morehouse School of Medicine **Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.**, as national chair; and former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development **Jack Kemp** and former Transportation Secretary **Rodney Slater**, as general chairs.

**Former President Jimmy Carter** was the 2003 national honorary patron. The international honorary patrons were the heads of state who, at the time, also chaired Africa’s major regional organizations: the **African Union** (President Chissano of Mozambique), **CEMAC** (President Sassou-Nguesso of the Republic of the Congo), **COMESA** (President al-Bashir of Sudan), **ECOWAS** (President Kufuor of Ghana) and **SADC** (President Mkapa of Tanzania). **Maria Walker**, wife of the late Bishop John T. Walker, graced the event as its honorary chair.

The 2003 Africare Bishop Walker Dinner raised more than \$1 million, providing essential support to Africare’s mission of assistance Africa-wide.

*The date of the fall 2004 Africare Dinner will be announced soon. Please check the Africare Web site, at [www.africare.org](http://www.africare.org), or the event telephone line, (202) 328-5364.*



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At the 2003 Africare Dinner, Senator Frist (left) with former HHS Secretary Sullivan.

## Five Join Africare Board

The Africare Board of Directors welcomes five new members, elected in December 2003. Returning to the Board were **Laretta J. Bruno**, president and founding partner, Gramercy Partners, LLC; **Alice M. Dear**, vice president, Africa Millennium Fund, LLC; and **Percy C. Wilson**, president, U.S. - Africa Trade and Aid Link Corporation. **Alexander B. Cummings, Jr.**, a native of Liberia and a first-time Africare Board member, is executive vice president of the Coca-Cola Company, president of Coca-Cola Africa and chairman of the Coca-Cola Africa Foundation. Also joining the Board for the first time, **Harold E. Doley, Jr.**, is founder, president and chief executive officer of Doley Securities, Inc.: the oldest African-American owned investment-banking firm in the United States.

## DeBose Heads Africare Health, HIV/AIDS Office

In July 2003, Africare welcomed Charles DeBose, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.P.A., as director of the Office of Health and HIV/AIDS Programs: Africare's Washington, D.C.-based technical unit supporting projects in Africa that range from maternal health, child survival, and malaria and river blindness control, to HIV prevention and assistance to AIDS orphans and people living with AIDS. DeBose comes to Africare from the U.S. Agency for International Development, where he served as a supervising Population, Health and Nutrition (PHN) officer, with postings in Southeast Asia and Africa and from which he retired, with the rank of senior foreign service officer, after 28 years.

## Welcome (Back): Jeannine B. Scott, New Vice President Of Africare

Last spring, the Board of Directors announced the appointment of Jeannine B. Scott as vice president of Africare. Scott assumed the position on April 15, 2003.

Jeannine Scott brings nearly 20 years of experience in the field of African development—including seven years on the Africare staff, beginning in 1985, in positions including country representative to Senegal and director of the Food for Development Program. She joined the African Development Bank in 1992 and served sequentially as senior country programs officer for several countries in Southern Africa as well as for SADC and COMESA, program coordinator for the Southern Africa region, and principal nongovernmental organization coordinator. In 1998, she was appointed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury as advisor and alternate to the U.S. executive director at the African Development Bank Group. In 2001, Scott founded America to Africa Consulting, LLC, providing business development and other advisory services to U.S. and African clients.

A graduate of Vassar College (A.B., political science and Africana studies) and Yale University (M.A., international relations), Scott has pursued additional studies at universities in England, France and Senegal. She is a member of the National Association of Female Executives, Women Impacting Public Policy, Women in International Security and the Lions Club International.



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### When the human family is threatened...

“There is a morally compelling reason for us to stand up [against AIDS], but there also is an incredible mutual self-interest. **When the human family is threatened, it is the human family that must come together** to grapple with this problem.”

—**Ronald V. Dellums**  
Former Chairman of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, former U.S. Representative (California)



## DONOR SPOTLIGHT

### Shell Makes Largest Corporate Grant in Africare History

The **Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria, Ltd.**, awarded \$3.4 million—the largest single corporate grant in Africare’s history—to combat malaria in six states of Nigeria’s Delta region. The program will control and prevent malaria; most important, it also will strengthen local people’s capacities to combat the disease on their own. Announcing the award on Nov. 14, 2003, Sir Philip Watts, chairman of the Committee of Managing Directors of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group of Companies, stated, “Malaria is a devastating disease in Africa. Through this partnership, Shell and Africare will help to end this scourge.” Most of the world’s malaria deaths occur in Sub-Saharan Africa, and Nigeria is among the countries hardest-hit. The Shell–Africare partnership contributes to the international Roll Back Malaria initiative, launched by the World Health Organization in 1998 with the goal to “halve the world’s malaria burden

by 2010.” A supporter of many years’ standing, Shell most recently provided major funding for an Africare-sponsored youth HIV-prevention program in two Nigerian states.

### Birthday Wells for Bono

In the spring of 2002, then U.S. Treasury Secretary Paul O’Neill and the Irish rock musician and activist, **Bono**, traveled to Africa to call attention to the continent’s needs—including the need for water. “If everyone gets together, this idea of bringing water to Africa is not farfetched,” stated Bono in a post-trip appearance on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. “It’s possible, and we can do it right now.” Fans of Bono’s and of his band, **U2**, took note. In January 2003, they started the **African Well Fund** and raised money through its Web site to build wells in Africa, through Africare. Nearly 400 people from all over North America and Europe have answered the call, raising more than \$26,700. And with those funds, Africare has built 14 wells so far. As a special tribute, the African Well Fund called on fans

to build a well in honor of Bono’s birthday: May 10, 2003. So great was the response that *several* birthday wells were built! *To donate for Bono’s birthday this year, visit [www.africanwellfund.org](http://www.africanwellfund.org).*

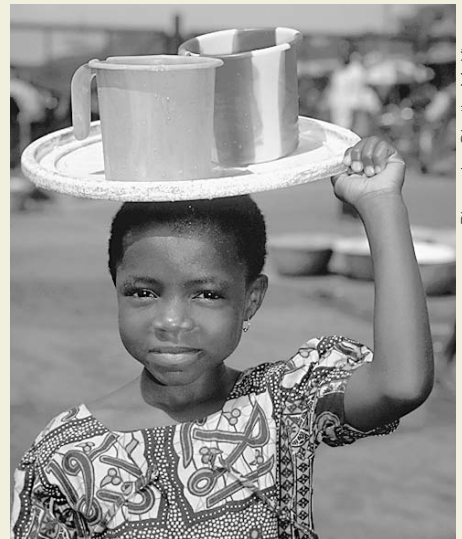


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Bishop Walker Dinner major  
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at the fall event.*

### New Life Members

Africare welcomes the following new Life Members since Jan. 1, 2003: **John Butler**, of Oneida, N.Y.; **Mack C. Allen**, of Washington, D.C.; **Judith A. McHale**, of Silver Spring, Md.; **Ival McMains**, of Escondido, Calif.; **Jean W. Bennett and William Richie, M.D.**, of Washington, D.C.; **Oliver Ruppert**, of Amsterdam, the Netherlands; **Craig Spiro**, of Rochester, Minn.; **Genevieve K. Ungar**, of Washington, D.C.; and **World Children’s Relief & Volunteer Organization**, of Phoenix, Ariz. With sadness, Africare also rec-

ognizes new Life Members who died later in the year: **George R. Reed** and **Reggie Leigh Simmons, Ph.D.** Through Life Membership gifts of \$1,500 (payable over three years), those supporters join more than 150 other Life Members in strengthening the Africare constituency and providing important financial support. For more information, contact the Africare Development Office: (202) 462-3614, [development@aficare.org](mailto:development@aficare.org) or [www.aficare.org](http://www.aficare.org).



## Yvonne Reed Chappelle Seon Makes Africare a Family Affair

A member of the Africare Board of Directors since 1977, Yvonne Reed Chappelle Seon, Ph.D., actually became involved with Africare long before the organization was born—in the early 1960s, at American University, as a fellow graduate student with C. Payne Lucas, who would co-found Africare a decade later, and Clyde B. Richardson, a future Africare Board member. Seon got involved formally in 1971, when Africare opened in Washington, D.C. Seon's mother, Beatrice M. Reed, got involved, too, making gifts, attending Africare events and eventually becoming a Life Member before her death

in 1999. Seon's father, George R. Reed, who died in August 2003, also supported Africare by attending the Africare Bishop Walker Dinner and becoming a Life Member. Seon herself is a Life Member and has otherwise donated and raised funds and participated actively as a Board member. Her three children have always supported Africare. Her son, entertainer Dave Chappelle, gives to the Africare Dinner; her daughter, Felicia Chappelle Jones, is a Life Member; and Felicia's six-year-old daughter, Zakiyaah, just became the first Life Member of the family's fourth generation to support Africare.



### Four-Star Rating

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## Africare Mourns Reggie Simmons

Reginald Leigh Simmons, Ph.D., then Africare country representative to Sierra Leone, died on Nov. 23, 2003, at the age of 50, in Freetown. At Simmons's memorial service there on Dec. 5, Africare's leadership conveyed a statement, which read in part: "We gather here this evening to remember a dedicated colleague and dear friend, Reggie Simmons. Reggie truly loved Africa, particularly its people. From his first experience in 1979 as an Operation Crossroads Africa volunteer, he was smitten." Simmons joined Africare in 1988 and worked with the organization off and on (mostly on) until his death. In addition, he held positions in Africa with the United Methodist Committee on Relief and the U.S. Agency for International Development. Memorial gifts may be made to a scholarship fund that will assist Howard University students participating in Operation Crossroads Africa: for more information, contact Sharon Sellers at (202) 829-7797.

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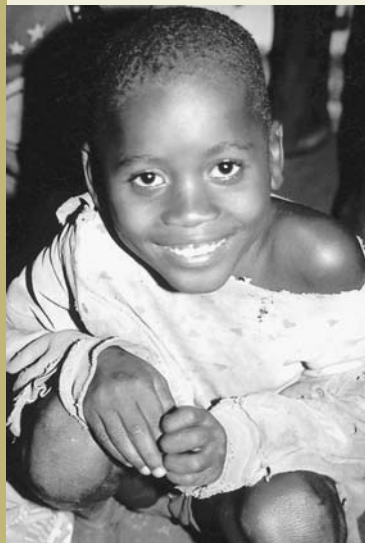
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