



Anansi

16th Annual Auction

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**Asian Health & Services Center
9035 SE Foster Road
Portland, Or
5pm - 9pm**



AnansiEducation.org

Anansi is a nonprofit that funds the high school education of students in Ghana, West Africa. Our simple goal is to better the futures of these students and, through their realized potential, the future of their communities and country. Ghana is a developing country, with growing momentum, where access to continued education for underprivileged youth can dramatically change their lives.

Anansi Education has provided assistance to over 400 students since 2005



Anansi Education started out as a "thank you" from Kathryn Roe to the village of Mpeasem in the Central Region of Ghana. She wanted to thank the village in which she lived in a way that the people could understand and would make a difference.

At the time the program started in 2005 getting a high school education for most village children was unreachable because of the high expense. In many cases, high school would cost as much as a village farming family made in a year. Anansi Education set out to change that for as many kids as was possible.

That first year Anansi sent six students to school who had no idea they could ever go to high school. They were literally overwhelmed. One of those first six students, Benjamin Sam, when asked what he wanted to do with his education, replied, "I want to be a doctor." Today he is a doctor practicing at the Regional Hospital in Cape Coast.

Over the years these students who have been given the opportunity to go to high school have flourished with a number of them going on to university. Many of them have become teachers and nurses and have other salaried jobs. A few, like Benjamin, have gone beyond university - another Anansi graduate, Miriam, will become a lawyer this year.

As things have changed in Ghana, including the cost of high school education, Anansi Education has adapted their efforts to match the changing situation. For the past three years, high school education has become free in Ghana for entering students. Anansi's role has become different. Our new students are no longer those who need a large sum of money for school tuition but are those village children for whom it is not possible to get the things together they will need to start school. *

Anansi provides mattresses, sheets, blankets, uniforms, pillows, buckets, chopboxes, trunks, calculators, books, backpacks and cutlasses. Beginning the second term of the first year of high school, Anansi also provides "provisions" for each student as they enter each new term of their three high school years. These provisions consist of food (gari, sardines, shito, crackers, chocolate powder, milk powder, - food that will keep and can augment the cafeteria meals), toilet paper, toothbrush, toothpaste, and soap for both bathing and clothes washing.

With staggered classes due to the lack of enough schools now that so many children can go to high school, the students now find themselves with long periods, not in school.

Anansi Education now provides tutoring opportunities utilizing their graduated students during those long periods away from school to ensure that learning continues for the high school students. This new tutoring program has become an important part of what Anansi now offers our students.

Poverty in a developing nation is different from poverty in the U.S. Anansi is helping people move out of hopeless situations, and what is being done is life saving. You can help by sponsoring a student or getting a group together to have your own Anansi Satellite. Please call (360)305-8342 or (503)3101-334 for more information. Or send an email to either Kathryn at roekathryn@gmail.com or Alisa at roescity@gmail.com.