Who is Project Okurase?

Cynthia Cupit Swenson, PhD

Dr. Swenson’s grant:
Engage high-risk youth in activities to “get them off the streets.”

Children from North Charleston’s Gethsemani Circle of Friends were included.
Union Heights Neighborhood wanted culture, dancing, and drumming

Through traditional African drumming & dancing!

Born: Djole African Dance and Drumming Company!
The LINK: DRUMS

After invite to Piccolo Spoleto, realization of need for drums. Introduced to “Powerful”, international Ghanaian artist & drum maker.
Djole Dancers needed authentic African Drumming and Dancing lessons

Dr. Swenson connected with a dancing and drumming village in Ghana, West Africa

Ghana is in West Africa between Ivory Coast, Togo, and south of Burkina Faso

The Charleston Ghana Connection
Ghana is known for cultural heritage:

**Music and dance**

**Craftsmanship**

**Lush tropical rainforests**

**Unspoiled beaches**
Project Okurase’s 6 Focus Areas

- Water, sanitation
- Health and Well-being
- Women, Orphans, Vulnerable Children
- Building and Energy Sources
- Economic Self-Sufficiency
- Education and Technology
Brief Overview

Trip dates: July 10-22

5-6 day Village Health Outreach (VHO)
FAQ’s

- What will I be doing?
- Where will we be sleeping?
- What is the food like?
- Is the water safe to drink?
- What happens if I get sick or injured?
- What vaccinations will I need?
Cost of Trip

In-country fees: $950
- All in-country travel - starting and ending in Accra
- All accommodations within Ghana
- All meals
- All activities and guides
- All entrance fees to attractions
- Emergency medical insurance

Estimated flight cost: $1900

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Further Information

- **SAGE main page for P.O.**
  http://www.sageprogram.org/custom-travel/destinations/africa/ghanamed

- **Detailed Itinerary**
  http://www.sageprogram.org/pdf/custom-travel/GHANAvhoITIN.pdf

- **CDC Vaccination Info**

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