

Peta Hall

The Parish of Marysburgh Fund Raiser to Assist Ghanaian Initiative

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Have you ever thought that you would like to do something about some of the world's injustices? Most of us feel sadness and indignation when we hear of a group of people who are in need of help. Most often, we are ready to give a donation, but it is seldom that we roll up our sleeves and get to work. Here is the story of one woman who did just that.

Last November Peta Hall, a noted ceramics artist in Prince Edward County, spoke to the Parish of Marysburgh Outreach Committee about the work she is doing in Ghana.



Peta was raised in Africa and has come to a time in her life when she wants to give back, to share her time and effort with others. The people of Atorkor, a tiny village in south-east Ghana, lost their fishing industry to over-harvesting and poor conservation practices. Struggling to make a living, they need a new source of steady, sustainable income. Peta travelled to Africa, offered her artistic and business skills, and now she is co-ordinating the construction of a vocational training centre to address this situation. When completed the Atorkor Centre will provide training for women and youth of the community. It will bring economic opportunity to the area through the production and sale of Ghanaian arts and crafts as

well as providing vocational training in mechanical repair, ironworking, woodworking, and computer technology.

The Parish of Marysburgh outreach committee hosted an event to raise awareness of Peta's work and to raise funds to help equip the centre. . On July 22, at the North Marysburgh Community Hall in Waupoos she spoke about her experiences in Ghana and report on the progress being made in the construction of the Atorkor Centre. . For more information call: 613-476-6063.