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The little things that make life better when done wholeheartedly in the midst of lack of resources and difficulties, leave indelible sweet memories on the minds of beneficiaries as their lives are touched in a very different but special way.

The Peace Corps is an independent agency and volunteer programme run by the United States Government to provide International social and economic development assistance to underserved communities. The Programme offers opportunity to motivated change-makers to partake in community work abroad as they join hands with local leaders to solve pertinent issues in their localities to give hope to the vulnerable and the deprived.

The Country received its first Volunteers in 1961 when the then US President John F Kennedy dispatched 23 young Americans to render dedicated services in the areas of health, agriculture, community development, education and business orientation.

More than 5000 Volunteers have since, been posted to the Country to further strengthen the bond of friendship between the United States of America and Ghana as they work hand-in-hand to improve conditions in their areas of operations, impacting lives and building local economies among many other areas of their assignments.

A campus was opened at Saltpond in the Mfantseman Municipality of the Central Region in the early 1990s where the Volunteers were received on arrival from the United States amidst fanfare to welcome them into the Country and given orientation, sworn-in afterwards, before they were deployed to all the Regions of the Country.

That Campus though very relevant as indigenes had the opportunity to interact, sell and learn from their visitors before postings, was closed down sometime in the year 2,000 and the facility handed over to the Ghana Education Service.

The Peace Corps has a lot to celebrate about, with pump and pageantry come Monday, March 1, 2021, even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic as it turns sixty, because it has achieved so much successes in numerous localities across the Country that needed to be highlighted.

Some of the stories captured by the GNA throughout the Country are captivating and impressive, especially when the volunteers had braved the storm to bring hope and smiles to the faces of the vulnerable.

Second Volunteer, Corner Wish, continued in 2018- 2020, providing polytanks to assist constant water flow in



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the community. He also built latrines in various households to end open defecation in Kalega community in the Northern Region.

The peace ambassador encouraged and formed reading and writing clubs to enable more children to learn how to read and write. Through her efforts, more than 3000 people received free reading glasses.

To inculcate the habit of environmental cleanliness and personal hygiene in pupils, she formed sanitation clubs and this has significantly improved sanitation in the area, culminating in the reduction of malaria cases in the community and its environs.

She enthusiastically introduced vocational training for mentally retarded children and students with special needs, helping them to make doormats, textile printing (tie/dye) repair of machine parts, vocational training, leather works and sewing.

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