

\$1,000 For King George VI Home **By A.R. Bedor Kamara**

The Association of the Sierra Leone Community in Switzerland and neighboring France (ASLCSF), based in Geneva, past Friday, 5th June 2009 donated US\$1,000 to the King George VI Home for the Aged at Kissy in Freetown.



ASLCSF Secretary General, Mrs. Muriel Janet Lisk presenting the amount to the Matron Coker at the King George VI Home, Kissy.

ASLCSF Secretary General, Mrs. Muriel Janet Lisk, among other things, acclaimed staff of the home for their selfless and dedicated service, gave a brief background of the association that organized its first fund raising dance in Geneva in 1996 and catalogued numerous donations made to underprivileged groups revealing, “Swiss and French people like Sierra Leone food, the reason why we organized a fund raising dance.”

She admonished management of the home to identify areas they would like the association to help as ASLCSF would organize another fund raising dinner in Geneva in October this year.

Mrs. Yvette Stevens, a member of ASLCSF and a former United Nations employee who is an engineer by professor, advised management of the home to judiciously utilize the money in the interest of the inmates.

Geneviene Coker, Matron of the home, lauded the association for the laudable donation underlining that the home is in dire need of rehabilitation, especially the Queen Elizabeth I female ward, one of the two female wards in addition to two male wards in the home reiterating, “due to the deplorable state of the Queen Elizabeth I female ward as a result of leakages, inmates are transferred to the Olivet Kelfa Caulker House (Lyras House).”

According to Matron Coker, the home has only one television set and that water supply is a major constraint revealing that G. Shankandas & Sons provides fuel for the generator in the home that is switched on from 7:00p.m.– 10:p.m.

Members of the Sierra Leone Association for the Welfare of the Aged graced the donation ceremony while a conducted tour of the home climaxed the occasion.

The oldest female inmate, 83 year old Mrs. Edwards a.k.a. Mama Isha, acclaimed the association for the gesture and expressed optimism that the home would receive more donations from the association in future.

Reverend Femi Anthony, a member of the Sierra Leone Association for the Welfare of the Aged, rendered the vote of thanks.

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