

# *The twinning of Charlottesville & Winneba*

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN THE CITIES OF



**CHARLOTTESVILLE  
VIRGINIA, USA**

&

**THE EFFUTU MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY  
WINNEBA, GHANA**

THE AFRICA GLOBAL SISTER CITIES FOUNDATION representing the Sister Cities International Movement Worldwide, has supported discussion of the formation of city to city relations between the cities of Charlottesville, Virginia in the United States of America and Winneba, in the Central Region of Ghana, facilitated by the Charlottesville Quality Community Council, Inc. The Sister City relationship between Winneba and Charlottesville will be one of the most important in their network of global partnerships, as it strives to:

- ❖ Promote investment and economic opportunities including trade and tourism by developing links with organizations through exchange programs between local institutions and businesses, including but not limited to: enterprises, media, hospitals, places of worship, etc.;
- ❖ Encourage and deepen existing relations and exchanges between Charlottesville and Winneba to promote key local governmental and community priorities relevant to both Charlottesville and Winneba so they can flourish to benefit a wider cross-section of the citizens of both cities;
- ❖ Undertake exchange programs for the promotion of lifelong education and research inclusive of all students and teachers from primary through University levels; developing libraries and other educational facilities to support quality learning, teaching and research;
- ❖ Improve public health through the exchange of information and/or resources for higher quality of life for the citizens of Winneba and Charlottesville, inclusive of the aged, mentally and physically challenged, and vulnerable women and children;
- ❖ Promote environmental sustainability through exchanges resulting in the transfer of technologies related to, renewable energy resources, recycling, manufacturing, water supply, sanitation, reforestation, environmental education, composting, sustainable agricultural practices, preservation/restoration of coasts and wetlands, and development of safe affordable housing.
- ❖ Promote improved local mass transportation through exchanges involving local transportation management pertaining to terminals and fleet renewal, pedestrian and safety education.
- ❖ Promote sports through exchanges related to equipment, teams and coaching, gymnasium development, health and physical education and programs related to Winneba's National Sports College.
- ❖ Promote social relationships and sharing of traditions, history, arts and culture through improved communications including Internet access, and visitation.

*In pursuance of the above, the Mayor of the City of Charlottesville and the Municipal Chief Executive of Winneba solemnly confirm that these two cities are united by an official partnership by the protocol of this Memorandum of Understanding.*

**Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of August, 2010**

Dave Norris  
Mayor  
The City of Charlottesville  
Virginia, USA

Witnessed by:  
Mike Hammah, M. P.  
Effutu (Winneba) Constituency  
Minister of Transport

John Jay Baiden-Amissah  
For: Municipal Chief Executive  
Winneba, Ghana