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Partnership Between Against Malaria Foundation and WomensTrust Distributes Three Thousand Malaria Nets to Village in Ghana

Wilmot, New Hampshire ... Susan Kraeger, Executive Director of WomensTrust of Wilmot, New Hampshire recently announced the formation of an alliance between WomensTrust and Against Malaria Foundation (AMF). The two non-profits are partnering for the purpose of distributing malaria nets in the village of Pokuase in Ghana, West Africa.

WomensTrust, established in 2003 as a nonprofit organization, offers support programs to aid and empower women and girls in the developing world through microcredit, education, and healthcare. The organization's primary focus is to serve the poor and very poor of the greater Ga West District, with special emphasis on the village of Pokuase, an urban village of roughly 24,000 people.

Against Malaria has agreed to send 5000 bed nets to a central distribution center in Ghana. As a safeguard against profiteering, AMF only partners with those non-profits such as WomensTrust that have an established agenda and proven track record as a charitable organization. The insecticidal nets will be made available to the residents of Pokuase beginning in May of this year. Special consideration will be given to children under the age of 5. It is this group who is considered to be at greatest risk for contracting the deadly disease. In all, \$26,000 will be raised by WomensTrust for purchase of the nets. Half of the project has been funded to date with the remainder anticipated in the third and fourth quarters of 2008.

A well-baby clinic, which attracts upward of 600 women monthly, will serve as the primary distribution point for the nets.

Each year numbers ranging from one million to three million people in the developing world die of malaria. Of that, over 70% are children. The single most effective means of prevention is a malaria net.

According to Cynthia MacLean, the District Director of Health of the Ga West District Health Directorate in Ghana, the entire country is highly at risk for malaria.

Kraeger remarks, "I believe I speak for all those in Pokuase, particularly the women and children of the village whose voices are often unheard, when I offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to Against Malaria for the kind and humanitarian support it has made available to the people of this village."

Further information on WomensTrust can be found at www.womenstrust.org. To find out more

about Against Malaria go to www.againstmalaria.com.

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