

## News Alert from People to People International – Delaware Chapter

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### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala – Focus on Gambia

**Who:** Mrs. Kathryn Cunningham Hall  
**Power Up Gambia**  
Mrs. Susan Waffa-Ogoo  
**The Gambian Ambassador to the United Nations**

**What:** People to People International- DE Chapter Anniversary Gala

**Where:** Wilmington Country Club  
4825 Kennett Pike  
Wilmington, Delaware 19807

**When:** Saturday, October 17, 2009  
6:00 pm Reception  
7:00 pm Dinner (Reservation required)  
To be followed by Presentations and PTPDE International Community Award

The Delaware Chapter of People to People International presents their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala featuring **Mrs. Kathryn Cunningham Hall**, founder of **Power Up Gambia (PUG)**, a local organization that has raised funds and implemented a solar electrification project at the Sulayman Junkung General Hospital in The Gambia. Kathryn is on the scene now and will be returning shortly with a full field status report that she will share with the Community on October 17. Kathryn's presentation on PUG's work is entitled "**Lights On: Solar Power in Gambian Health Centers.**"

The solar project was the result of Kathryn's hard work and inspiration. It was supported by many individuals and organizations from our area, among which are local Rotary Clubs, DelMed Aid for Gambia, the International Women's Club of Wilmington and, of course, the collective group Power Up Gambia. The Delaware Chapter of People to People International, PTPDE, is happy to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of PUG and the many people and groups that provided the resources of all kinds to achieve the objective.

Founding Power Up Gambia was inevitable for Kathryn after witnessing the struggles of both the staff and patients at the Sulayman Junkung General Hospital during summer volunteer experience. She continues to dedicate as much time to Power Up Gambia as her academic schedule will allow. Through her graduate education and future career, she hopes to further improve healthcare in The Gambia and West Africa. For her work in The Gambia, Kathryn has received the Do Something Award and been named one of Ten Outstanding Young Americans by the U.S Jaycees.

Kathryn grew up in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. She attended Archmere Academy for high school in Claymont, Delaware and graduated in 2004 as the class president and recipient of the Archmere Award, the highest recognition awarded to a graduating senior. In 2008, Kathryn received a BA in biology from the University of Pennsylvania with minors in chemistry and nutrition. Kathryn is currently a medical student at University of Pennsylvania and lives in Philadelphia with her husband, Michael Hall. Kathryn's interest in traveling to Africa developed from listening to her father, Scott Cunningham, recount adventures from his Peace Corps experience in West Africa. She attributes her interest in non-profits to her mother, Carol Cunningham, who has always been actively involved in the community non-profit efforts. Kathryn's involvement in Girl Scouts also played an important role in developing her passion for community service. She received her Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting, for her volunteer work at a local community center. She represents many young people, who are well motivated and prepared to assist other communities around the world.

We are pleased that a representative of The Gambia government will be joining the event giving the attendees a first hand opportunity to learn more about the people and conditions of The Gambia. **Mrs. Susan Waffa-Ogoo, the Gambian Ambassador to the United Nations**, has accepted our invitation to speak at the Power Up Gambia recognition program.

The Speaker will be followed by the **Presentation of the PTPDE International Community Award to Mrs. Kathryn Cunningham Hall.**

Dinner proceeds from this evening event will be used to support the efforts of PUG. PTPDE is a 501(c)(3) organization.

RSVP form and details for the Gala-Fundraiser are available online at [www.ptpde.org](http://www.ptpde.org). Registration and payment information is available on the form. Dinner reservations are due by Friday October 8, 2009.

To RSVP for the program, please email us at [ptpde@ptpde.org](mailto:ptpde@ptpde.org). **To schedule an interview with Mrs. Kathryn Cunningham Hall**, please contact Ms. Sean Kathleen Curran at (302) 656-7905 or [scurran@wtcde.com](mailto:scurran@wtcde.com).

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