



### **GRAN Hosts Mrs. Fafa Dela Sosu-Sedzorme, Board Chairperson of Friends of GRAN USA**

In May, CRAN had the privilege of hosting Mrs. Fafa Dela Sosu-Sedzorme, Chairperson of Friends of CRAN USA and her daughter Enam. A former dedicated CRAN staff member in Ghana, Mrs. Sosu-Sedzorme, played a key role in digitizing CRAN Microfinance's documents using the Loan Performer software.

During her visit, she shared valuable insights into CRAN's current operations. However, she highlighted challenges faced by the Friends of CRAN USA board, including geographical distance among board members across various US states, making coordination difficult, but for virtual meetings. Balancing member commitments with everyday life responsibilities, given the organization's non-profit nature, the primary mission of Friends of CRAN USA is to secure donors for quality education, including constructing schools where needed. She also encouraged the CRAN team in Cape Coast to recommend the organization to US visitors, fostering potential collaborations that can significantly benefit our mission.



### **GRAN's Leadership Transformation Program Achieves Success with Wailing Women Worldwide**

The Leadership Transformation Program (LTP) at CRAN, in partnership with Wailing Women Worldwide (WWW), recently hosted a successful team-building event. The training provided a unique opportunity for the Wailing Women to strengthen relationships, foster collaboration, and enhance communication among team members. Led by Mrs. Agbesinyale, the team engaged in exciting activities, including animal representation exercises, Johari's windows for self-discovery, self-presentation techniques, and giving and receiving feedback. These interactive team-building exercises were designed to foster collaboration and teamwork, enhance communication and self-awareness, and enlarge one's arena of understanding and empathy.

The team-building activities not only helped participants build stronger connections but also encouraged them to apply the same principles in their personal and professional relationships. We're thrilled to see the positive impact of this training and look forward to continued growth and development within our teams.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. MRS. AGBESINYALE

We're thrilled to announce that Dr. Mrs. Agbesinyale has achieved a remarkable milestone, graduating from her doctoral program! Her academic journey is a testament to her dedication, resilience, and intellectual rigor, setting a high standard for future scholars. Dr. Mrs. Agbesinyale's research focused on entrepreneurial ties and SME funding, moderated by innovation and gender. Her findings highlighted the significance of financial ties in the SME funding process.

Beyond her academic achievements, Dr. Mrs. Agbesinyale is an active participant in seminars, workshops, and conferences, sharing her insights and fostering collaboration. Her ability to overcome obstacles and stay focused on her goals inspires her peers and future students.



Let's take a moment to celebrate Dr. Mrs. Agbesinyale's remarkable achievement!

As we honor her graduation, it is clear she's more than just a scholar – she's a role model, advocate for change, and beacon of hope for aspiring academics.

Join me in congratulating Dr. Mrs. Agbesinyale on her outstanding resilience and adaptability. Balancing her studies with office duties and other responsibilities was no easy feat, but she navigated the challenges with determination. This accomplishment showcases her strength as a venturesome woman. Congratulations, Dr. Mrs. Agbesinyale

