

# Graydon Herriott *A Dream To Build On*

It all began as a dream.  
Dora Anie's dream.

The Hamilton resident was born in rural Ghana. Upon returning in 2003 she witnessed the deplorable conditions of the elementary school in her home village in rural Ghana. That's when her vision took hold. Dora decided to launch a passion project with a mission to create a safe learning environment for Ghana's youngest students. Dora sadly passed away in 2019. Twenty years later, Dora's project is now a registered charity, Schools of Dreams, that has helped hundreds of children. In 2023, photography duo Michael Graydon and Nikole Herriott visited Ghana with the president of the charity, Barb Anie, Dora's daughter, to document the work that has been done—notably the completed schools—in order to provide the organization's advocates in Canada a look at the vibrancy their support has helped create. While in Ghana they visited and documented all Schools of Dreams projects to-date: Mepom, Akuffokrom & Kwakyekrom—along with Ghanaian life and culture. Note, this year the City of Hamilton posthumously honoured Dora as a Hamilton Hero as part of its black history activities.



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