

SUNBLOCK FOR GHANA

Ghana Association of Person with Albinism (GAPA)

Albinism is an inherited condition characterized by complete or partial lack of pigment (melanin) in the skin, eyes, and hair. People with albinism are at an increased risk of eye disorders and skin cancer. There is cultural-societal stigma and discrimination associated with having albinism in Ghana, West Africa. Proximity to the equator intensifies sun exposure.

Sunscreen is essential protection for this vulnerable population and is difficult and expensive to acquire in Ghana. We are working with a Ghanaian non-governmental organization (NGO). They emphasized the need and scarcity of sunscreen products. We are collecting NEW UNOPENED broad-spectrum sunscreen with SPF greater than 30 with an expiration date of 2020 or later.

Bring Sunscreen to First Parish any Sunday from Mother's Day (May 12) through June 9.

There will be a bag in the Parish Hall on these Sundays.

Living Our Faith thanks you for helping us help others.



NY Times Article:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/09/world/africa/living-with-albinism-in-ghana.html>

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