

RUTH AKU GYANG RURAL SERVICE AWARD-2022
BIOGRAPHY OF THE CENTRAL REGIONAL AWARD WINNER
MS. MARIAN JOAN WILSON

Ms. Marian Joan Wilson is a member of the Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA) since 2007. She is currently the Chairperson for the Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association, in the Twifo Hemang Lower Denkyira District. She hails from Gomoa Akropong in central region but she was brought up in sekondi/Takoradi in the western region of Ghana. Ms. Marian currently works at the Twifo Hemang health centre, which is located within the Twifo Hemang Lower Denkyira District – Central Region. She has been in the health profession for more than fifteen years now. She happens to have attended Wenneba College of Nursing and graduated in the year 2006. She is currently a student midwife, pursuing Bachelor's Degree in Midwifery at the University of Health and Allied Sciences – Ho.

Ms. Marian started her career as a senior stenographer as she was envisaging of becoming a renounced proficient stenographer, she felt the call to become a nurse. She enrolled as a community health nurse student at Wenneba College of Nursing in 2004. As she joined the nursing fraternity in 2007, she has dedicated her whole life time to the service in the rural areas, where her services are most needed. Her passion for the nursing profession has informed her decision to innovatively bring about number of social interventions to help promote and save lives in the health service fraternity. Marian goes by a personal motivation that “there is no rewarding service more than playing a lifesaving role through consistence advocacy and rendering of priceless service to clients (patients) than the nursing profession. To her, “it is a bountiful rewarding service”.

During the presentation and receiving of the award, as the best nurse for the Mrs. Ruth Aku Gyan Rural Service Award – 2022, organized by GRNMA, Ms. Marian came to a realization that, “for her, there could be no role more honourable and rewarding than that of a midwife”. Midwifery encapsulates everything that she loves and is a role that she feels she was made for and born to do. She is proud to firmly establish that. She has been an advocate for women, children especially adolescents; supporting, enabling and empowering them during the most incredible times in life. She considers midwifery to be more than a job through her experience, rather, a privilege and a vocation. She has tirelessly developed a deep understanding of the role of a midwife and the requirements surrounding it; She always had a full commitment to midwifery.

Amongst some of the many things that made her stand out tall to win this award she said is, “My compassionate and non-judgmental nature allowed me to provide support for children with additional needs. I have been doing this for over five years, on a weekly basis as part of my whole career achievements. I demonstrated my organization and listening skills when planning events to help raise funds for their care, while working with others to stay dedicated and I also focused on my role. This provided me with the transferable skills that would support working in a healthcare setting.

At the time the region was recording higher numbers of cases of teenage pregnancies (report by GHS-2012-2015), Ms. Marian was over burdened by the alarming rates of teenage pregnancy, and she founded an adolescents fun club called Rescue Fun Club in 2017 with

core vision of advocacy against teenage pregnancy and bringing hope to the destitute. She again co-founded a foundation called MATT-MARI COMMUNITY RESCUE FOUNDATION in 2019 as a bigger umbrella to the fun clubs. She represented the district as youth member of parliament during international youth day/African Union day which was hosted by Ghana in 2018 and was organized by National Youth Authority. Some of my achievements through the consistent volunteering programs included;

- Establishment of adolescent fun clubs,
- Embarking on anti-teenage pregnancy programs within my district as I carried out my assignment as a health professional,
- Organizing entrepreneurship training for teenagers who had given birth, this has helped rekindle the lost hope of some of these youth”.

According to Ms. Marian, “Everyone can be a nurse, but not all could be the “people’s” nurse”. She devoted her entire life stay to her communities. She is the children’s mother. The chiefs, clergy’s and community folks all testified about her activeness to the development of the communities under her electoral area as a nurse. In 2016, he played a massive sensitization roles to the establishment of both Ankaako and Tweapiase CHPS Compounds, which had made healthcare accessible to these communities. She is a member of the district education oversight committee, in the Twifo Hemang Lower Denkyira District since 2018 to demonstrate her impact and commitment to the society.

She is excited by the prospect of using her commitment to lifelong learning for a vocation in midwifery, in order to develop new skills and provide the best support possible in her life’s work.

In her conclusion message, she thanked all her superiors within the district for their immerse support and also commended the tutors in Wenneba College of Nursing and University of Health and Allied Sciences, for their wonderful coaching and patience in impacting her with good contemporary knowledge throughout her stay on campus and admonished all nurses and midwives within the Twifo Hemang Lower Denkyira district and beyond to see the service as a “service to humanity” and it must be done in humility, and her colleague nurses and midwives especially the youth to be innovative enough in their service rendering and constantly bring about interventions that will be beneficial to the society within which they are posted and beyond.

Ms. Marian Joan Wilson is now a Superintendent Community Health Nurse, soon coming Midwife with Bachelor’s Degree in Midwifery, Chairperson-Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association, (Twifo Hemang Lower Denkyira District), Fmr. Central Regional Secretary and Current Assistant Chairperson, COHNAC - Twifo Hemang Lower Denkyira District, Member - District Education Oversight Committee, Twifo Hemang Denkyira District (as a Rep. For Women in social development).

Ms. Marian, the icon of all community health nurses especially those in the rural communities.

