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**PEMBERTON TO BE OLYMPIC HOME TO “THE SNOW LEOPARD”**

**Kwame “The Snow Leopard” and Ghana Ski Team to be headquartered  
at Drumkeeran House in Pemberton, BC**

**Pemberton, BC** – The Ghana ski team is both humbled and inspired by the generous support they have received en-route to the 2010 Olympic Games in Whistler. The team posted “SOS Accommodation for Whistler” on their website on Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup>, stating “Heroes Wanted” in support of the Kwame’s quest for the Olympics. The team’s plea was answered just days before the Games by the owners of Drumkeeran House on Ivey Lake in Pemberton, British Columbia.

Kwame Nkrumah-Acheampong, nicknamed “The Snow Leopard” qualified to ski in the Men’s slalom and giant slalom at the 2010 Olympic Games after skiing for the first time just over 5 years ago. Representing the snowless West African country of Ghana, Kwame and the Ghana Ski Team have limited financial resources and backing and have relied on the support of a few select sponsors and an army of individuals to make this Olympic dream come true.

This final leg of Kwame’s journey to the Winter Olympics in Whistler would have been near impossible if not for the support of people like Maureen Baird and David Lunny who were inspired to reach out after hearing of Kwame’s incredible journey. “Kwame and his team had no hesitation in warmly accepting our offer” says David and adds, “Kwame considers that what has come about was something that was meant to be”. Located 2.5 hours from Vancouver and only 30 minutes from Whistler, Drumkeeran House on Ivey Lake is the ideal location for the team’s headquarters during their Olympic stay. Kwame will be joined by his family and support team consisting of 11 people in total. The group will enjoy the comforts of the 5-star private resort situated on picturesque Ivey Lake.

“We are thrilled that Pemberton will be host to these very special visitors” states Tracey Rozsypalek, Tourism Pemberton Chair. “We look forward to welcoming them to our community and including them in our Olympic festivities.” It is anticipated that during their

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stay in Pemberton, that Kwame and his team will be engaging in community-building activities, speaking to local students and attending some of Pemberton's "Winterfest" Olympic events.

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*For more information on Drumkeeran House on Ivey Lake, please visit [www.drunkeeran.ca](http://www.drunkeeran.ca) or contact Maureen Baird and David Lunny at [info@drumkeeran.ca](mailto:info@drumkeeran.ca) or (604) 894-6946.*

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