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According to Akosua Busia, the Chairperson of the BFI, proceeds from the concert will be donated to the BFI Mobile Library Drive, which will provide under-privileged children in the country with access to books and computers. This will be done via a mobile library that will drive through various communities.

In addition to Stevie's performance and with support from other local artistes, the winner of the competition for singers who are able to sing Stevie Wonder's song will perform on stage with the singer.

Stevie Wonder is a legendary artist, songwriter, musician and producer who has been making music and enriching people's lives for more than three decades.

Nominated for a Grammy award 62 times, he has won twenty-one of them as well as the Grammy Life-time Achievement Award and has demonstrated extraordinary humanitarian efforts, philanthropic leadership and generosity of spirit throughout his career, most notably in Africa.

From Little Stevie Wonder to adult superstar, Stevie is beloved for monumental talent, his compassion for humanity and his desire to challenge injustice.

In 1983, he spearheaded the realisation of Martin Luther King Day as a national holiday. His participation in the massive 1985 We Are the World fund-raiser for hunger in Africa was a music industry milestone, while his involvement to put an end to apartheid in South Africa is legendary.

Stevie, in conjunction with America Express, led a Charge Against to Hunger by raising over \$150 million to feed nearly six million hungry Americans yearly. The SAP/Stevie Wonder Vision Awards recognises technological innovations that assimilate blind and the visually impaired into the work force.

He has been recognised for his philanthropic contributions by receiving numerous awards, including: The Distinguished Services Award from the Presidents Committee on

Employment of Handicapped People, the Carousel of Hope Award from the Children Diabetes Foundation, an Honorary Global Founders Awards from Mother Against Drunk Driving among others. He was also named Musicares Person of the Year in 1999.

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