

## FRIENDS OF EAST AFRICA FOUNDATION

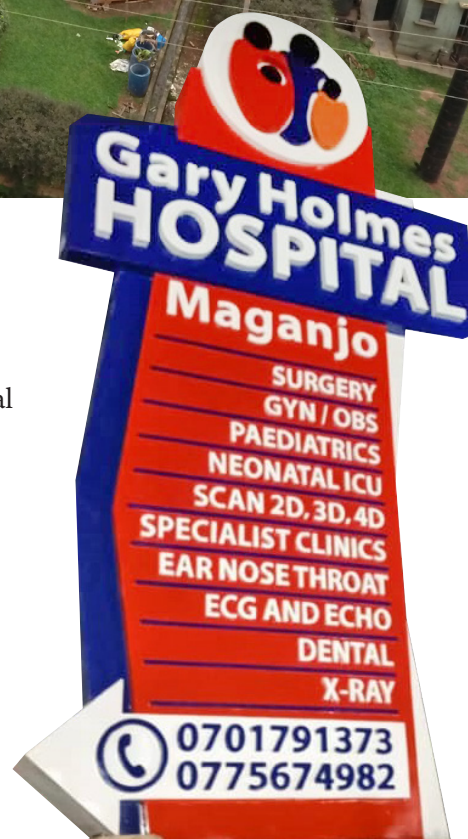
### 10th Anniversary Celebration and Name Change



▲ AERIAL PHOTO OF GARY HOLMES HOSPITAL MAGANJO

On February 18, 2023, I had the pleasure of joining the Ugandan community in celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the Gary Holmes Hospital Maganjo, formerly known as the Ruth Gaylord Hospital Maganjo. I was asked repeatedly to convey to you, the hospitals sponsors and benefactors, how deeply grateful they are for this miracle of affordable, high quality health care. In 2022 the hospital logged over 50,000 patient visits, administered over 900 immunizations and recorded 608 deliveries. Thank you!

The Ruth Gaylord Hospital officially became the Gary Holmes Hospital Maganjo that day in recognition of the benefactor who drove the hospital's expansion of services beyond the original focus on maternal and pediatric care. The latter is still the premier service now known as the Ruth Gaylord Institute for Maternal and Pediatric Care.



The highlight of the day was the groundbreaking for the Lee and Penny Anderson Inpatient Center of Excellence. This three-story facility will house mainly maternal health services and will also offer space for surgical cases. It will have 16 patient rooms, a labor suite, an operating room, and two doctors' consultation rooms. The building comes at a perfect time when additional space is needed for the hospital's fastest growing program: maternal services.

### ▼ PROPOSED NEW HOSPITAL BLOCK



## THE EXPANDED PHARMACY

A major healthcare challenge in Uganda is the lack of quality pharmaceuticals. If a mother brings her sick child to a clinic who is then diagnosed with malaria, the mother will receive a prescription and will take it to a pharmacy. She will then administer the medicine, but the child only gets worse. Why? Because in Uganda there is a high probability that the drugs purchased are expired, mislabeled, diluted or even counterfeit. The counterfeit pills will be exquisite copies. The mother will have no way of knowing.

The Gary Holmes Hospital Pharmacy, which carries only genuine, authentic drugs, is beginning a long-range plan to address this problem nationwide. It will expand its Ann Strachota Pharmacy by procuring a wholesale license to purchase directly from trusted manufacturers

in Europe and the United States. As it grows, it will supply other hospitals and clinics. The goal is to procure, warehouse, and distribute essential drugs throughout the country.

On the last page of this newsletter, you will find a listing of the hospital's most important needs for 2023-2024, ranked in order of priority. Please review to see if any align with your own giving priorities.

Gratefully,

Fr. Dennis Dease



**GARY HOLMES HOSPITAL MAGANJO  
PATIENT VISIT SUMMARY FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS**

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Outpatient	30542	28196	20146	19369	16020
Inpatient	1030	475	445	457	452
Antenatal Visits	1631	1529	1462	1586	1306
Deliveries	608	472	479	436	392
Ultrasound Scan	4535	3873	3091	2581	2324
Dental	735	815	627	671	698
O.R. / Theatre	88	61	59	57	47
Xray	1271	1402	425	526	120
NICU	66	52	93	—	—
ECG	94	86	54	—	—
ECHO	22	—	—	—	—
Immunization	9412	8355	7680	7140	2689
Hepatitis B Vaccine	15	61	199	199	—
Anti-rabbies Vaccine	—	61	—	15	—
Free Eye Glasses	19	79	38	89	493
Free Medical Camps	396	—	86	—	56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50,464</b>	<b>45,517</b>	<b>34,884</b>	<b>33,126</b>	<b>24,597</b>

Notes:

Growth from 2021 to 2022	11%
Growth from 2020 to 2021	30%
Growth from 2019 to 2020	5%
Growth from 2018 to 2019	35%

*If you want to go fast  
go alone.*

*If you want to go far  
go together.*

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## SURGERY CAMP

After a long break due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the free surgery camp conducted in partnership with the University of Minnesota Medical School resumed in April this year. Four surgery camps had been conducted from 2017–2019, in which a total of 125 free surgeries had been conducted.

In this April 2023 surgery camp, 161 people came for screening, of which 31 were children under 13 years of

age. After the screening, it was determined that 75 people were eligible for procedures to fix hernias and excision of subcutaneous masses. The surgeons conducted surgeries from April 24th to 28th, and from May 8th to 12th in which about 60 procedures were completed. The U of M team comprised of three surgeons, three anesthesiologists, three surgery residents and two anesthesiology residents.

*Photos taken in the operating rooms during the ongoing surgery camp.*





◀ Ahmed Hamza Ibrahim, 36 year old male, underwent a hernia repair in the free surgery camp on April 25th, 2023, conducted in partnership with the University of Minnesota Medical School. He suffered with the hernia for 5 to 7 years. He underwent an unusually long but successful procedure that lasted about 3 hours. He is very grateful for the opportunity to recover from a long-term problem that had him worried.



▲ Joseph Mugambe had an inguinal hernia fixed in the free surgery camp on April 26th, 2023. In this photo, he was having his medical history taken by Dr. Christiana Sather (surgery resident) working alongside Dr. Greg Beilman, surgeon (not pictured). The others are Ritah Najjemba (nurse) and Dr. Henry Kawesi (surgery resident).



▲ Fourteen year old Maurice Ssendijja, in a red inner tshirt, who is a grade 8 student, accompanied by his mother for screening to benefit from the free surgery camp. He got a lipoma excision done on April 25th, 2023. From right are Dr. Todd Tuttle (surgeon), Sharon Taliywula (nurse) and Dr. Julia Harrison (surgery resident).



▲ Twenty-three year old George William Ssemyalo is a hospitality student at an institute located 64 miles north of the hospital. He learned about the surgery camp from an American doctor who is a friend of the hospital who also visited the motel where William's institute is housed. He underwent a hernia repair on April 25th, 2023.



◀ Juliet Naluyange underwent a lipoma excision on April 26th, 2023, as a beneficiary of the free surgery camp.

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## FROM THE GARY HOLMES HOSPITAL MAGANJO

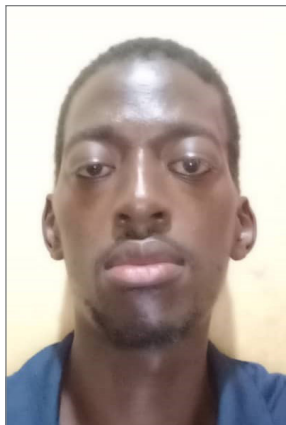


*Midwife Sarah Nantume attending to a preterm neonate in the neonatal ICU on April 24th, 2023. The baby was born at 33 weeks weighing 1.6kg (3.5 lbs). The baby is still hospitalized but in good condition.*



*Midwife Mariam Naluwoza attending to a neonate in the neonatal ICU on April 24th, 2023. The baby was born at 31 weeks at 1.8kg (3.97 lbs) due to preterm labour. The baby was admitted due to prematurity and respiratory distress syndrome, and was discharged in good condition after 8 days.*

*Grace Nassamula is a 41 year old female with sickle cell disease. She was admitted into the hospital after a sudden onset of severe pain that had been managed for 4 days at a small clinic without remarkable improvement. She was discharged home after 2 nights in the hospital.*



*This young man with a severe infection in both eyes approached the Gary Holmes Hospital Maganjo for help. Though he lacked the wherewithal to pay, he was diagnosed and given a prescription, which he filled from the hospital's pharmacy – all at no cost.*

*Annet Namakula, 27 years old, was being managed for bacteremia and urosepsis. She checked into the hospital after experiencing a few days of severe headaches, joint pain and inability to walk without support. She got discharged after spending 2 nights in the hospital on intravenous treatment. Bacteremia is one of the most common diagnoses in this community.*

# GARY HOLMES HOSPITAL MAGANJO





FRIENDS OF EAST AFRICA FOUNDATION

CAPITAL NEEDS 2023-2024

IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

Pharmacy Expansion ..... \$60,000

License fees, computers, stock management software, furniture, storage racks, stock expansion

Supplementary budget for construction of the Lee & Penny Anderson Inpatient Centre of Excellence..... \$50,000

The building size has been slightly increased, modifications have been made to add a delivery suite and an O.R., more work spaces have been added, adjustment for inflation.

Microbiology Laboratory Equipment..... \$19,461

For Culture & Sensitivity of bacteria, fungi, yeasts, etc. Culture helps to identify germs while the sensitivity test checks to see what kind of medicine will work best to treat the infection.

Infusion pumps (7 units). ..... \$19,178

Infuses fluids, nutrients or medications at pre-set quantities and intervals into a patient's circulatory system

Cardiac/Over-bed tables (16 units)..... \$5,479

Placed in front of the patient with a pillow if they need to lean forward, can be used when taking meals or drugs.

Emergency Room Beds (5 units) ..... \$11,644

Multifunction and multiposition beds suitable for various emergency postures.

Baby Bassinets/Cradles (15 units)..... \$9,863

We desire to provide bassinets/cradles to mothers after delivery. This is helpful when mothers cannot or are unable to share a bed with their newborn.

Dental xray: Portable ..... \$4,795

Incinerator, hospital-grade ..... \$37,000

Burns pathological waste, contaminated waste, surgical dressings, plastic waste, bandages & gauze, PPE waste and pharmaceutical waste.

Ultrasound scan examination couch..... \$3,801

Xray Cassettes ..... \$2,267

Patient Monitors for Emergency Rooms ..... \$10,873

Essential Equipment and Accessories for the Lee & Penny Anderson Inpatient Centre of Excellence..... \$76,839

Such as oxygen piping, Intercom, local area network (LAN), work stations, air conditioning, and medical equipment for doctors' consultation rooms.

Furnishings for 16 patient rooms in the Anderson Inpatient Centre of Excellence..... \$62,658

Such as beds, baby cribs, cardiac table, fridge, TV, microwave, bedside lockers, drip stands, etc.

Equipment for the Operating Room on the Anderson Inpatient Centre of Excellence..... \$73,778

Such as operating table, anesthesia machine, suction machine, cautery machine, O.R. lights, defibrillator, autoclave, etc.

Equipment for the Labor Suite on the Anderson Inpatient Centre of Excellence..... \$33,78

Such as delivery beds, patient monitors, infant radiant warmers, suction machines, delivery sets, sterilization drums, etc.

TOTAL..... \$481,417

Our thanks and appreciation for your Loving Kindness

