

FRIENDS OF EAST AFRICA FOUNDATION



Dear Friends,

I am delighted to share a historic occasion that unfolded on November 5, 2023, at the Gary Holmes Hospital in Maganjo, Uganda. The hospital formally dedicated the Dennis and

Megan Doyle Apartment Residence—a striking ensemble of eight two-bedroom apartments. The rental income generated will play a crucial role in facilitating the replacement of aging medical equipment and subsidizing the care of those in need who lack the means to pay.

This new addition joins the ranks of two other vital apartment buildings: the Thomas and Susan Bisanz Residence and the Gary Holmes Residence, totaling 25 apartments altogether. Remarkably, all three properties have maintained full occupancy for nearly two years, a testament to their impact and importance.

A genuine surprise awaited Megan Doyle, the visionary behind the hospital initiative, as the hospital staff orchestrated a festive dedication celebration in her honor. Megan was captured in a joyous moment with Charles Lugenwa, St. Thomas Alumnus and hospital Board Chair, and with Peter Kiggundu, St. Thomas alumnus and hospital CEO, within the picturesque John and Susan Morrison Gardens, a residential community. The vibrant Mussaenda Erythrophylla, also known as Ashanti Blood, adorned the Morrison Palisade in a brilliant display of poinsettia-red blossoms.

Megan's original vision for a maternity and pediatric hospital to combat high maternal and infant mortality rates in Uganda has evolved into the Gary Holmes Hospital—a sophisticated, comprehensive referral hospital. The crown jewel of this institution is the Ruth Gaylord Institute for Maternal and Pediatric Care.



◀ **Megan Doyle with Charles Lugenwa, UST Alumnus and Hospital Board Chair**



▶ **Megan Doyle with UST Alumnus Peter Kiggundu, Hospital CEO, and His Daughter Hailey, 5.**

In the year 2022 alone, the hospital safely delivered 577 babies, a number projected to rise to 610 in the current year. What better way to honor the spirit of Advent than by acknowledging this remarkable growth and progress—a true celebration of life that beautifully coincides with the birth of the Christ Child.

Wishing you a joyous and blessed holiday season,

Dennis Dease
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The Dennis and Megan Doyle Apartment Residence



► Megan Doyle at the surprise ribbon (balloon) cutting ceremony on November 5, 2023, dedicating the Dennis and Megan Doyle Apartment Residence at the Gary Holmes Hospital.

▼ Aerial view of the Gary Holmes Hospital. On the upper left are the three apartment buildings that will generate income to support necessary medical equipment and fund care for those who lack the means to pay. Beneath the apartments is the Lee and Penny Anderson Inpatient Center which is currently under construction.



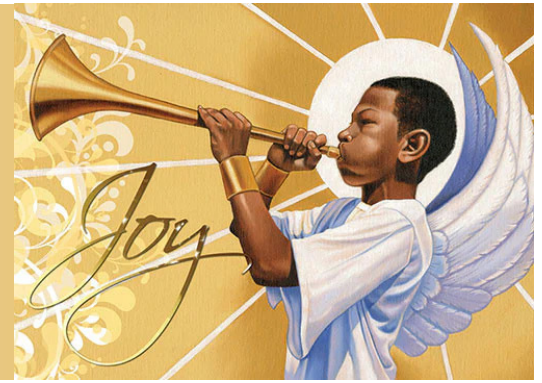


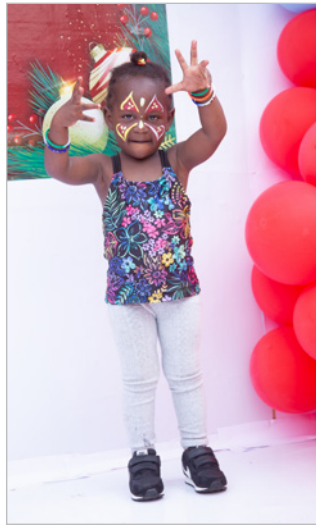
The Gary Holmes Hospital is making good progress in the construction of the three-story Lee and Penny Anderson Inpatient Center of Excellence, which will provide 11,602 square feet of much needed space for the hospital's fastest growing program: maternal health services.



KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY ~2023!

The Gary Holmes Hospital hosted its annual Christmas party for the children born at the hospital throughout the years. It is a joyous occasion that brings together over 150 families and offers entertainment, food, and games. A fan favorite for the kids: Mickey and Minnie Mouse and Santa Claus showed up this year! With popcorn, cotton candy, and ice cream, this annual celebration brings so much joy to the children and their families.





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FROM THE GARY HOLMES HOSPITAL MAGANJO



◀ Laboratory assistant, Lawrence Katumba, running a biochemistry test in the laboratory.



▶ Nurse, Augustine Kijjambu, attending to a patient.



◀ Irene Tukei, a midwife, attending to the baby of 27 year old Nabiryo Florence, who had delivered a baby girl on October 24th, 2023 weighing 3.1 kg (6.8lbs). We are averaging 51 deliveries per month so far this year, which is up from an average of 48 last year.

▼ Dentist, Eric Kiguli, performing a dental procedure.



▶ An obstetric ultrasound scan being done on a pregnant woman.



▼ Husna Abooli, eight month old baby girl, having her temperature taken by nurse Josephine Namayanja. Husna was hospitalized for seven days in October while being managed for severe gastroenteritis.



◀ Midwife, Aisha Namujuzi, giving a vaccine dose to a baby. Our free immunization program runs every Thursday and gives nine different vaccines at various stages from birth to three years old. We give vaccines against diseases such as polio, measles, yellow fever, tuberculosis, rotavirus and others. We also give free Vitamin A to boost infants' immune system and free dewormers. This year, we are giving out over 200 free vaccine doses per week to children from birth to 3 years old.



▲ Nakabugo Betty Kikomeko, 39 years old, looking at her baby who was born on October 26th, 2023 weighing 3.5kg (7.7lbs).

► Dr. Angela Nakasoma seen here examining seven month old Giovanna Bukirwa who was managed for hyperactive airway disease.



▲ Natasha Nyangoma, a nineteen year old student, was hospitalized for one day to be managed for malaria. She was brought in from Hoima, 200km (124miles) north-west of Kampala due to persistent malaria that seemed to be resistant to the first-line medication. She was discharged in a much better condition.

▼ Midwife, Aisha Namujuzi, give an oral polio vaccine to a baby on October 26, 2023.



▲ This two week old baby girl, Fraise Ntale, was hospitalized for two days to be managed for neonatal sepsis. In the photo, Gorette Kansime, a pediatric nurse, was taking Traise's vitals.



◀ At 42 years old, Sarah Ndagire is no stranger to elevated blood glucose levels. Mixed with other comorbidities, she required hospitalization. In addition to diabetes, she was treated for hypertension and gastritis. She was discharged after three days and is doing much better.



▲ Counselor, Moureen Kajobe, taking a mother through a counseling session before doing a free voluntary HIV test.



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Priorities 2023-2024

Anne Strachota Pharmacy Expansion... \$60,000
License fees; Computers; stock management software;
furniture; storage racks; stock expansion.

Essential Equipment and Accessories for the Lee &
Penny Anderson Inpatient Center of Excellence...
\$76,839
Oxygen piping, Intercom, local area network (LAN),
workstations, air conditioning, and medical equipment
for doctors' consultation rooms.

Furnishings for 16 patient rooms in the Anderson
Inpatient Center of Excellence... \$62,658
Beds, baby cribs, cardiac table, fridge, TV, microwave,
bedside lockers, drip stands, etc.

Equipment for the Operating Room in the Anderson
Inpatient Center of Excellence... \$73,778
Operating table, anesthesia machine, suction machine,
cautery machine, O.R. lights, defibrillator, autoclave,
etc.

Microbiology Laboratory Equipment for
Cultures and Sensitivities... \$19,461
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 multi-position beds suitable for
various emergency postures.

Dental X-ray: Portable... \$4,795

Incinerator... \$37,000
Hospital-grade, burns pathological waste,
contaminated waste, surgical dressings, plastic waste,
bandages & gauze, PPE waste and pharmaceutical
waste.

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

X-ray Cassettes... \$2,267

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

Supplementary budget for construction of the
Lee & Penny Anderson Inpatient
Center of Excellence... \$90,000

The building size has been slightly increased;
modifications have been made to add a delivery suite
and an O.R.; more workspaces have been added;
adjustment for inflation. (Fully covered by Lee & Penny
Anderson.)

Bassinets (15 units)... \$9,863

We need to place a hospital-grade baby bed beside
every bed used by mothers following delivery. This is
helpful when mothers are unable to share a bed with
their newborn. (Fully covered by Susan Schwalbach.)

Equipment for the Labor Suite on the Anderson
Inpatient Center of Excellence... \$33,781

Such as delivery beds, patient monitors, infant radiant
warmers, suction machines, delivery sets, sterilization
drums, etc. (Fully covered by Susan Schwalbach.)

Our thanks and appreciation for your
Loving Kindness

