

Because of you, I will achieve life in all its fullness.



Background

In 2000, Dr. Scott and Carol Kellermann came to Bwindi to help the indigenous Batwa people and other residents of this remote, impoverished region. The Kellermann’s survey of the Batwa unveiled a forgotten people group with no land or permanent homes. More than one-third of their children died before they reached the age of five. Malaria and malnutrition were rampant. The Kellermanns moved to Uganda, lived among the people, and started a clinic under a ficus tree. From there grew the 155-bed Bwindi Community Hospital and its award-winning public health programs.

The hospital is now ready to expand the scope of its work with full-time dental and vision professionals in a permanent Dental-Vision Clinic. Without this advancement, approximately one million people in the region lack access to important dental care, dental surgeries, eye exams, ophthalmic care, cataract surgery, optometrist care, and new eyeglasses.

Become a partner in this important Bwindi Community Hospital advancement.

“In today’s world, healthy smiles and clear vision should not be considered a luxury. Now is the time to bring improved oral healthcare and clearer vision to Bwindi.”

—Dr. Jean Creasey

How can you help?

Financial Gifts and Sustaining Donors

Individual Rotarians, Rotary Clubs, or Rotary Districts can pledge to support this Global Grant by emailing PDG Rick Benson: dgrick7980@gmail.com. Payments will only be required after GG2350983 has been approved. This Project is a collaboration of

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YES, I WILL HELP BRING DENTAL AND VISION CARE TO BWINDI!

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For people who live in extreme poverty, oral health and clear vision can seem a luxury. Together, we can make a real difference!



EQUIPPING THE CLINIC

Construction of a Dental-Vision Clinic is expected to be completed fourth quarter 2024, yet it lacks furniture, dental suites, eye surgery equipment, and an optical shop for eyeglasses. Rotary Foundation Global Grant GG2350983 will provide all that and enhance the hospital's trauma center, dialysis center, and pediatric care center. The new clinic will host Ugandan and international dentists and dental residents, as well as eye doctors and trained volunteers. In addition, the clinic will provide training and mentoring opportunities for the next generation of dental and vision providers while improving access to care for the Batwa and their neighbors. Together, we can make a real difference.



VISION CARE

Imagine witnessing someone's face light up when he or she could see clearly for the first time upon receiving the right pair of glasses! By providing vision care at Bwindi Community Hospital, for the first time in their lives, people ages 4 to 100 throughout the Bwindi area will be able to see the blackboard in school, the road while driving a boda boda, or the faces of loved ones more clearly than ever before. Cataract and other eye surgeries will prevent and address eye diseases and restore sight. Bwindi Community Hospital will be able to address the needs of thousands of people who currently lack vision care.



DENTAL CARE



If you live with excruciating tooth pain in southwest Uganda, you live with pain for a long time, or you may see a traditional healer for extraction using unsterile instruments and no local anesthesia. If your baby has a fever or is teething, these traditional healers may perform a procedure known as "ebino" or infant oral mutilation, where the soft, unerupted tooth buds are removed using unsterile wires or bicycle spokes. At times the consequence is fatal and more often results in an absent permanent tooth for that child.

Please help us address this critical dental provider shortage for a people who have suffered too long from lack of access to care.