

SPOTLIGHT NEWS



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NEW MATERNITY CENTRE



After years in the planning, we are delighted to share the news that the construction of our new Maternity Centre is underway! Those of you that have been following Spotlight's journey will know that this has been a dream of ours for some time as in the Bukasakya community where we work, maternal and neo-natal death rates are amongst the highest in the world. Now, thanks to our generous donors, the Maternity Centre is a reality and will provide a much-needed health facility to reduce this tragic loss of life.

Building work began on 1st July. Shortly after the foundations were laid we welcomed the Mbale City Deputy Mayor and her team to the construction site to have a look round.



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Spotlight is run entirely by volunteers, so over 95p of every £1 you donate goes directly to our projects.
With Gift Aid, this increases to over £1.21!

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The maternity centre foundations have since been slabbed and fitted with a sewage system and the walls are now going up.



The image at the top of page 1 and the architectural drawing below reflect what the Maternity Centre will look like when finished. The architects that have designed it are a brilliant young team of former Cardiff University architectural students who have committed their time on this project as part of CAUKIN, a charity that they founded. We are also grateful to HOK, who as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) helped to develop the plans with patient flow in mind. We are indebted to them both.



Solar Power Installed at Eco House

Following on from last month's newsletter, development on the Eco House has continued with the installation of a solar power system that will convert energy from sunlight into electricity.



HOUSE OF COMMONS EVENT

To celebrate the Maternity Centre construction work getting underway, Bim Afolami MP and Patron to Spotlight on Africa hosted a reception in the House of Commons on Thursday 23 September where he and 2 of our other Patrons, Lord Anthony St John of Bletso and Hefin Rees QC, gave an overview of the work we do in Uganda. This was followed by Dr Bethan Rees, Spotlight on Africa Chair, describing the significance of the Maternity Centre and its impact for Mbale.

Amongst others at the event, we welcomed Miriam Otengo, Deputy High Commissioner for Uganda and several members of the The Uganda-UK Health Alliance.



With construction underway, our focus will now move towards fundraising for the fit out and equipment costs for the Maternity Centre. If you would like to find out more about this project, or would be interested in becoming a donor, please contact our Chair, Dr Bethan Rees at chair@hsoa.org.uk.

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London Marathon CLASSICS ON THE COMMON Sponsorship

Charles Douglas-Hamilton ran the London Marathon for Spotlight on Africa on 3 October! He is the partner of one of our Trustees, Laura Bailey, so very aware of the work we do to help transform lives in the communities we support in Uganda.

"I know how hard the UK volunteers work to manage the programmes overseen by the team in Uganda. There is a big emphasis on sustainability - lifting people out of poverty and providing the best chance for the next generation to live healthy, happy lives. That is why I chose to fundraise for Spotlight on Africa."

If you would like to sponsor him, please use the address below:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charles-douglas-hamilton-wfy-TBH-2020-30544>

On Wednesday 22nd September we took part in 'Classics on the Common' organised by the Harpenden Village Rotary Club. Amongst the array of vintage cars that were on display was our very own 'water and wine surprise' stall where we meet lots of new people who were keen to find out more about our work in Uganda. The event was made even more special as this year we were chosen to be one of the financial beneficiaries. Our heartfelt thanks to Harpenden Village Rotary Club for this support.

<https://www.hertsad.co.uk/news/harpenden-classic-car-event-raises-funds-for-charities-8358702>



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