

The Kellermann Foundation Newsletter

Uganda Nursing School Bwindi Is Open

Uganda Nursing School, Bwindi (UNSB), a proud affiliate of Uganda Christian University, opened on November 27, 2013. UNSB is the only advanced-level nursing program in the region. There are 13 students in the first class, and another 17 students are expected to join in May 2014. Students in the three-year program earn a Diploma in Nursing, the equivalent of an RN designation.

UNSB moved from dream to reality in less than three years' time through the commitment and drive of Dr. Scott Kellermann, major donors Stephen Wolf and James Jameson, Jane Anyango (UNSB Head) and her staff, the management team of Bwindi Community Hospital, Jerry Hall and Dr. Henry Bukwirwa of Rotary International, the Kellermann Foundation staff, and many other key participants.



UNSB students study using their tablet computers



Uganda Nursing School Bwindi (UNSB)

UNSB is an advanced center for learning, focused on teaching excellence with compassion. Technological advances allow students to access digital and interactive learning materials, while expert instructors provide in-class and clinical training for a broad-based quality education.

Many of the students at UNSB will work in rural, underserved areas of Uganda once they graduate, greatly increasing accessibility to healthcare for residents in the most remote and impoverished parts of the country.

The Grand Opening Celebration for the school is scheduled to be held on May 23, 2014.

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Giving Library Welcomes the Kellermann Foundation

The Kellermann Foundation is now featured on the Giving Library (givinglibrary.org). We are honored to join this wonderful project.

The Giving Library is a nonprofit organization created by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation to encourage responsible philanthropy from donors at all levels. Their information-packed website gives donors a closer look at select U.S. charitable organizations through a series of overview and question-and-answer videos.

The videos allow donors to see and hear the founder or director of each nonprofit explain what their organization does, why it is important, and how they can be involved. The questions for the Q&A videos were developed by a panel of philanthropists to address those issues most important to making informed, active giving decisions.

The Kellermann Foundation videos can be accessed at www.givinglibrary.org/organizations/the-kellermann-foundation.

On the Giving Library website, click on the baby's photo or the blue Overview button to view the general overview video. Click on the drop-down menu below the Overview button to view the Q&A videos.

The Giving Library is also developing partnerships with [GuideStar.org](http://www.guidestar.org) and Charity Navigator. Later this year, the Giving Library videos will be available directly from our GuideStar profile. In addition, KF is a now a top Gold Level GuideStar Exchange participant, demonstrating our commitment to nonprofit transparency.

Please watch the videos online and share the link with others who may be interested in learning more about our work.

We're grateful to the Giving Library for helping us spread the word about KF. It is a privilege to work with their outstanding team.



Giving Library videos describe the importance of our work among the Batwa and with the hospital and UNSB

Volunteer Corner: Plan Ahead for 2014

By Rachel Medina

Are you interested in volunteering in Uganda with the Kellermann Foundation? We would love to have you! Your first step in the process is to contact Rachel Medina, our U.S.-based volunteer coordinator, to express your interest. The best way to reach her is by email at volunteer@kellermannfoundation.org. Rachel will give you helpful information and let you know what your next steps are.

You can do many things as a volunteer at Bwindi, from working at the hospital to building homes for the Batwa. You can volunteer at Bwindi Community Hospital (BCH) if you are a licensed health professional or are in at least your second year of medical school. Volunteer slots and internships at BCH fill very quickly, often more than a year in advance, so be sure to plan ahead.

Uganda Nursing School, Bwindi always welcomes nursing instructors and physician



The Monkey House, adjacent to the hospital



Silverback Mountain Gorilla

guest lecturers. Let us know your area of expertise and we will see if it matches a need.

The Batwa Development Program (BDP) has multiple volunteer positions open at any given time, lasting from a few days to a year or more. Just tell us what you can do and they can come up with a project for you.

Most volunteers at Bwindi stay at the Bwindi Guest Houses. There are three possibilities. The Monkey House, adjacent to BCH, has three bedrooms, each with two sets of bunk beds. The Lower Gorilla House, near the gate to the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, can hold up to nine people. If you are lucky, you may spot a family of mountain gorillas while staying in this house! Adjacent to it is the Middle Gorilla House, a one-room home for two

people. Rachel can tell you more about housing options. She will also give you information on the options for how to travel to Bwindi.



Contact Rachel for more information

If you are interested in volunteering in 2014, contact Rachel soon. Slots fill up quickly, especially for the summer months, so be sure you have a spot now! For more information, please visit the "Get Involved" page of our [website](#) and click on the links for [Volunteer Guide](#), [Bwindi Accommodations](#), and [Hotel/Travel](#). Contact volunteer@kellermannfoundation.org with any questions.

We hope to see you in Bwindi!



The Lower Gorilla House

Long-Term Hospital Volunteer Needed in Uganda

Are you considering a long-term volunteer assignment at Bwindi? Are you familiar with medical facilities, or are you willing to learn? Can you maintain patient confidentiality and sensitively interview hospital patients?

We need you!

The Kellermann Foundation (KF) and Bwindi Community Hospital (BCH) need a volunteer to coordinate the Kangu and Watsi programs at BCH. Kangu (kangu.org) and Watsi (watsi.org) are nonprofit crowdfunding organizations that support our medical programs at Bwindi. (For more information on these partnerships, see the article on page 3.) The coordinator will ensure that the programs run efficiently to provide needed healthcare services to clients who otherwise could not afford them.



Irene, whose safe delivery was funded by Kangu

As the Kangu/Watsi coordinator, your job will be to:

- Interview and photograph expectant mothers, before and after delivery, for Kangu
- Work with BCH clinical staff to identify patients for Watsi profiles
- Photograph and interview Watsi patients before, during, and after treatment
- Write and post profiles and updates to the Kangu and Watsi websites
- Work closely with KF and BCH staff to ensure that the process flows smoothly

To learn more about this volunteer position, contact Volunteer Coordinator Rachel Medina at volunteer@kellermannfoundation.org.

Bishops' School Batwa Sponsorship Program

Since the Batwa pygmies were evicted from the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest in 1992, education has been key to their escaping a life of extreme poverty. The Kellermann Foundation's support of Batwa education has led to some wonderful success stories. Fees for education are far beyond the means of most Batwa families, especially at better schools.

The Kellermann Foundation is establishing a Batwa Student Sponsorship Program at Bishops' Primary School, Kanungu District, Uganda. Bishops' School is a boarding school that is widely considered one of the best in the district. Batwa students who attend Bishops' School tend to be bright and hard-working; they also receive additional teacher support to encourage them and ensure academic success.



Batwa students practice traditional dances

Sponsors may be individuals or groups. The cost will be \$750 annually, 10% of which covers

our administrative costs, with 90% going directly to the program. This tax-deductible donation covers all of a student's basic needs—food, clothing, tuition, fees, and more. Sponsorship fees will be pooled to provide assistance for all the Batwa children at Bishops' School. We ask that sponsors prayerfully consider a long-term commitment (three years or more) so a child has the stability of remaining in school without interruption.

This new program is now in development and will be implemented sometime this spring.

If you are interested in sponsoring a Batwa student at Bishops' School once the program is launched, please contact Janet Soo Maxwell at admin@kellermannfoundation.org.

Partnerships Extend Our Reach

The Kellermann Foundation has established strategic partnerships with three U.S. non-profits whose goals are similar to ours. These collaborations help Bwindi Community Hospital and the Batwa Development Program strengthen their programs at Bwindi and extend their reach.

Kangu (kangu.org) is dedicated to supporting quality maternal healthcare in developing countries. Using a crowdfunding model, Kangu provides safe deliveries through experienced local medical partners around the world. Expectant mothers profiled on Kangu receive

access to clean, well-equipped facilities and caring, skilled staff, such as at BCH.

Watsi (watsi.org) directly funds low-cost, high-impact medical care for people in need. Its crowdfunding model focuses on short-term interventions that have a significant chance to positively impact the patient's future. Watsi has pre-approved five conditions at BCH that meet its criteria: trauma, cesarean section delivery, under-age-5 emergency and respiratory care, severe pediatric malnutrition, and acute abdomen conditions. Watsi's support is saving and changing lives.

ECOLIFE (ecolifefoundation.org) recognizes that indoor cooking fires are a global conservation and human crisis. By reducing open-fire cooking, this organization aims to decrease CO₂ release in the environment, reduce injuries due to burns and smoke inhalation, and lessen fuel wood harvesting that affects the local forests. ECOLIFE is partnering with BCH and the BDP to build safe, fuel-efficient stoves in homes throughout the region, helping improve health and quality of life for every member of these communities.

Many thanks to our partners for their work!

Batwa Women's Center Success: Hope's Story

Mubone Hope is a Batwa Women's Center student who recently completed advanced training at the center. She tells us about herself here (translated from the original spoken Rukiga).

"I am Mubone Hope. I am 30 years old and I live in Mukongoro settlement. I am married to Byaruhanga Justus, and we are blessed with three children."

"Before I joined BWC, I sold firewood to non-Batwa and worked in exchange for food and second-hand clothes, with little chance of earning money."

"I grew up with a very poor and widowed mother who was known in the village after our eviction from the forest for having only one yellow dress. My mother could not afford other clothes for herself and me because she

dedicated the little money we had towards buying food and other necessities. I used to not go to church and other places of gathering due to the lack of clothes I had. My mother would secretly wash our only two dresses in the night so that they would be clean the next day, but the villagers harassed us for being dirty, poor, and commonly seen with only two dresses. Because of all this I never liked myself, and all the time I was shy."

"Irrespective of all this hardship, I am inspired by KF, BDP friends, and well-wishers of the Batwa for the thoughtful idea to start BWC. This has turned out to be my first school in life. I have been able to benefit from the training in knitting and designing, sewing, and tailoring. I started specializing in making tablecloths, skirts, sweaters, dresses, and blouses. Now I make dresses and sell most of them. The shame from

those villagers who embarrassed me for owning only one dress is not a concern anymore. Instead, people call on me to make them clothes. Oh, what a joy and success in my life! Oh, God is powerful."

Thank you to all who make success stories like Hope's a reality.



Hope holds her BWC graduation certificate



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Hope and Health 2013

Our second annual Dallas Hope and Health event, held on November 14, 2013, at the Church of the Incarnation, Dallas, Texas, was a great success. Many thanks to our major sponsors:



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Donor Reports

Several times a year, we issue reports to donors and friends who have chosen to support specific projects. To conserve resources and reduce costs, we will now issue those reports by email only.

If you wish to receive reports about any specific project, please email Janet Soo Maxwell at admin@kellermannfoundation.org with your name, email address, and area of interest. Reports may be requested for the nursing school, Batwa education, the Batwa Women's Center, Batwa home building, spiritual outreach, or Bwindi Community Hospital.

We will be happy to add you to the list and keep you informed.

Thank you, Nevada County

The Union newspaper in Nevada County, California, recently ran an article submitted by Scott Kellermann and Jean Creasey that honored local supporters, donors, and volunteers of the Kellermann Foundation. The article can be accessed online at www.theunion.com/news/9748861-113/county-nevada-batwa-bwindi.



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Kathleen Cook-Hunter, CTC, DS

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