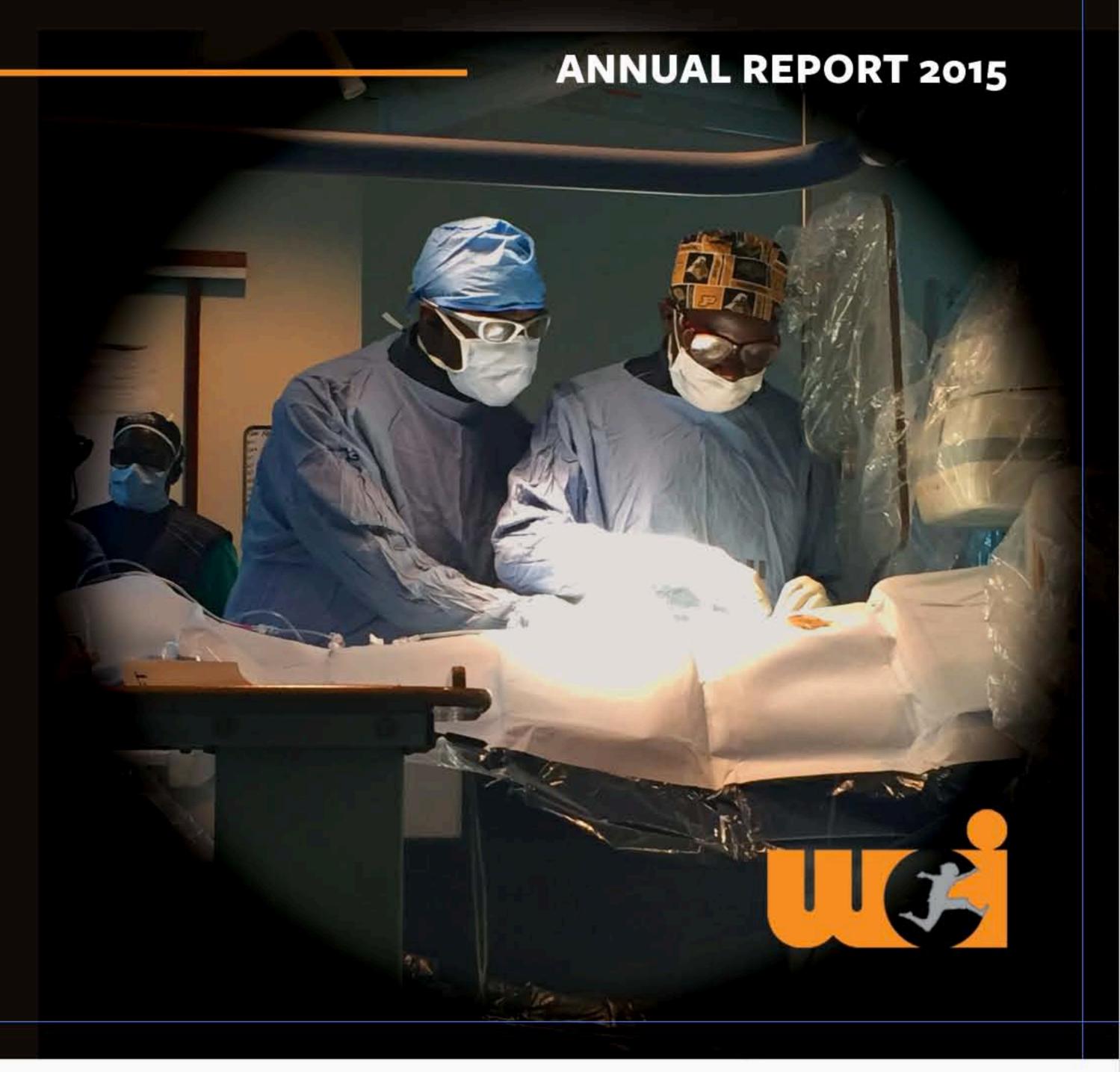
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Back cover: UHI Catheterization Medical Team. Front cover: Dr. S. Lubega and Dr. T. Aliku performing a procedure in the UHI cath lab (February 2015).



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS



In 2012, the internationally renowned surgeon, Dr. Bill Magee, came to speak at Duke University, where I was completing my fellowship. Dr. Magee founded Operation Smile, one of the most well-known medical charities in the world. His organization has been providing cleft palate and craniofacial surgery to children in need for over 30 years.

During his visit, I had the unique opportunity to present WCI's work to Dr. Magee, including our plans for Project Heart: Uganda. Interested in WCI's work, he invited me and my family to spend the weekend with his family and continue our discussion. During one of our many conversations about medical development work, I specifically recall him telling me was that it took him over 25 years to evolve from the "mission" trip style of charitable medical work, to an approach that was more future-oriented.

His statement helped clarify that WCl's Project Heart could not simply be about conducting medical trips...to have a long-term impact, we would need to help local doctors and institutions establish a complete children's heart care program. While our main task was to help build a cardiac catheterization lab and train doctors in advanced procedures, we knew a successful program would also require us to: (1) train nurses and techs to support the doctors; (2) establish clinical protocols to improve patient safety; (3) coordinate and fund clinical fellowships to provide in-depth, hands-on training; (4) build a supply chain to ensure timely delivery of medical devices; (5) promote research through academic conferences and papers; and (6) work with governmental authorities to guarantee increased annual funding for the program.

Over the past 5 years, we have systemically accomplished these goals. Our efforts are paying tangible dividends this year. Ugandan doctors and our team are publishing papers and presenting their work at international pediatric conferences. We are training a second pediatric cardiologist in these advanced procedures to improve expertise and extend the program's reach. We worked with partner organizations - Gift of Life and Rotary International - to generate over \$75,000 in additional funding for the children's heart program.

In fact, our compelling results convinced the Ministry of Health to commit to a three-fold increase in funding for the children's heart care program at UHI. This local support guarantees adequate resources so that children with heart defects can be treated for several years to come.

Most important, nearly 175 children have been treated since we began Project Heart in 2010, and patient volume is increasing at an incredible pace. So far in 2015, the UHI team jas treated a total of 64 children with heart defects. 48 of these cases were performed without any international assistance, three times as many as 2014, with the cath lab booked with patients through the end of the year.

I remember as my wife and son were packing our car to leave Dr. Magee's house, he told me..." bring your family and friends on this journey."

On behalf of WCI, I would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to all of you who have joined us on this journey. Together, we are building something special that will benefit children in east Africa for years to come. But, there is still work to do, including one more clinical training trip and continued medical education for physicians and staff. We still need your financial support to raise \$25,000 by end of 2015 to help finish Project Heart.

And, although this initiative may be nearing completion, as we turn to 2016, WCI has some exciting new projects on the

horizon to help children play harder and live longer. We look forward to your continued support as we take on new challenges.

Happy Holidays from your WCI family!

Sincerely,

Sanjay Daluvoy, MD - Founder & Executive Director

WCI's Project Heart: Uganda Milestones

Feb 2012: First 2 pediatric cardiac catheterization cases performed at UHI with WCI

July 2013: First independent case by UHI

Sept 2014: 100th case Aug 2015: 150th case

Sept 2015: 50th Independent case by UHI

At the inception of Project Heart: Uganda in 2010, World Children's Initiative set an ambitious goal for our Uganda Heart Institute colleagues: To perform 50 independent pediatric cardiac catheterization cases in 2015 (unassisted by WCI or any international team). At WCI, we think this is a true metric of pursuing a sustainable solution in Uganda to deliver high quality

care for Ugandan children with

heart disease.

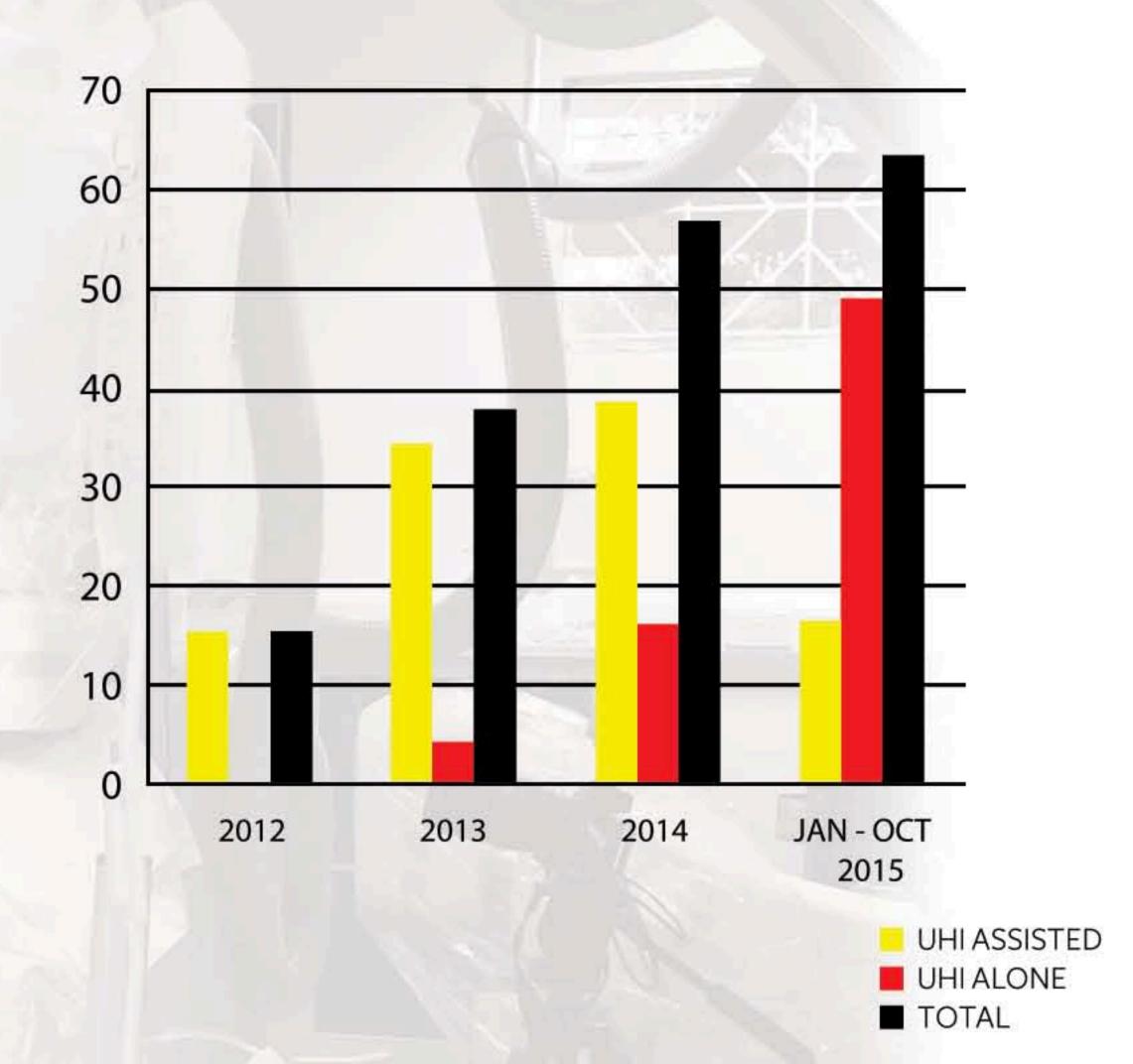
At the end of October 2015, our UHI colleagues have performed

48 INDEPENDENT CASES with 15 MORE SCHEDULED in the remainder of 2015.

WE WILL EXCEED OUR EXPECTATIONS THIS YEAR!

Dr. S. Lubega and Dr. T. Aliku performing a procedure in the UHI cath lab (February 2015).

Pediatric Cardiac Catheterization Cases 2012-2015



TRAINING MORE DOCTORS, TREATING MORE CHILDREN

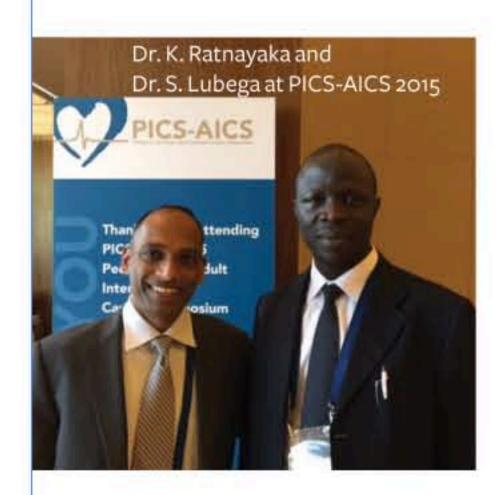
A critical factor for the long-term success of UHI's cath program is ensuring that multiple medical professionals are trained and ready to treat children. This redundant expertise allows more children to be saved while safeguarding against burnout and dependency on a single individual.

In 2013 & 2014, WCI sponsored UHI's Dr. Sulaiman Lubega to travel to Amrita Heart Institute in India for intensive pediatric cardiac catheterization training. From April to June of this year, WCI sent Dr. Lubega's junior colleague, Dr. Twalib Aliku, to Amrita Heart Institute for that same extended training. In 2 months, Dr. Aliku was able to participate in 99 cases with the world-famous Dr. Krishna Kumar. Since his return, Dr. Aliku has joined Dr. Lubega in applying those lessons at the UHI cath lab.



TRANSITIONING FROM TRAINEE TO TEACHER:

DR. SULAIMAN LUBEGA



As UHI's children's cath program matures, WCI's goal is to transition out of our role as clinical trainers into the more collaborative role of research partners. As a major milestone in this transition, in March 2015, WCI and UHI signed an MOU to promote research and scholarship on the international development of children's cath programs. These steps will cement UHI's status as a regional center of medical excellence, and a model for other institutions to follow. In short, we want to see UHI physicians transform from trainees to teachers.

In 2015, WCI helped Dr. Lubega and his UHI colleagues submit an abstract to the Pediatric and Adult Interventional Cardiac Symposium (PICS-AICS), the most prestigious annual conference on children's cardiac catheterization care. Dr. Lubega's abstract on the development of cardiac catheterization at UHI was one of only twenty selected for oral presentation, out of hundreds of submissions. WCI funded his trip to the conference in Las Vegas, where his presentation was lauded by the thought leaders in the field.





A SUPPLY CHAIN PROBLEM

In 2010, when WCI commenced Project Heart,
the Uganda Heart Institute (UHI) did not have a
catheterization lab, and certainly had none of the supplies or
devices to make a cath lab function smoothly. But, even after the
catheterization lab was built and working, virtually all of the devices
and instruments used by UHI physicians were brought in by foreign
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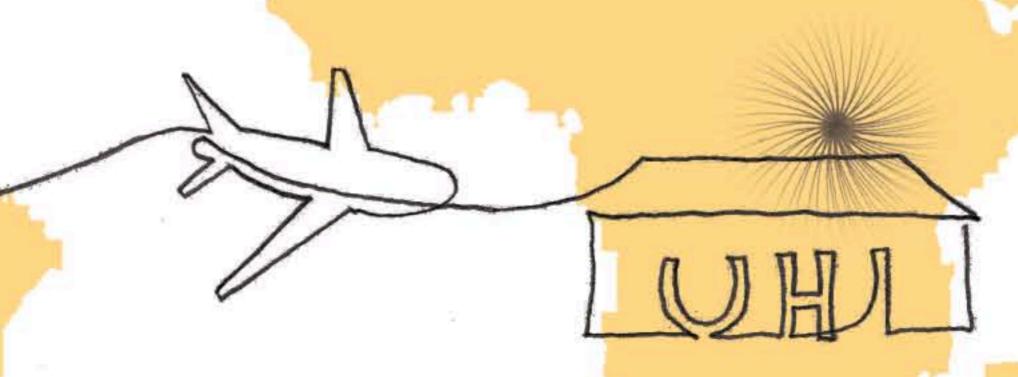
When UHI ran out of materials or they experienced shortages, catheterization cases were suspended until the next group replenished supply.

Children that could have been treated were not.

Clearly, this was an area of need that had to be addressed in order to ensure future sustainability.

A continuously-running cath lab requires a logistically sound method for procuring necessary devices and instruments. Without effective supply chain management, UHI physicians cannot plan in advance to treat a steady stream of Ugandan children.

And, WCI's clinical training, UHI's newly-developed capacity to treat children, and its state-of-the-art cath lab would be wasted. So, on our March 2015 trip, WCI focused on helping UHI implement an efficient and responsive supply chain that would not rely on foreign help.

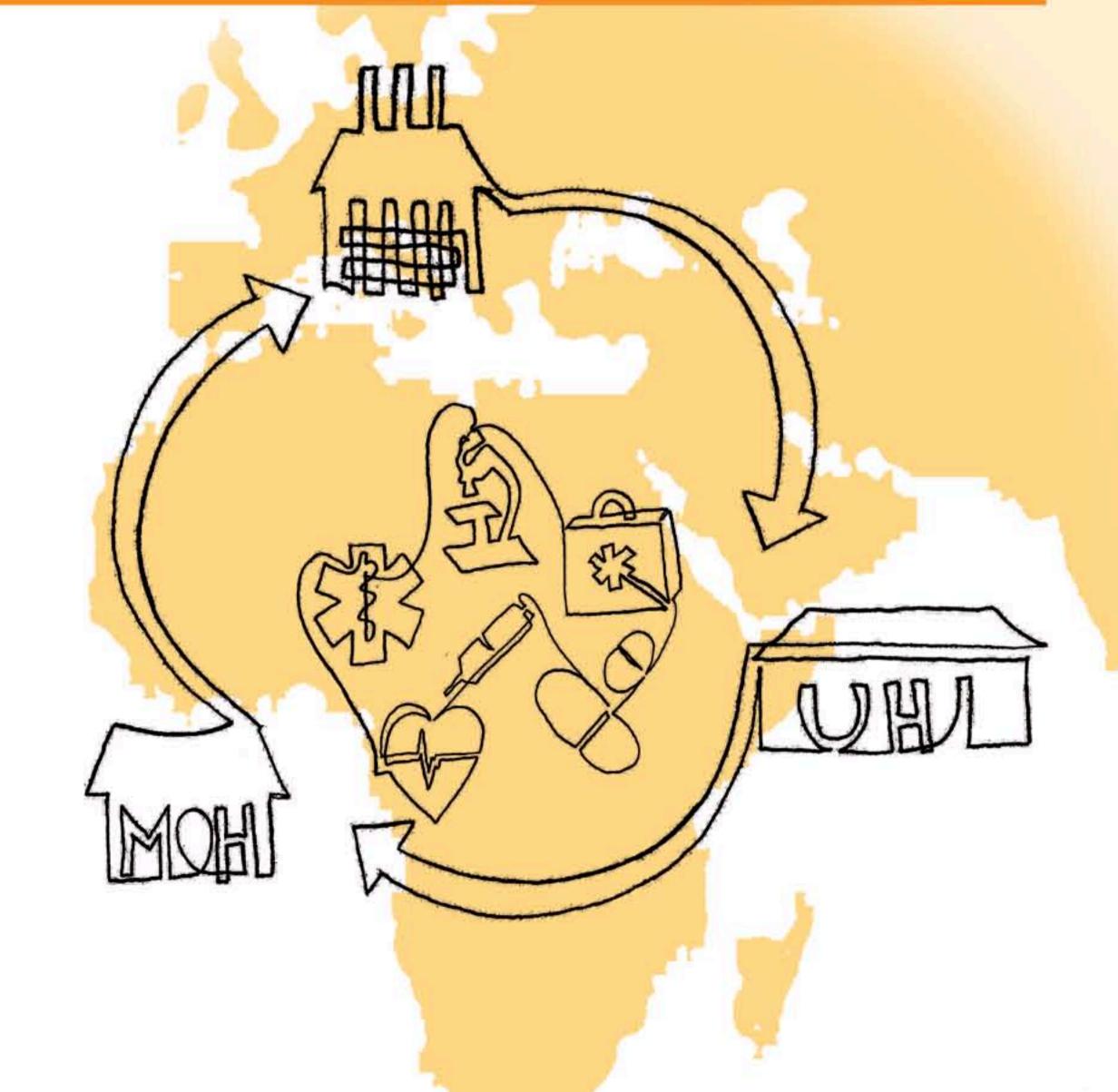


A SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTION

As a first step at revamping the system, WCI helped UHI administration convince the Ugandan Ministry of Health of the need to streamline the procurement process for cath supplies. In April 2015 of this year, the MOH approved UHI's plan, allowing UHI physicians to procure those items in a manner that better suits their needs, without the bureaucratic hassle that held them back in the past.

Now, utilizing the protocols suggested by WCI, UHI physicians and technologists can anticipate shortfalls and replenish supplies without relying on foreign aid and without interrupting their scheduled care of Ugandan children. UHI medical and administrative staff now deal directly with medical device companies to fulfill their equipment needs, ensuring that necessary items are delivered in a timely fashion, and cath procedures are able to continue apace.

WCI's hope with these simple, but vital supply chain innovations is that device ordering and availability will never again stand in the way of a child receiving critical heart care. Looking to future, it makes UHI's children's heart program self-reliant and self-sustaining.



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MINISTRY OF HEALTH PROVIDES SUSTAINABLE

Streamlining the supply-chain would not mean much without funds to fulfill those device requests. In a monumental step for the future of UHI, representatives from WCI, UHI, Gift of Life International, and Heart Healers International met with Ugandan Prime Minister, the Honorable Ruhakana Rugunda during the March 2015 Clinical Service Trip.

During the meeting, the Prime Minister announced a **three-fold increase** in funding for UHI as part of the government's approved budget for the next several years. It was a major milestone for UHI, and clear sign that WCI's efforts (along with our partners) in Project Heart had made an impression at the highest levels of government. The Prime Minister clearly understood the potential value that a well-developed UHI held for the future of Uganda's children, its healthcare delivery system, and possibilities for becoming a regional center of medical excellence.

FUNDING FOR CHILDREN'S HEART CARE

UHI can now allocate increased funding to its various departments in accordance with anticipated need. With children's catheterization demonstrating a track record of success and advancement over the past 5 years, WCI is pleased to report that a significant portion of that elevated government backing will go to supporting children's health care.

This vote of financial confidence from the MOH validates WCI's faith that Ugandans themselves would shoulder the responsibility of sustaining and growing UHI without reliance on WCI or other foreign organizations.



A NEW PARTNERSHIP TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT

CHILDREN'S HEALTH



"The Gift of Gift:



WCI's ultimate goal of helping children live longer and play harder requires that we continue to raise awareness of children's health concerns, especially in under-served and under-resourced areas. To this end, we are excited to announce a special partnership Umiya Publishing and its award-winning children's book author Sanjay Nambiar. Together, we are authoring a children's book as a fundraising and awareness-raising vehicle.

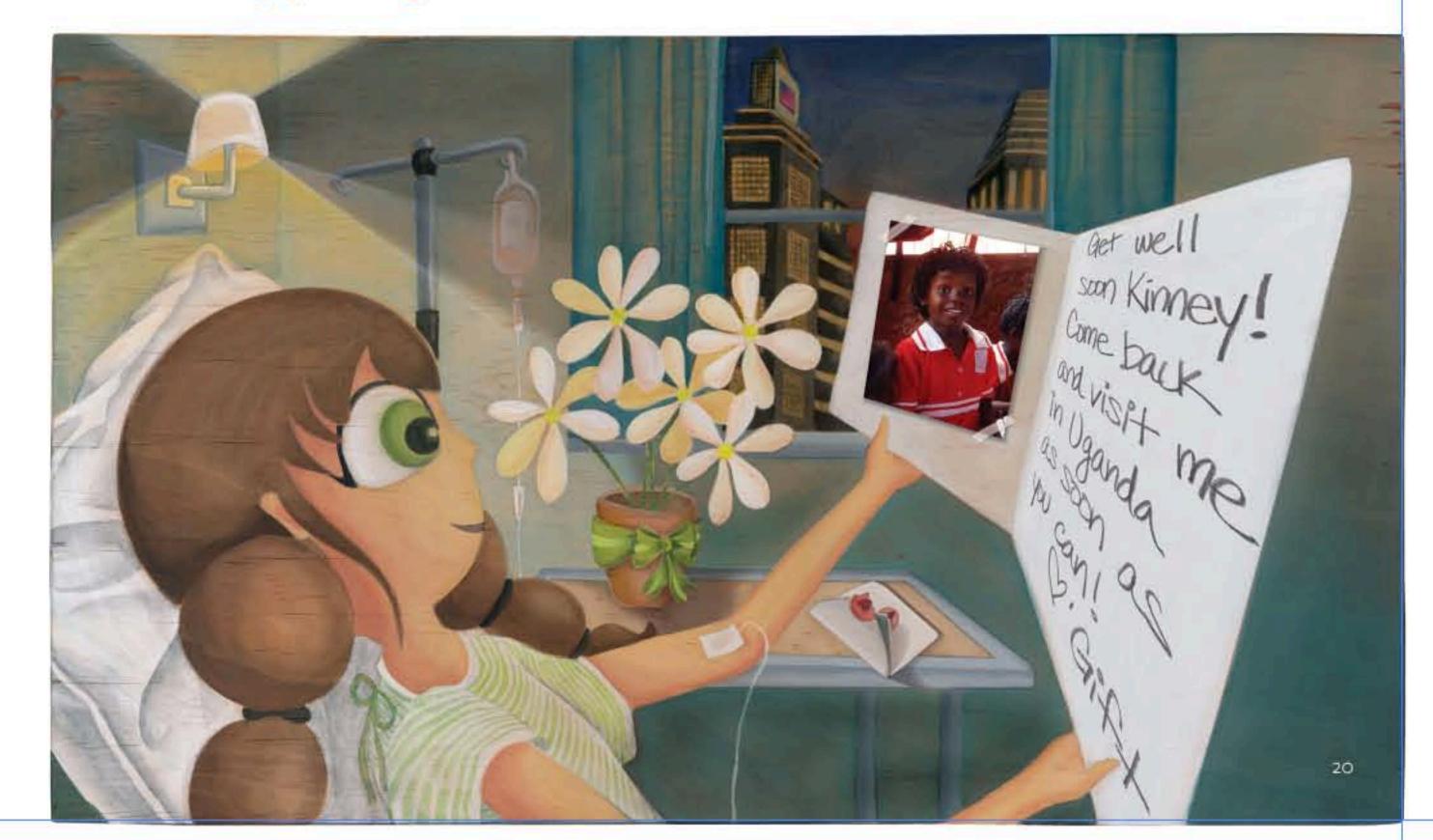
The book will be the next in Mr. Nambiar's popular and acclaimed series, "The Super Duper Princess Heroes," and will feature Gift, WCI's first patient, as its main character. The book is slated for mid-2016 publication, so look out for it on Amazon and your local children's bookstore!

All profits from the book will be donated to WCI. Nambiar and acclaimed artist Sedi Pak, who is illustrating the book, provided their services pro bono for the book.

DESCRIPTION:

We find our favorite Super Duper Princess Heroes in Uganda, where they're helping build a new school. But Kinney gets very sick with a heart condition and flies back to the U.S. for medical help. The girls soon learn that one of their Ugandan friends, a wonderful girl named Gift, is sick with the same condition. She needs to fly to the U.S. as well – but what if she didn't? What if she had a hospital in Uganda that could help other kids just like her? The Super Duper Princess Heroes spring into action and show that being a smart, powerful, and kind girl goes a long way in helping other people!

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In addition, the Ministry of Health has increased funding for children's hear care at UHI **3-fold, from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000 annually** (see pp. 17-18).



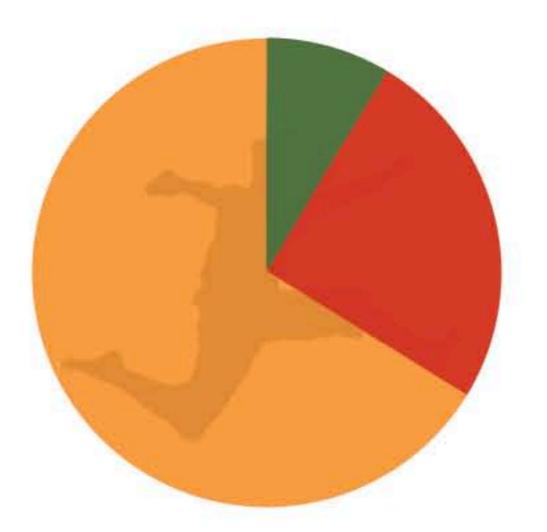
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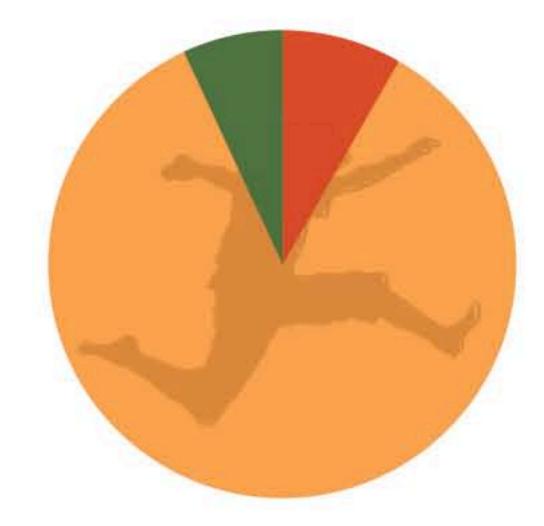
Cash	\$ 8,400.20
In-Kind	\$23,828.50
3rd Party Grant Directly	\$63,500.00
to Project Heart	
Total	\$95,728.70

Expenses by Type 2015

Professional Dev. & Educ.	\$3,689.84
Administrative	\$4,389.75
Clinical Trip	\$45,696.47

Total \$53,776.06





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