

The love and beauty of people and place

by Carol Doggett, Board Chairman

Executive Director Laura Corley recently shared, "Our legacy comes from within us and lives beyond us." As we celebrate the twentieth anniversaries of Bwindi Community Hospital in 2023 and the Kellermann Foundation in 2024, we are amazed at the vast legacy which has grown in the people served by Dr. Scott and Carol Kellermann, the foundation's staff, board, and partners, and volunteers around the globe.

Legacy is not something you leave for people. It is something you leave in people.

Rev. Canon I John

Each time I travel to Uganda, I witness the love and beauty of the people and the place. The Batwa joyously dance with their guests and still delight in sharing the reenactment of their forest life before eviction in 1991. Mission doesn't always happen when you are on the ground, mission sometimes happens when you return home and seek inspiration—inspiration for how to solve the challenges faced by the local Ugandan community, and inspiration for how to be with people even when you are not physically present.

On our most recent trip in November, we toured Byumba School, a top-performing school whose campus is in dire need of repair and expansion. We agreed that expanding and adding a boarding component would help the students who walk several hours a day, sometimes in the rain. As we walked the land and looked at campus plans, we dreamed of funding it. We challenged ourselves to solve both the need for



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buildings and to upgrade the water source—necessary for the health of students and agricultural needs.

In contrast, we were thankful to see the beautiful, new campus of Kishanda Community School which was built and is funded through the generosity of a caring donor. Kishanda Community School is now a top-performing boarding school because of this gift.

How do we prioritize funding day-to-day needs of the Batwa and long-term goals? When a donor steps forward to fund projects such as a school or the new Dental-Vision Clinic being constructed in 2024, we fulfill larger goals and ensure the future. In the meantime, we recognize that the success of larger developmental projects relies first upon the provision of the most basic needs like tuition, food, homes, healthcare.

Education has perhaps the greatest potential to truly improve the future of an individual; yet funding education is one of our greatest struggles. The number of students wanting to go to school is growing each year—praise God! We now support 1,545 students in 25 schools. Twenty Batwa men trained in brickmaking using the interlocking-brick machines our donors provided. Since 2019, forty-three interlocking-brick Batwa homes have been completed. Three Batwa have chosen to train as nurses, and hundreds more Ugandans are now serving as nurses thanks to nursing scholarships. We are encouraged by Batwa who have trained in agriculture and conquered crop-destroying insects and disease.

Our twentieth year marks a progression from the sheer survival of families to their enjoyment in building a future. How do we partner with the Batwa in bridging the way from past to future? We support the in-between years! As we support each person who reaches for their future, our annual budget must grow. Your partnership is essential. *continued page 4*



Vision

By the grace of God, the Batwa and surrounding communities will achieve life in all its fullness.

Mission

To provide resources for health, education, spiritual outreach and economic empowerment for the benefit of the Batwa pygmies and adjacent communities.

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Because of you, I have a home.

In 2023, the Kellermann Foundation provided **\$768,777 to fund the Batwa Development Program** (BDP).

Funding highlights

\$602,742 Education, school construction \$61,094 Land, homes, and agriculture \$19,839 Batwa health insurance, copays \$61,300 Program staff support \$10,852 provided spiritual outreach



- Constructed 15 sustainable interlocking brick homes with cement floors, kitchens, and latrines for Batwa families; 43 built since 2019
- Trained settlements in sustainable agriculture and animal husbandry; supplied families with chickens, ducks, pigs, goats and rabbits
- Provided organic school gardens
- Provided spiritual care in the form of prayer, reconciliation training, grief counseling and mentoring

- Purchased a vehicle to deliver pastoral care to each settlement
- Presented the Jesus Film with 2,553 people choosing to attend and 1,023 people choosing to follow Jesus
- Supported 1,421 students with education ranging from nursery to university, including tuition, clothing, mattresses, and other supplies; provided backpacks and shoes to all Batwa students; provided school lunches to all students in our schools
- Celebrated the first Batwa to earn a government-sponsored scholarship to university
- Constructed dorms and staff housing at Kishanda School
- Provided adult literacy classes

Because of you, I have hope.

- Provided eQuality health insurance to 1,187 Batwa
- Paid staff salaries for workers onthe-ground in Bwindi
- Implemented improved organic farming methods; 92% of Batwa practice farming; 40% of Batwa have developed large enough farms to provide their own food
- Installed beautiful signage on the main road adjacent to the Craft Banda to highlight the accomplishments of the Batwa and their partners; added credit card machines at the Craft Banda.
- Hosted 282 visitors to a new and improved Batwa Experience cultural presentation



Because of you, I have healthcare.

In 2023, the Kellermann Foundation provided program grants for \$416,982 to Bwindi Community Hospital (BCH) and \$55,062 to Uganda Nursing School Bwindi (UNSB). This support helps BCH and UNSB meet shortfalls in operations and fulfill long-term developmental goals.

Funding highlights

\$98,000 General hospital support
\$41,451 Nursing scholarships and Kindles
\$95,000 Maternal health
\$13,611 General nursing school support
\$90,000 Surgical programs
\$13,000 Hospital land
\$58,250 Senior staff salaries
\$5,550 Guest house improvements
\$47,575 Hospital vehicle
\$4,750 Good Samaritan Fund
\$15,500 Staff continuing education
\$9,850 CBC machines, microscopes



Founded in 2003, **Bwindi Community Hospital i**s now a 155-bed facility providing approximately 40,000 consultations annually. They boast award-winning achievements such as HIV viral load suppression of 93%, less than 1% of mother-to-child HIV transmission, delivery of over 1,000 babies annually, 100% malnutrition recovery, and over 1,200 surgeries annually including orthopedic, urinary, and reproductive. BCH currently serves as an NIH-funded surveyor of infectious disease with a KF board member serving as project manager.

Uganda Nursing School Bwindi opened in 2013 as the only advanced-level program in a rural region of one million people. UNSB provides high-quality advanced-level nursing certificates and degrees in Nursing and Midwifery to approximately 400 students. As an affiliate of Uganda Christian University, UNSB students receive their diplomas as graduates of UCU. UNSB attracts the brightest and most highly motivated students to serve this region.

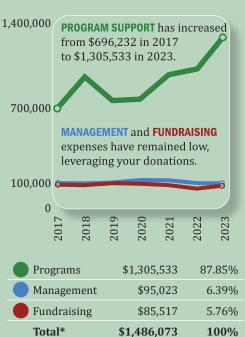
Revenue



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Missions, net	\$1,723	0.11%
Guest House	\$1,660	0.11%
Interest	\$5,585	0.37%
Total*	\$1,401,780	100%

* In addition to the contributions and promises received in 2023, an additional \$716,916 was firmly promised for future years, of which \$225,000 will be for Dental-Vision Clinic construction in 2024 and \$491,916 for school construction and operations in 2024 and 2025.

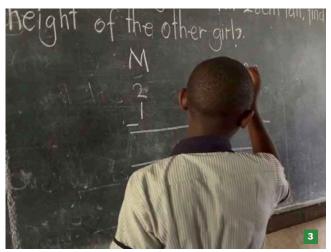
Functional Expenses



* Some 2023 program support used donations received in December 2022, while approximately \$157,000 in donations received in December 2023 were used for program support in January 2024.











- Dr. Scott Kellermann congratulates a new nursing graduate at celebrations for the hospital's twentieth and the nursing school's tenth anniversaries.
- A Batwa student at Byumba School shares her math skills with volunteers during a school visit.
- Batwa OneStory Bible leaders share the Gospel with other Batwa through memorized presentations of scripture.
- Workers and volunteers provide a strong interlocking-brick home for a Batwa family.



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The past and future come together as we celebrate two decades in Bwindi. We are thankful for all that the Batwa have accomplished with the support of people who care. As we experience both the blessings and challenges of this work, we find encouragement because of your partnership. Whether you support large developmental projects or help us meet the day-to-day needs of the people we serve, you play a role in the progress from survival to joy.

We are thankful for your continued, and if possible, increased support. Will you partner with me and other donors to meet the needs of the Batwa through education, nutrition, and healthcare?

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Faithfully,

Carol Doggett