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The Foundation has formed 25 partnerships and has invested over \$15 million for the advancement of children’s health in its eight years. From health clinics in Nepal to a mobile medical home for children in the South Bronx, this newsletter highlights the impact that our efforts have had on children’s lives.

Children’s Health Fund

Mission: CHF is committed to providing health care to the nation’s most medically underserved children through the development and support of innovative, comprehensive primary care programs, reducing the impact of public health crises on vulnerable children, and promoting the health and well-being of all children.



Deerfield Mobile Health Clinic

Partner since: 2007

Description:

- Launched in 1987, the program was started with a single mobile medical clinic to bring care directly to children in homeless shelters in NYC.
- Today, through a national network, CHF provides care for 350,000 children in disadvantaged rural and urban communities through 50 mobile medical clinics and 301 medical service sites.
- Its Flagship Program in NYC serves Harlem, South Bronx, and the NYC homeless population.

2014 Funding: \$1,000,000

Project Funded: [Deerfield Child and Family Health Clinic](#)

Update: In 2014, Deerfield granted \$425,000 to the Deerfield Child and Family Health Clinic. One in five visits at the Deerfield Clinic is by an uninsured patient, who is often undocumented and therefore ineligible for Medicare coverage. The grant covered the funding gap at the Deerfield Clinic, allowing it to continuously enhance the services and health care access for homeless children. The clinic was expected to provide at least 8,800 health care visits by the end of 2014; an 11% increase over 2013.



Deerfield Child and Family Health Clinic

Project Funded: [New York Flagship Program](#)

Update: In 2013, the New York Flagship Program cared for over 10,000 homeless and low-income patients - including 6,037 children through over 64,000 healthcare visits. In 2014, Deerfield granted \$575,000 to help fully fund all healthcare visits at the Flagship Program, which includes the NY Children’s Health Project and South Bronx Health Center. The NY Flagship program now provides a comprehensive model of care that entails formal evaluations, quality

improvement efforts and delivering services well beyond what Medicaid and private insurance plans cover. The grant was expected to provide at least 5,000 visits by the end of 2014.

Website: www.childrenshealthfund.org

Partners in Health

Mission: Partners In Health (PIH) proves it is possible to provide high-quality healthcare in even the poorest corners of the world. Partnering with sister organizations, PIH has two overarching goals: to bring the benefits of modern medicine to those most in need, and to serve as an antidote to despair.

Partner since: 2008

Description:

- Since its founding in 1987, PIH has been relentlessly committed to improving the health of the poor and marginalized.
- PIH partners with sister academic, medical, charitable and government organizations to deliver innovative, scalable, sustainable solutions to the world's most intractable health problems.
- Currently operating in eight geographies around the world, PIH is bringing quality care to a service area of 2.47 million people worldwide.

2014 Funding: \$500,000

Project Funded: [Nsambe Health Center, Malawi](#)

Update: In the remote Neno district of Malawi, residents have not had access to routine medical care since unaffordable user fees were adopted at the only local clinics. In 2014, Deerfield granted \$300,000 to complete construction of the Nsambe Health Center, which will provide free primary care to the 20,000 area residents, who include over 8,000 children and over 4,000 women of childbearing age. Construction of the clinic proper has been completed, and despite a heavy rainy season, ancillary buildings are expected to be complete by the end of Spring. By early Summer, Nsambe is expected to begin operations, and to provide an average of 750 outpatient visits for children under five each month.



NSAMBE, MALAWI - FEBRUARY 10, 2015: Construction under way at the Dambe Health Center in Nsambe, Malawi. At left is APZU Executive Director Luckson W Dullie. (Photo by Todd McCormack / Partners In Health)



NSAMBE, MALAWI - FEBRUARY 10, 2015: Construction under way at the Dambe Health Center in Nsambe, Malawi. (Photo by Todd McCormack / Partners In Health)

Project Funded: [Zanmi Beni Home, Haiti](#)

Update: Zanmi Beni was established as a home for 64 disabled orphans who had previously been cared for in a hospital that was destroyed in Haiti's 2010 earthquake. Zanmi Beni provides for the medical, developmental and educational needs of these children in a safe and supportive environment. This year, one of the home's residents completed high school and is now studying to become a nurse, the first to fulfill Zanmi Beni's vision that every child should receive the support needed to develop to his or her fullest potential. In 2014, Deerfield provided \$200,000 toward the operating budget of Zanmi Beni and is the only dedicated source of funding.

Website: www.pih.org

Possible Health

Mission: To realize the right to health by delivering transparent, data-driven healthcare for Nepal's rural poor.

Partner since: 2012

Description: Possible is a nonprofit healthcare company that delivers high-quality, low-cost healthcare to the poor.

2014 Funding: \$275,000

Project Funded: [General operations and expansion of services at Bayalpata Hospital, community health department and clinics in Achham District, Nepal](#)

Update: From June 2014 through May 2015, Deerfield invested \$275,000 for general operations in Nepal, broken down as \$100,000 for the hospital expansion, \$100,000 for the clinic replication (moved in to additional clinics at the community level), and \$75,000 for philanthropic raise. Possible health is progressing admirably. It recently hired the first female orthopedic surgeon in all of Nepal to its staff, launched a trial of its electronic medical record system, and built a digital data foundation for tracking the outcomes of its work throughout the entire population. This digital foundation is unprecedented and will enable it to map patient locations, track patients across the care system and measure outcomes in a way that wasn't

previously possible.

Website: www.possiblehealth.org



Dr. Roshan examines an x-ray



Microbiology Lab



First C-section baby

Health Builders

Mission: Health Builders believes that every individual should have access to a local health center that is properly managed and delivers the highest quality of care - even in the places that are hardest to reach.

Partner since: 2014 as Health Builders, since 2012 as Rwanda Works

Description:

- Health Builders applies management principles to health centers so that health workers have the facilities, tools, and medicine they need to save lives. These principles are applied in partnership with the Rwandan government both in existing health centers as well as through the new infrastructure built by Health Builders.
- Health Builders provides health centers with hands-on technical assistance in the following areas: HR, Infrastructure, Financial Management, Health Insurance, Pharmacy Logistics, Data Management, Planning and Coordination, and Information Technology. When health centers are able to function well on their own, Health Builders leaves.
- To date, Health Builders built 5 state-of-the-art health centers and one maternity ward.

- Kintobo is the only sector without its own health center. Approximately 20,000 individuals who live there travel at least two hours by foot up and down rough terrain - often while very sick or pregnant - to receive primary health care services.



The 2.28 acres of land bought by Nyabihu district for the construction of the Kintobo Health Center, and the floor plan for the Health Center

2014 Funding: \$400,000

Project Funded: **Building of a Health Center in Kintobo**

Update: The total cost for the building of the Kintobo Health Center is \$1,090,000 and is funded as follows: Deerfield Foundation = \$400,000; Pace Family Fund = \$450,000; Meyer Foundation = \$100,000; Rwanda government = \$140,000

Currently, quotes have been obtained, and the district is finalizing the contracts with the contractors. Health Builders expects to start building the foundation around end of March 2015. They might experience some delay as the rain season started earlier than usual, and roads will be washed out (rain season usually starts end of March, until June). The main work is the foundation work. Once this is done, the completion of the health center should go fast. Health Builders expects to have the center ready to open in October / November 2015.

Website: www.globalhealthbuilders.org

Little Sisters of Assumption

Mission: The Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service (LSA) is a neighborhood-based organization founded in 1958 that works with the people of East Harlem (New York) to address the physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual dimensions of family health. LSA's home-based and center-based programs are designed to empower those who are most vulnerable and who have least access to the basic necessities of life, in the conviction that the entire community grows when individuals and families are affirmed in their own dignity.

Partner since: 2008

Description:

- East Harlem / El Barrio remains home to more underserved and poor residents than anywhere else in Manhattan, where over 70% of children are born into poverty and face the worst risks to their health / wellbeing.
- The infant mortality rate is 7.6 per 1000 births (4.8 for Hispanics, 8.6 for African Americans).
- Asthma hospitalizations for children less than 15 years old are 10 to 12%.
- LSA offers eight programs focusing on immediate need for food and daily living, early intervention of developmental delays or disabilities, home visits and on-site socialization groups for those at risk for developmental delays, after-school homework help and tutoring, environmental health and family asthma, home nursing, family support services to help keep crisis-impacted families safe and keep children out of foster care.

2014 Funding: \$180,000

Project Funded: [The Family Asthma Program](#)

Update: LSA's Environmental Health and Family Asthma Program was established in 1997 in response to the high rate of asthma among children in East Harlem. LSA's 12-month program helps reduce missed school and work days, as well as emergency room and hospital visits for those with asthma. LSA's home-visiting community health workers work hands-on to help families modify housing conditions and household living habits in order to improve indoor air quality, asthma symptoms and overall health and wellbeing.

Project Funded: [Maternity Outreach Program](#)

Update: LSA's Maternity Outreach Program seeks to ensure quality of prenatal, postpartum, and infant care to poor and immigrant families in East Harlem, to address and reduce the neighborhood's high infant mortality rate. This Program provides medical care, education about fetal development and physical changes of pregnancy, nutrition for healthy development, parenting techniques and the promotion of social connections to relieve social isolation, among other topics. Skilled nursing home visits are provided monthly beginning in the last trimester. During pre-natal home visits, nurses provide nursing assessments, evaluate uterus size, track weight gain, check for signs of complications, and monitor attendance at medical appointments. Medical problems are reported immediately to the mother's obstetrician. Ante-partum Risk Assessments are administered. Clients learn about: fetal development, nutrition, the importance of drug and smoking cessation, labor, delivery and signs of premature labor; as well as expected changes in family dynamics with the arrival of the baby, parent-child bonding, and Brazelton Touchpoints methodology.



Website: www.littlesistersfamily.org

The Water Trust

Mission: The Water Trust (TWT) is a non-profit that teams with communities in East Africa to develop and implement sustainable access to clean water, improve sanitation and promote hygiene knowledge.

Partner since: 2008

Description:

- 780 million people lack access to clean water and nearly 3 billion do not have access to proper sanitation.
- 1 in 5 deaths of children under 5 are related to unclean water and poor sanitation.
- 45% of Ugandan's rural citizens lack access to improved water sources.
- TWT partners with villages, schools and health centers in Uganda's Masindi and Kiryandongo regions to implement water and sanitation programs, build wells and latrines and promote hygiene knowledge to fight disease.
- Since 2008, Deerfield has funded 70 water, sanitation and hygiene projects with a hand dug well in villages and four in schools, benefitting approximately 21,000 people in East Africa.

2014 Funding: \$150,500

Project Funded: [New mobile monitoring/evaluation system, new personnel hires to boost growth, and capital to support long term growth](#)

- Update:** Implemented a mobile data management and monitoring system which collects key performance indicators such as water quality, well functionality and latrine construction for each of TWT's projects.
- Enhanced TWT's marketing efforts through the development of a professional video and photos, marketing materials and a new website.
- Purchased a new vehicle.
- Hired a US Director of Operations and local employees in Uganda to assist with operations and training.
- Website:** www.watertrust.org

NY Foundling (Haven Academy)

- Mission:** Haven Academy Charter School in partnership with the NY Foundling was designed to meet the needs of at-risk students who are currently in foster care and/or receiving preventative services through the child welfare system. By designing a school that addresses the barriers children in the child welfare system face by providing a full range of family support services, children will be better prepared to achieve success in school. By providing greater integration between the education and child welfare systems, the specific demands of the child welfare system on families and students are more efficiently managed to reduce negative consequences for a child's development.
- Partner since:** 2008
- Description:**
- The entire design of Haven Academy was intentionally planned to address the needs exhibited by students with a history of child welfare involvement. Specifically, it:
 - Facilitates integration of education and welfare systems to reduce demands on families and children;
 - Provides educational and social services professionals to children and families;
 - Provides comprehensive health care with an on-staff pediatric nurse practitioner; and
 - Provides comprehensive mental health services.
- 2014 Funding:** \$100,000
- Project Funded:** [Provided funding for Haven Academy's Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and NY Foundling's Mental Health Services Program](#)

Update: Haven Academy's Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and NY Foundling's Mental Health Services Program were started utilizing evidence-based treatment models. By treating the children's needs efficiently and effectively, the learning environment is greatly improved and unnecessary absences are avoided.

Joyce Lee - hired as Haven Academy's new pediatric nurse practitioner - holds a doctorate of nursing practice and specializes in childhood obesity. Anna Garcia was hired to lead Haven Academy's social emotional team responsible for home visits, parent conferences, community referrals (shelters, mental health needs), and attendance matters.

Haven Academy is currently in discussions with the Department of Education (DOE) to expand its educational and social services to middle school children. The accountability reports performed by the DOE illustrate that Haven Academy's students are thriving in comparison to students at other schools in the area.



Some of the services provided are as follows: (1) ensuring students have access to basic medical care, including providing primary care services to all students during school hours by having a pediatric nurse practitioner on staff (there is an average daily visit rate of 32 students); (2) kindergarteners and first graders receive dental screening, prophylaxis, and referrals; (3) all students receive ongoing weight/height/BMI assessments; (4) students provided with healthy, fresh, local, sustainable food; and (5) students have access to mental health programs with on-staff clinicians.

Website: www.havenacademy.org
www.nyfoundling.org

Covenant House

Mission: Covenant House's mission is "...to serve suffering children of the street and to protect and safeguard all children" with absolute respect and unconditional love. Founded in 1972 with this simple, profound mission to help homeless kids escape the streets, today Covenant House is the largest charity in the Americas providing shelter and essential services to homeless, abandoned, abused, trafficked and exploited youth, serving more than 56,000 homeless youth annually in 27 cities throughout the United States, Canada and Central America.

Partner since: 2012

Description: Covenant House services include street outreach, emergency shelter, medical and mental health care, Mother and Child residential programs, workforce development and educational programs, legal advocacy, Rights of Passage transitional living programs, and long-term permanent housing support.

2014 Funding: \$150,000

Project Funded:

- **Funding of a psychiatric nurse practitioner**
- **Funding of an OB/GYN medical doctor**

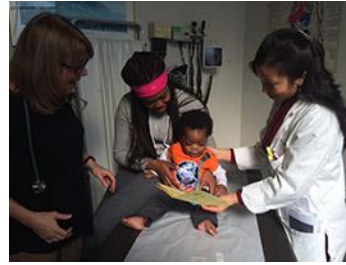
Update: Deerfield's funding of a psychiatric nurse practitioner and an OB/GYN medical doctor has filled two critical health care needs, and resulted in (1) improved access to comprehensive psychiatric assessments, medication management support, group and individual psychotherapy and supported housing eligibility assessments and (2) obstetric and gynecological services providing examinations, testing, counseling, education and follow-up services for single, pregnant and parenting young women.

"Deerfield's investment in Covenant House New York's healthcare services is making a tangible difference in the lives of homeless youth, providing the physical and mental healthcare so essential to their recovery." Creighton Drury, Executive Director, Covenant House New York

In the eight months July 2014 through February 28, 2015:

- 221 Covenant House youth were screened for mental illness. Of these, 75 were diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illness and accepted into the Mental Health and Supportive Housing Program. The remaining youth received individual and group counseling and participated in topic-specific support groups developed to address their physical and mental health needs, including an emotional skills group for youth with depression or anxiety disorders; an anger management group; AA for youth with alcohol dependence; and an LGBTQ support group.

- Approximately 160 patients were screened and tested for obstetrics care (pre- and post-natal care, follow-up, and counseling) and gynecological care (examinations, check-ups, pap smears, diagnosis and treatment of STDs, and counseling); 70 pregnant and parenting young women were referred to neighborhood hospitals (Roosevelt, Weill-Cornell and St. Luke's, for example) for continued pre-natal care and delivery; and approximately 100 young women received ongoing gynecological care and counseling for a variety of issues related especially to their high-risk sexual histories and behavior.



Dr Ko assisting patients



Health Clinic

Website: www.covenanthouse.org/

The Family Center

Mission: The Family Center works to strengthen families affected by illness, crisis, or loss to create a more secure present and future for their children.

Partner since: 2008

Description:

- The Family Center provides expert social and legal services, including healthcare coordination, to vulnerable New York families confronting a crisis or loss.
- Families that receive care either have a parent that is seriously ill, lost a parent, are headed by grandparents, relatives or friends because the parent is ill or absent, or are facing crisis such as abuse or truancy.
- The services provided are coordinated to promote long-term family stability, are regularly evaluated to ensure effectiveness, are individually tailored with an emphasis on home visits, and are confidential and offered at no cost to the family.
- The Family Center works with the families every step of the way as they confront crisis or loss and builds trust and achieves sustainable results.

2014 Funding: \$125,000

Project Funded: [Building Bridges for Children](#)

Update: In funding Building Bridges for Children, the Deerfield Foundation has partnered with The Family Center to address both the immediate needs, as well as the long-term, inter-generational challenges, facing vulnerable children exposed to HIV and/or struggling with a mental health challenge. Through The Family Center early childhood program (Early Support for Lifelong Success or ESLs), children and their families work with Bachelor's-level early childhood specialists, who take a professional structured approach to assessing the child's current physical, cognitive and emotional development, and when deficits are identified, intervening to address short-and long-term consequences. Through its mental health services, children and their families receive counseling and support from Master's-level professionals, who deliver highly-tailored therapeutic services, which are more broadly construed than the evidence-based tools of ESLs, and more flexible in addressing issues particular to individual families, including negative coping patterns that have a propensity to become cyclical over generations. Just as physical, emotional and language delays left unaddressed can have severely negative ramifications for a child's prospects of

maturing into a healthy adult, so can challenging family dynamics negatively impact a child's healthy development. ESLS screens and assesses for the former, while the Institute addresses family interactions and other essential components of the child's emotional and social growth.

Currently the Building Bridges program is ahead of plan. Originally 75 individuals were supposed to be seen, but currently 81 have been seen.

Website: www.thefamilycenter.org

La Chaîne de l'Espoir

Mission: La Chaîne de l'Espoir in France and its Cambodia operation Cardiac Children's House is committed to improving access to free or affordable diagnostic and treatment for underprivileged children suffering from heart disease.

Partner since: 2014

Description:

- Cardiac Children's House was opened in 2003 to fill in the large gap between healthcare service and pediatric heart disease in Cambodia.
- There is a high rate of congenital heart disease due to lack of prenatal screening and high incidence of valvular disease due to no systematic antibiotic treatment.
- 92% of patients who reside in rural areas are not able to easily commute to receive healthcare services and miss follow-ups, which leads to poor diagnosing and opportunities to treat.
- Outdated equipment and long waiting lists for consultations and surgeries further exacerbate the issue.
- La Chaîne de l'Espoir helps improve access to newer equipment that in turn improves efficiency and accuracy at a lower overall cost, and enables training.

2014 Funding: \$68,700

Project Funded: [Funding of a cardiac ultrasound and digital x-ray projector](#)

Update: The new devices were installed one month after the grant was awarded, and began operating in August 2014. To date, they have performed 1,542 echos using the new equipment, resulting in 65 life-saving heart surgeries from August to December 2014.

The first telemedicine session of Cambodia was performed in February 2015 with a senior cardiologist at Necker pediatric hospital in Paris.

Plans for the near future include weekly video conferences for regular consultation and training purposes as well as for follow-ups with patients who have had surgery.

Website: www.chainedelespoir.org



Coalition for the Homeless

Mission: The Coalition for the Homeless is the nation's oldest advocacy and direct service organization helping homeless men, women and children. We believe that affordable housing, sufficient food and the chance to work for a living wage are fundamental rights in a civilized society. Since our inception in 1981, the Coalition has worked through litigation, public education and direct services to ensure that these goals are realized.

Partner since: 2011

Description:

- The Coalition for the Homeless is the nation’s oldest advocacy and direct service organization helping homeless men, women and children.
- It has 11 frontline programs ranging from food service, to crisis intervention, to child advocacy.

2014 Funding: \$65,000

Project Funded: [Salary of a Child Advocate](#)

Update: The Child Advocate position works directly with homeless families who are having difficulty by providing documentation to secure eligibility for shelter, triaging, and assessing families’ cases, and advocating on their behalf. So far the Child Advocate has served 200 families and is on pace to serve 400 this year. The Child Advocate this year has helped the organization to not turn away a single family. They also are more effectively able to reach families by being present at the various centers where a family may get denied.

Website: www.coalitionforthehomeless.org

Shining Hope For Communities

Mission: The Shining Hope For Communities (SHOFCO) organization combats gender inequality, violence against women and extreme poverty in the urban slums of Nairobi by linking tuition free schools for girls to holistic social services, including community health clinics, making a girls’ school a portal of social change. The organization has built significant infrastructure in Kibera providing education, healthcare, and jobs that services not only the students but also the community as a whole.

Partner since: 2013

Description:

- There are approximately 2,000,000 people living in the urban slums of Nairobi, where the average life expectancy is 30yrs vs. 60yrs for rest of Kenya.
- There are no publicly provided schools, sewage systems or roads.
- SHOFCO’s Kibera School for Girls was the first free school in Kibera, providing education from kindergarten to 4th grade - currently 180 students.



- Health clinic adjacent to the school treats 170 patients per day providing primary and preventative care, pre- and post- partum care, immunizations, comprehensive HIV care, family planning, cervical cancer screening, gender-based violence response and a child nutrition program.
- Opened Community Center in 2010 that hosts a community library and computer center, from which the organization runs computer, adult literacy and business skills classes. The Community Center is also a meeting place for a range of community groups and activities that engage all sectors of the community - men, women and children.
- SHOFCO’s water and sanitation programs include a 100 liter water tower and cutting edge bio-latrines, community toilets and hygiene and sanitation education efforts.

2014 Funding: \$60,460

Project Funded: [Construction of 3 Satellite Clinics and Operational Expenses for one year after completion](#)

Update: Commenced construction of three satellite health clinics. One is operational and the other two will be operational in a few weeks. There have been four new staff hires: 1 clinical officer, 1 nurse, 1 community health worker, and 1 M&E officer.

Through a partnership with Pentair Foundation, SHOFco was also able to commence the construction of a water kiosk and latrine. The provision of these wraparound services is aimed to increase the likelihood of community members using the WASH infrastructure in conjunction with its health care services. The impact of each clinic is estimated to reach 1,000 patient visits a month.

The existing Johanna Justin-Jinich Community Clinic was expanded from 21 rooms to 28 rooms due to Deerfield's grant. In a short span of two months, patient visits rose over 20%. In 2014, SHOFco facilities have treated in excess of 29,703 individuals.

Website: www.shofco.org

Harlem Health Promotion Center

Mission: The Harlem Health Promotion Center's (HHPC) mission is to use community partnerships, health training, program evaluation, information technology, and infrastructure to improve the health and well-being of the Harlem community, and effectively communicate and disseminate public health practices to Harlem's residents.

Partner since: 2014

Description:

- HHPC uses its resources to provide high-quality prevention research aimed at implementing and evaluating sustainable, effective, community-based strategies that address health disparities and priorities in the Harlem and Upper Manhattan communities.
- HHPC's direct service arm uses trained health educators to provide outreach, education, counseling, and screening in community settings.
- HHPC provides medical and psychological services for young people ages 13 to 24 living with HIV as well as those at high risk for HIV and sexually transmitted infections.
- HHPC uses online platforms to teach consumers about chronic disease and general wellness issues.
- HHPC is under the administration of the Department of Sociomedical Sciences in the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University.

2014 Funding: \$50,000

Project Funded:

- [The hiring of a part-time health educator for the Youth Access Program \(YAP\).](#)
- [Increasing the hours of Project STAY's \(Services to Assist Youth\) part-time outreach project coordinator.](#)

Update: The part-time outreach project coordinator supported by the Deerfield Foundation has been instrumental in identifying several new sites that work with vulnerable youth in need of the clinical and health education services provided by HHPC including: The Center for Employment Opportunities, New Alternatives for Homeless LGBT Youth and Community Impact.

During 2014, HHPC recruited six student volunteers from the Columbia University School of Nursing to assist in delivering community-based health education workshops and five public health students from the Mailman School

of Public Health to assist in conducting outreach, screening and linkage to care.

HHPC has continued to enhance its linkages with other agencies that provide basic services to high-risk youth and those living with HIV in an effort to establish partnerships in which Project STAY can provide enhanced health support.

Website: www.mailman.columbia.edu/academic-departments/centers/harlem-health-promotion-center

IVUmed

Mission: IVUmed is committed to making quality urological care available to people worldwide. In fulfilling this mission, IVUmed provides medical and surgical education to physicians and nurses and treatment to thousands of children and adults.

Partner since: 2012

Description:

- For over 20 years, IVUmed has worked to increase access to quality urological care worldwide. IVUmed provides hands-on surgical training, classroom instruction, and remote telehealth consultation to provide urological and surgical care services to resource-poor areas in the world.
- Its programs address conditions that are startlingly common but often left untreated due to the lack of expert training.
- By working in teaching hospitals in collaboration with international medical associations, programs are built to be sustainable for generations of healthcare providers.

2014 Funding: \$40,000

Project Funded: [Urological Surgery Education and Training](#)

Update: In 2014, Deerfield granted \$40,000 to help support urological expert training programs. Four training hubs were selected: Kigali, Rwanda, Lusaka, Zambia, Kumasi, Ghana, and San Fernando, Trinidad. Surgeons from surrounding countries were also invited to the workshops. All surgical workshops have already been completed, with the most recent in San Fernando, Trinidad held in February, 2015. In 2014, 251 personnel were trained and 725 patients were served for a total service value of \$2,624,900.



Website: www.ivumed.org

Last Mile Health

Mission: Last Mile Health, known in Liberia as Tiyatien Health, seeks to save the lives of women and children in Liberia's most remote villages by improving community healthcare and removing critical barriers to healthcare access.

Partner since: 2014

Description:

- Since 2007 Last Mile Health (LMH) has pioneered a model Frontline Health Worker (FHW) system that is redefining rural healthcare delivery, deploying over 125 frontline health workers in Liberia in partnership with the Liberian Ministry of Health and Social Welfare.
- LMH transforms local health workers into medical professionals that fight diseases such as diarrhea, pneumonia, malaria - the three highest risks to children in rural Liberia - and provide maternal care.

- FHW delivers basic care and target over 75% of the disease burden that kills rural women and children.

2014 Funding: \$25,000

Project Funded: **Provide life-saving diarrhea prevention and treatment services to children under five in Konobo district and Rivercess County**

Update: Liberia has been suffering through a regional Ebola outbreak in which LMH has provided ongoing support to the Liberian Ministry of Health (MOH) in developing and implementing a cohesive national Ebola response strategy, through embedding LMH staff in the Incident Management System, and participation in the MOH's restoration of health services initiative.



While Liberia has grappled with this monumental public health crisis, its already fragile progress on key health indicators has stagnated, and in many areas, regressed. The MOH estimates that almost 50% of health services are not functioning at full capacity. Rates of women receiving the WHO recommended four or more antenatal care visits in some regions have dropped from 81.5% to 62.2% and vaccination rates have plummeted by 50%.

“There is such an exciting movement given this window of opportunity -- and your/our focus on saving children’s lives is becoming a major focus nationally as the key first intervention to be delivered by Frontline Health Workers.”
Rajesh Panjabi, MD, MPH - Chief Executive Officer

While community health services have halted in many regions, in Konobo, LMH’s 55 FHWs have preserved and restored health services. FHWs have treated over 4,000 cases of childhood pneumonia, malaria and diarrhea since the outbreak began and maintained high levels of facility-based delivery (79%) and prenatal care (95%).

Rivercess County represents the largest portion of LMH’s work to scale-up the FHW model in 2015. Relationships built with the County Health Team through collaborative Ebola response work have paved the way for future growth, with LMH committed to serving the county and its residents on a more permanent basis. It is hoped that by September 2015, the first two FHW modules will have been delivered to roughly 297 FHWs. These include provision of integrated Community Case Management services for malaria, diarrhea, and acute respiratory infection, and signify the commencement of essential health care provision for an estimated 72,000 people.

Website: www.lastmilehealth.org

GOAL

Mission: GOAL partners with NYC public schools, targeting students who are most at-risk by providing after-school enrichment classes.

Partner since: 2009

Description:

- GOAL partners with teachers at two public schools in East Harlem, one of NYC’s poorest districts, to provide after-school enrichment classes in a variety of subject areas.
- The classes are intended to promote students’ academic and social success, good health, confidence, and exposure to new places and ideas. GOAL diligently monitors the impact of its programs, and finds that students perform better academically and socially as a result of the program.

2014 Funding: \$15,779

Project Funded: **Healthy Lifestyles Program**

Update: In 2014, Deerfield was the sole funder of the Healthy Lifestyles Program. This program is intended to teach children about healthy cooking and nutrition, critical knowledge in East Harlem where healthy food options are few. Despite some challenges in 2014 arising from a DOE policy change that reduced teacher afterschool availability from four days to two, the Healthy Lifestyles Program was nevertheless able to adapt and offer nearly as much class time to its 50 enrolled students as in previous years. The program included guest classes with a star of Bravo TV's Top Chef, and an annual Healthy Lifestyles Fair in which families joined in the nutritious cooking.



Website: www.goal4kids.org

Soft Power Health

Mission: Soft Power Health seeks to provide health education, prevention, and treatment for rural Ugandans of commonly occurring health issues, and to educate, assist, intervene, and encourage, while preserving people's fundamental right to the ownership of their own health. By achieving these goals, and improving people's overall quality of health, Soft Power Health helps Ugandans lift themselves and their families out of poverty.

Partner since: 2013

Description: Soft Power Health consists of:

- A primary healthcare clinic that offers primary/preventive healthcare where there was none before to those in need, now in its 9th year of service and operation, which treated over 21,000 patients in 2014.
- A community based malaria education and prevention program, now in its 11th year, having educated over 100,000 Ugandans and having sold over 85,000 mosquito nets.
- A family planning education and outreach program operating in 38 villages with quarterly follow up, serving to educate men and women about conception and contraception, and offering both short-term and intermediate term family planning in the field.
- A mother and child wellness center that offers pre- and post- natal care and the full complement of family planning services, including permanent methods as well as the lifesaving treatment of malnutrition and vaccinations.
- A Nutrition/Malnutrition education outreach program for communities in need providing information about what malnutrition is and looks like, and what comprises a healthy and nutritious meal, and how to create one.
- A large demonstration organic garden that serves as a teaching tool to instruct people in organic gardening techniques, nitrogen replacement in soil, intercropping, and healthy, nutritious food production, and provides the lunchtime meal for 50 Soft Power Health staff. Leftover crops that are not consumed are sold for income generation.



Trevor, a young field patient, had been suffering from severe malnutrition

2014 Funding: \$15,500

Project Funded: [Malnutrition Education and Outreach Program](#)

Update: As a result of the second year of investing in the malnutrition and outreach program, Soft Power Health expanded the outreach into 44 communities in the sub-county where Soft Power Health is located and the neighboring subcounty. Coupled with the educational outreaches for the communities, its expanded organic garden and gardeners have helped many families in need start their own productive organic gardens. This year alone, it has helped 25 families start their own gardens. This is a life-saving intervention.



Local villagers attend malnutrition outreach

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