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--Save the Mothers December 2016 e-Newsletter--

Come *and see* in 2017



There's nothing quite like the experience of seeing something firsthand.

For yourself. With your own eyes. You can *hear* that Save the Mothers is raising up local leaders to become *Game Changers* within their own cultures and contexts. You can *read* that they are bringing about the systemic changes needed to save the lives of mothers and their babies. You can *see* photos and videos.

But when you actually see evidence for the cultural transformation occurring throughout East Africa *with your own eyes*, that's when it all becomes real. And powerful. And motivating.

You want to spread the word. You want to tell others what you've seen for yourself. You want to

step up your own game, and do more to support those who are changing the game for the pregnant girls and women and their babies who sure rank among our world's most vulnerable citizens.

Save the Mothers is planning a "vision trip" for February, 2017. We'd love for you to be a part of it. To come. And to see.

[DETAILS HERE](#)

Masks *can't mask* the joy ...



... when an endangered mother is saved and a baby safely delivered

Obstetrician and Director of Save the Mothers' Mother Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative Dr. Eve Nakabembe (second from left, above) took advantage of the holiday break to give Global Health Corps Fellow Anne Cameron (far left) and Save the Mothers' Interns Beka Bushby (second from right) and Jess Huston (far right) a behind-the-scenes peek into a busy Ugandan maternity ward.

When a mother presented with preeclampsia, Dr. Eve performed an emergency C-section, saving both mother and baby, and leading to the obvious smiles of relief above.

That night, after saying good-bye to the three young women, Dr. Eve wrote that they'd tended to mothers with obstructed labor, postpartum hemorrhage, infections, and fetal distress. But not a single mother was lost. Not only did the hospital have the skills, but they also had the basic supplies needed to save every life, a situation that cannot be taken for granted in East Africa.

"We simply said 'Merry Christmas,'" Dr. Eve reflected. "They were heading [back to their North

American homes] for the holidays. The lovely cries of newborn babies safe with their mothers was a great Christmas song from Uganda, and a reminder that what our faithful supporters do is so vital. Please - keep praying, keep serving, keep giving, keep moving with us toward a world where life is safely celebrated everywhere, during pregnancy and childbirth."

GIVE TO THE MOTHER BABY FRIENDLY HOSPITAL INITIATIVE NOW

What it will take to *win the game*



"You just have to keep at it"

Canadian journalist Steve Paikin (above left) is host of TVO's "The Agenda". He caught up with Dr. Jean Chamberlain Froese on her recent trip to Canada and asked her what it will take to bring about Save the Mothers' vision, that NO mother or child should die due to preventable complications of pregnancy and childbirth. "You just have to keep at it," she said. To hear why, click on the link below and watch their 15-minute discussion.

WATCH HERE

'Tis *the season* for giving to give to Save the Mothers



She came and saw, and now ...

Artist Aliza Latta came to Uganda. She saw our work there. Now, she's raising awareness and support for Save the Mothers.

The above photo shows her addressing the large crowd in attendance at "An Art Show by Aliza Latta," December 2 in Grimsby, Ontario, Canada. **Aliza shared a touching story of her time visiting Save the Mothers, and donated a portion of the proceeds from the sale of her art.**



How can you give? Let us count the ways ...

Gifts to Save the Mothers come through various channels, including through Canada Helps, Chimp Foundation, Benevity, the United Way, and of course, online, through our web site.

Some employers also help us by matching gifts or through payroll deductions.

But every gift is needed. Act now to ensure your donation is tax receiptable in 2016.

DELIVERING *lasting change* for maternal and child health



"The thing that totally changed me was the leadership aspect of the Save the Mothers program. Every [student] was encouraged to become a leader in whatever they were doing; to make a difference in their community; to advocate for improved maternal health; to become an answer to the problems in our generation."



Allen Baguma Komugisha

Teacher. Business owner. Founder of The Future Learning Centre.

Graduate of the Save the Mothers program. *Game Changer.*

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