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Pictured: Steven Gumins returns to southwest Uganda after more than thirty years

Return of the hitchhiker

How one man's journey over thirty years ago results in a strategic partnership to help Bwindi Community Hospital

One of the most important ways we help the Batwa and the entire region of southwest Uganda is through strategic partnerships. How these partnerships develop is always interesting, but for Steven Gumins, it was nothing short of an expedition!

Thirty-two years ago in 1990, only months before the Batwa were to be evicted from their homeland as conservation refugees, Steven Gumins traveled to Africa. He knew nothing of the plight of the Batwa but set afoot on the same path taken by Richard Burton and John Speke in 1857–1858 when Speke discovered the headwaters of the Nile River. Starting in Zanzibar on the east coast of Africa, Steven hitchhiked across Uganda into the Congo. His travels led him to the Rwenzori Mountains, also known as the Mountains of the Moon, then as far as Butembo in the Democratic of the Congo where he was stranded for six weeks because of

a closed road. Steven eventually made it to the beautiful Virunga National Park, then headed south to Goma. In Goma he saw thousands of Congolese people walking in an attempt to escape tribal violence. He witnessed fifteen-year-olds carrying AK-47's. With the condition worsening, Steven's adventure came to an end with a hasty flight out of Goma.

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Parker Gumins (center) tours the Direct Relief warehouse with directors Doug (left) and Genevieve (right).



20 HOMES IN 2022

Thank you to our strategic partners in home building who helped us meet our 2022 budget of \$50,000 to construct 20 homes through the Batwa Development Program.

FOURTH QUARTER HELP

Please take a moment to think about family, friends, church communities, colleagues, foundations, and corporations in your network who might become strategic partners to multiply our efforts. Share the story!

THANK YOU!



60 MINUTES



60 MINUTES FEATURE:

UC Davis researchers partner with BCH to search for the next pandemic before it ignites

The October 30 episode aired by **60 Minutes** features research being conducted at **Bwindi Community Hospital** in partnership with the **University of California Davis School of Veterinary Medicine**. A follow-up article published by UC Davis epidemiologist and wildlife vet **Tierra Smiley Evans** gives credit to BCH for its “in-depth community outreach program” led by BCH’s Lead Human Surveillance Coordinator **Haven Nahabwe**. BCH’s human and physical resources devoted to this NIH-funded project to study the transmission of animal-to-human pandemic diseases resulted in BCH being named one of two Centers for

Research in Emerging Infectious Diseases (CREID) sites in the world. BCH provides both lab space and a 400-person surveillance system using cell phone technology and a medical call center. “Our village health teams provide a rare opportunity to have eyes and ears on-the-ground looking for new or strange clusters of disease that could have emerged from animals,” Haven describes. While there are no Ebola cases in Bwindi, the surveillance team at BCH is a tremendous asset for early detection and prevention.

View the episode and Evans’ article at:
www.kellermannfoundation.org/creid



Direct Relief’s recent delivery of medical supplies for BCH:

1.4 tons • 2,514 cubic feet • 30,424 doses • \$100,661 value

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Decades later, Africa beckoned Steven to return to the region to trek the mountain gorillas of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest less than 80 miles northeast of Goma. This time, Steven traveled with his wife, Jamie, and their two sons, Parker and Austin. At about 5:00 p.m. the day before their scheduled gorilla trek, Parker became ill with possible food poisoning. Parker’s condition quickly worsened, and by 8:00 p.m., Steven knew Parker was in trouble. The general manager of their lodge referred Parker to Bwindi Community Hospital. BCH physicians treated Parker, and by 3:00 a.m. Parker had turned the corner. Although Steven thought their gorilla trek would be ruined, by 6:00 a.m., Parker was restored to health, dressed and ready to trek the gorillas with his family as planned. “Each person at BCH really

cared about Parker,” Steven recalls with a thankful heart.

Steven returned to BCH to take a full tour and learn about the Batwa. Upon their safe return home to Santa Barbara, the needs of the people he met stayed on Steven’s heart. Steven knew he wanted to help in a meaningful way and decided to work through the Kellermann Foundation to connect BCH and U.S. based Direct Relief where his wife had once worked and whose mission aligns with needs at BCH.

Direct Relief equips health professionals in resource-poor communities around the globe. Their work in Uganda alone is impressive: 674,405 pounds of supplies, including 30,044,991 doses of medicine valued at \$921,400,055 provided free of charge to 49 Ugandan health-care facilities including BCH.

As a result of Steven’s work, BCH received a hefty delivery from Direct Relief earlier this year with a value of \$100,661. Most recently, BCH was granted access to order directly from Direct Relief’s catalog of supplies to be shipped later this year.

In 2000, Dr. Scott and Carol Kellermann first treated a catchment area of 120,000 people with IVs hanging from vines on a large ficus tree where there were few resources—no buildings, no electricity, not even a common language. Because of caring people like Steven and partnerships like Direct Relief, BCH’s 150-bed full-service hospital is thriving.

Thank you, Steven, for your wisdom, persistence, and willingness to go above and beyond to provide real help with this strategic long-term partnership with Direct Relief!

OPEN A DOOR TO HEALTHCARE, *Open the door to life.*

When help arrived for the Batwa in 2000, there were only four nurses and one doctor providing care for a population of about 120,000. Thanks be to God, the 150-bed Bwindi Community Hospital now exists to provide care to the most vulnerable people in the region. Approximately 400 nursing students fill the campus of Uganda Nursing School Bwindi annually and go on to provide life-saving care in the region.

There has never been a better time for you to increase your support. Dedicated people who want to serve the most needy are standing by to be trained and serve in their communities. Your gift to the Kellermann Foundation provides this opportunity and so much more while giving you a tax deduction. **THANK YOU for your generous donation to healthcare, nursing education, and community development.**

CONTRIBUTE TO OUR ENJU FUND (unrestricted) TO HELP WITH THE GREATEST NEEDS.



January–October 2022 | Report on the impact of your donations

Here is how the Kellermann Foundation has used your funds in Bwindi from January to October 2022. The foundation sends 100% of your designated donations to our partner programs in Bwindi. Over the last decade, management and administrative expenses, which we raise through our unrestricted fund, have averaged just 11.8% of our total budget.

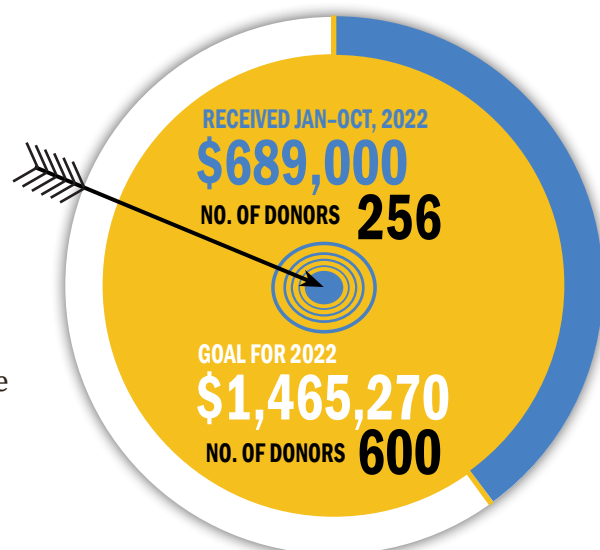
Community Development

- Ugandan staff
\$41,084
- Nursery–Advanced Education
\$182,603
- Spiritual outreach
\$7,760
- School construction
\$114,622
- Land and homes
\$37,518
- Agriculture
\$10,446
- General support
\$4,120

Healthcare | Nursing Education

- Physician salaries
\$44,250
- General Patient Care
\$110,715
- Batwa Health insurance
\$7,143
- Maternal Health
\$41,000
- Land, infrastructure, maintenance
\$187,727
- General support
\$32,631
- General Nursing and Scholarships
\$23,491

All 2022 donations combined



Please consider a year-end gift to help us meet our program goals.



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Welcome Jasprit!

Congratulations to Barnabas, Sincere and big brother Jason on the arrival of Jasprit, born on October 2 at BCH. Barnabas serves as BCH's Communications Director and Sincere serves as a nurse.

Strategic partnerships make us stronger! Look who is on board:

International: Bwindi Community Hospital, Uganda Nursing School Bwindi, Batwa Development Program, Church of Uganda, Uganda Christian University, Rotary International, Rushen and Western Mann Rotary Club, Haileybury Youth Trust, Abercrombie and Kent Philanthropy; **United States:** Direct Relief, Rotary, Mayo Clinic, UT Dallas, Scranton University, Colgate University, New York, UC Davis Veterinary School, UC Berkeley Veterinary School, University of San Francisco, Tulane Medical School, University of Nevada at Reno, University of North Texas Health Center, Stanford University, John Peter Smith Hospital, Colorado University School of Medicine, New York Institute of Technology, Hope Alliance, Jesus Film Project, Medical Missionaries, various churches and family foundations, and MUCH MORE.