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*May the Peace
of Christmas
be yours this season*

Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year

FROM ALL OF US AT
Tanzania Health
PARTNERSHIP



"Nothing is more powerful than the potential for healing and the promise of peace in our world. As we celebrate the Christmas season, we think of those who are impacted by disease, illness, insecurity and war. May the Peace of Christmas reign for all of us. I wish you a joyous Christmas and a prosperous coming year 2024."

Professor Emmanuel Mbennah, PhD
Chair of DCMC Board of Trustees



**Surgeries at
DCMC
increased 12%
in 2023**

The new surgery building is estimated to cost \$500,000, with an additional \$1.51m required for a phased equipment plan.



Former Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda (left, greeting staff) visited DCMC to express support for its strategic growth plans and international fundraising.



An existing building shell (left) will be remodeled to become the new surgery building.

2024 Priority: New Surgery Building



DCMC seeks funding to construct a new surgery building that will add four more operating rooms and a 10-bed ICU.

Adding a new surgery facility is part of DCMC's strategic master plan for growth to improve the quality and availability of care. Currently, DCMC only has one operating theater, which is severely inadequate to meet the hospital's fast-growing surgical needs. The new surgery building will expand the hospital's capacity to care for patients, respond to an increasing need for trauma care in the booming urban Dodoma area, and attract desperately needed specialty surgeons to the region.



An average of 150 surgeries are performed each month in DCMC's one small operating theater, which is in use 24/7.

Uli's Journey of Healing at DCMC

For most of his life, Uli (14) has battled illness, enduring dozens of surgeries in Tanzania and India. In 2020, hope emerged when a family friend and Tanzania Health Partnership donor, Sandi Young, connected Uli's mother with DCMC. Dr. Masonda, DCMC's surgeon, consulted with the family and soon performed a successful surgery to remove a large tumor from Uli's back. After a lengthy recovery, Uli returned home and to school. Uli has been back to DCMC several times for follow up care and additional surgeries. Each time they feel treated like family.



Uli's mother shared, "From our first visit to DCMC, we were warmly welcomed by all the management and staff."

For video of Uli and DCMC's surgery department, go to youtube.com/@TanzaniaHealthPartnership

To support the surgery building project, contact Anne Hussian, Executive Director (763-231-2954) or go to our website:

tanzaniahealthpartnership.org/give

No Maternal Deaths at DCMC in 4 Years



On average, 118 babies are born at the hospital each month

Pediatrics is the largest percent of admissions at the hospital

Tanzania has some of the highest maternal death rates in the world, and DCMC is committed to changing that through its relentless focus on improving maternal health, from pregnancy through delivery. This year, **DCMC marks four years with ZERO maternal deaths during childbirth.** DCMC Director, Prof. Charles Majinge, MD, states, “Most of the high-risk pregnancies in Dodoma come to DCMC and we give dedicated, extra care to each mother.”



The nursing team at DCMC is celebrated in Dodoma for their unwavering commitment to providing exceptional care to both new mothers and infants.



Rotary Grant Brings Vision Care to Rural Communities

Thanks to a Global Rotary grant through the Edina Rotary Club, the eye clinic received a valuable new device – a hand-held autorefractor – that allows a patient’s vision prescription to be checked anywhere. Through its growing outreach program, the eye clinic staff can now do vision assessments in rural areas, return to the eye clinic to make prescription eyeglasses, and then deliver them back to the community – all without requiring patients to make time-consuming and costly trips to DCMC.

More than 1 billion people in the world need eyeglasses but don’t have access to them



Little Hands Busy Creating Art

When children come to DCMC, they often encounter long periods of waiting, both in the clinic and during overnight care. With no TVs and no play areas, kids get bored. Thanks to our donors, earlier this year Tanzania Health Partnership delivered hundreds of Kids Activity Packs, each filled with a coloring book, crayons, pencil and stickers. DCMC’s pediatrician and nurses hand them out to young patients and watch the creativity begin. Parents are so grateful for the welcome distraction for their children, and staff love seeing the artwork of each child.

Thanks to Calvary Church for sewing the art pack pouches!



This young patient played with stickers while waiting for her check-up in the pediatric clinic.



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★ You've Made the Difference for 20 Years! ★



As we close out our 20th anniversary year and reflect on all that has been achieved at DCMC, THANK YOU for two decades of lives saved and health improved.

- 900,000 patients served
- 8,100 babies born
- 10,000 surgeries
- 435 community health workers trained
- and so much more!

With deep gratitude and hope for the future,

**Anne Hussian, Executive Director
Tanzania Health Partnership**

"I've never seen a hospital with a staff that cares so much about the patients they serve. It's what elevates DCMC above the rest."

– Sandi Young, Donor

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