

A NOTE TO THE SUPPORTERS OF THE DR. IRWIN STEWART HEARING HEALTH CENTRE – UGANDA

This Centre was established in 2020 in Kampala, sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of New Westminster and Kololo-Kampala. It extends the legacy of Dr. Irwin Stewart, a hugely committed Rotarian who with his wife Lois devoted so much time and energy to hearing health care in Africa, especially with children. Based partly at Makerere University Hospital in Kampala, the Centre is operated by Hear His Voice, a registered NGO. Dr. Brian Westerberg, a colleague of Dr. Stewart, coordinates medical and professional support from Canada. Michael Crean, a Rotarian who also worked closely with Dr. Stewart, continues to lead support from the Rotary Club of New Westminster. Funding for the Centre came largely from donations from individuals and the New Westminster Rotary Club along with Global and District Grants from The Rotary Foundation.

A NEW PROJECT STARTING IN 2024

We're excited to announce that The Rotary Foundation has approved an application by the same two Rotary clubs for a new Global Grant project. The new project extends the work with children, leveraging the significant progress the Centre has made possible. It will demonstrate the effectiveness of early diagnosis and intervention and improve access to comprehensive rehabilitation services. It will improve awareness and promote education. For the cohort of children treated directly, it will literally change their lives.

Michael Crean and Brian Westerberg are again our Canadian leads on this new project. The total cost is \$59,000 US, of which more than half is being provided by grants from The Rotary Foundation. Rotary in Uganda is also contributing; we must raise about \$20,000 US. Club funds are committed for part of this, and we're now seeking donations. You'll receive a tax receipt and, if you're a Rotarian, Paul Harris award credit.

TO DONATE: Go to www.rotary.org. Click on the donate button. Immediately under the banner "Choose what you would like to support", click on global grants. Enter the 7 digit grant number, 2461296. Enter the amount you wish to donate and your payment information. (If you are a Rotarian, please click to sign in to MyRotary.) Then, just before you click the "submit" button, there is a box for Club Information for Club Credit. We would very much appreciate your entering club "153" which is Rotary Club of New Westminster.

Finally, we'd like to ask that you help us track donations by letting Del Paterson (del_paterson@telus.net) know when you've donated. And, if you aren't comfortable with the on-line donations process, Del will be happy to receive your cheque at #9 – 72 Jamieson Court, New Westminster, BC. V3L 5R6 Questions may be directed to Del at (604) 515-9590 or to John Berry at (604) 299-2532. Thank you for your consideration.

