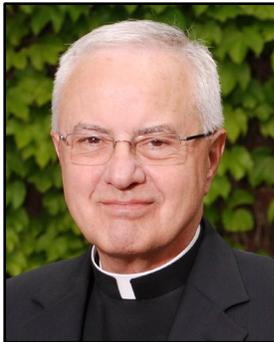




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If you enjoy, as I do, photos of East African landscapes, you might be familiar with the acacia tree. When you picture the African savanna, you'll think of giraffes standing under these iconic trees.

Very tall, they have an enormously wide, flat canopy, and a single acacia can shade dozens, if not scores, of people underneath.

I think of the acacia every time I ponder the power of one act of generosity. It can transform so many lives!

For more and more Ugandans, the Ruth Gaylord Hospital Maganjo is like the mighty acacia. Patient visits to RGHM grew in 2018 to 24,597 – 44 percent more than the previous year! Other highlights: over 16,020 outpatient visits, over 2,600 children immunized, 165 surgeries, 2,324 ultrasound scans, 549 pairs of eyeglasses distributed, 1,300 prenatal

This mother brought her baby to a recent immunization clinic at the Ruth Gaylord Hospital Maganjo. Hundreds waited in a large tent on the hospital grounds for the free vaccinations given last month. [Photo by Moses Nsubuga]



visits and at least 274 healthy babies delivered, and over 450 inpatients served.

Your generosity is making all of this possible! Thank you!

And, speaking of trees, I'm reminded of one of my favorite quotes, attributed to a Canadian farmer, Nelson Henderson: "The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit."

May the blessings of Easter be yours,

Reverend Dennis Dease



Hospital endowment growing – from the ground up

Construction is progressing nicely – we’re building an endowment brick by brick – on the campus of the Ruth Gaylord Hospital.

Pictured above, from the left, are the eight-unit Susan and Thomas Bisanz Residence and the nine-unit Gary S. Holmes Residence and Megan and Dennis Doyle Residence. The buildings are named to honor the American donors who made them possible.

Plans are in the works for dedicating the new buildings in early 2020.

Income from the new buildings’ rental will cover costs of future hospital equipment replacement, ambulance

maintenance, public health outreach (such as immunization clinics and patient-education programs), and gaps between patient payments and the full costs of care. They also will help meet growing demand in the Maganjo area for affordable housing.



Here’s a look at what will become the interior courtyard at the heart of the new apartment development with work underway on Doyle (left), Bisanz (center) and Holmes (right) residences. [Photos by Moses Nsubuga]

You help provide state-of-the-art healthcare in Uganda

Thanks to support from extraordinary donors and their families, the Friends of East Africa Foundation has met several of its funding priorities for the Ruth Gaylord Hospital Maganjo.

We express our deep gratitude!

Michael and Ann Ciresi's gift will provide for RGHM a reliable, safe water system, which will be named in their honor. They also contributed support for University of Minnesota Medical School volunteer surgeons and additional hospital beds.

The Stanley and Karen Hubbard Family contributed major funding for the hospital's new imaging and X-ray facility, the Hubbard Diagnostic Center. The new center is yet another mark of an excellent, full-service hospital for the people of Uganda.

University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler gave his wife, Karen, a wonderful birthday gift in November 2018. As a result, the Karen F. Kaler Neonatal Intensive Care Unit opened this February.

John and Susan Morrison's generosity will create the John and Susan Schmid Morrison Palisade, ensuring the safety of the new apartment residents and providing an attractive perimeter for all 5.2 acres of the hospital campus.



The new Karen F. Kaler Neonatal Intensive Care Unit is equipped with all the "bells and whistles," including these new incubators and monitors, for the Ruth Gaylord Hospital's tiniest patients. [Photo by Moses Nsubuga]

Our most immediate funding priorities are:

- Completion of three apartment buildings. Needed: \$230,370.
- Entrances to apartment lobbies. Needed: \$4,749.
- Paving and related landscaping. Needed: \$65,035.
- Sliding gate, overhead arch, guard shelter, pedestrian entrance and culverts. Needed: \$16,667.
- Security cameras for apartment blocks. Needed: \$10,000.

Consider a gift today!
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A dad seemed pleased, but his little one didn't buy the old "this-will-hurt-only-for-a-minute" promise at a recent immunization clinic at the Ruth Gaylord Hospital Maganjo.

The hospital vaccinated 2,689 children in 2018. Free vaccinations are distributed to prevent tuberculosis, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B and Haemophilus influenzae B, a leading cause of bacterial meningitis among children.

Vaccines also are given to prevent rotavirus, measles, human papillomavirus (HPV) and pneumococcal diseases, such as some ear infections, bacteremia and pneumonia. [Photo by Moses Nsubuga]

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