



# FRIENDS OF EAST AFRICA FOUNDATION

*August 2018 Alert*



Every year at this time, I'm surprised by how quickly the Minnesota State Fair rolls around. Summer is wrapping up, and fall is on its way. Across the Atlantic, Ugandans try to pack in a lot of

progress around seasons, too: *two* rainy ones, from mid-September to November, and March to May.

This summer on the Ruth Gaylord Hospital campus, work continued at a fast pace on three new apartment buildings: the Gary S. Holmes Residence, the Susan and Thomas Bisanz Residence, and the Megan and Dennis Doyle Residence.

In May the hospital's new solar water-pasteurization system was successfully installed, so testing and well-drilling began. Early this month, on the second well-

drilling attempt, water finally was struck, and the aquifer's capacity will meet the need. Piping is now being installed to convey water to the holding tanks. From there it can be drawn to the pasteurizers and distributed as safe, potable drinking water to the hospital and the surrounding community.

Next month, we look forward to a historic occasion: the Sept. 25 launching of a formal partnership between the hospital and University of Minnesota Medical School. Dr. Jakub Tolar, dean of the medical school, and Charles Lugenwa, chair of the board of Hope Medical Clinics Uganda, will sign an agreement of affiliation, enabling surgical rotations for U of M residents and fellows at the Ruth Gaylord Hospital.

'Tis the season for progress, thanks to you!

Reverend Dennis Dease



*The growing campus of the Ruth Gaylord Hospital, the funding priority of the Friends of East Africa Foundation.*

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*A 'Eureka' moment: It may not look like much, but this little pipe is golden. In May well-drillers on the Ruth Gaylord Hospital campus finally struck water, so the hospital's water-pasteurization project can continue. Pictured at the upper left are the first of three apartment buildings under construction. Income from their rent will cover costs of future hospital equipment replacement, ambulance maintenance, public health outreach and gaps between patient payments and the full costs of care.*

## Friends of East Africa: Please help meet 2018 funding priorities

The Friends of East Africa Foundation has updated its 2018 funding priorities for Ruth Gaylord Hospital. As you consider your charitable giving plans for the remainder of the year, please consider contributing funds for these purposes.

- To create and develop a **Mini (Two-Bed) High-Dependency Unit**. Needed: \$9,518
- To create and equip a **new Dental Care Unit**. Needed: \$10,452
- To **extend the security wall around the entire hospital campus**. Needed: \$41,000.
- To build an additional (200,000-liter) **rainwater reservoir** near the apartment residences. Needed: \$8,000
- To purchase **tile for three apartment buildings**. Needed: \$90,000.

### Consider a gift today!

Checks, made payable to the Friends of East Africa Foundation, may be sent to:

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