



Med25 Newsletter

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ABOUT MED25:

Med25 works at the community level to actualize the basic human right of all individuals for access to competent, culturally appropriate, and affordable health care to improve the health, welfare, and social justice of people everywhere. In accordance with Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Med25 provides basic health care to those most in need, most at risk, and who have suffered the most as a result of historical neglect.

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Over \$13,000 Raised Towards Staff Salaries!

On October 2, 2010, Med25 held a Silent Auction Fundraiser at the Ouch My Eye Art Gallery in downtown Seattle. Competing with local sporting events and football games on TV, we weren't quite sure what to expect. The evening far exceeded our expectations with 150 people in attendance and \$13,485 raised towards staff salaries for 2011.



People enjoy good food, drinks, and conversation while they bid on over 80 auction items

This event truly had the support of a community, with more than 80 auction items donated to the cause. The variety of auction items included signed Sounders apparel, cookbooks, clothing apparel, and African Art work to name a few.

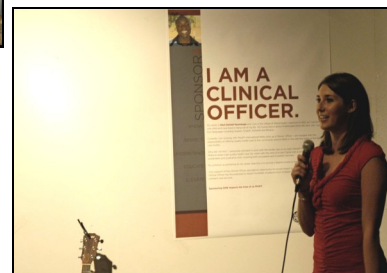
The night could not have been complete without musical guest and Med25 field director, Brent Egbert, sharing his talents.



Musical Guest and Med25 Field Director Brent Egbert plays for those who attended

While staff salaries are the most difficult item to fundraise for, they are critical. Composed of 22 Kenyans from the community, our staff operate the Med25 clinic every day, ensuring we deliver our mission to the people of Mbita. While one day this will be covered by income generating businesses we will create, today, we must rely on donations, totaling \$45,000 annually. With this one fundraiser, we are one-third of the way there.

Alyssa Perry, fundraiser coordinator and Med25 volunteer, first learned about Med25 while attending nursing school at Seattle University, the alma mater of Executive Director, Rebecca Okelo. Alyssa states "I first got involved with Med25 because it has always been a passion of mine to travel to Africa and volunteer in a healthcare setting. While going to school and working towards my nursing license, I thought the best way



Fundraising Coordinator Alyssa Perry shares about her passion for helping others.

for me to help now would be to fundraise for Med25. My next goal is to take my skills as a nurse and travel to the clinic I helped fundraise for."

Meet the Staff: Joshua Adori, Grounds Manager

Many of our Med25 staff members have come from difficult backgrounds. With little money and a big family, Joshua has triumphed over difficult situations to get to where he is today.

Joshua Adori was brought up by a single mother in a family of six, his mother struggled to take care of the family needs with an abusive ex-husband who continued to be a threat to the family. Joshua's eldest brother dropped out of high school and started a small bread baking business to support the family. Through his business, Joshua's brother helped Joshua and his other siblings get through primary school. Joshua is the only child from his family to complete high school through help from his brother and Young Generation Centre.



Joshua Adori
Grounds Manager

We met Joshua in early 2009. He was eager to help and be apart of the construction team for the clinic. Towards the end of construction, Joshua wanted to find other ways to stay involved with Med25. During construction of our eco-friendly toilet at the clinic, Joshua wanted to take charge. Along with construction he received additional training in the ongoing maintenance of the toilets. His work has expanded to caring for the entire compound. Joshua is a fast learner and hard working. He continues to look towards the future and desires to be a positive role model to his family and his community. With this new exposure to working in health care, Joshua dreams of attending a Medical Training School to further his impact on the community.

To support Joshua, please visit our website.



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**COMING
SOON:**

- * New Med25 web-site going live in November
- * Projected Budget for 2011 out in November

Mbita Clinic By The Numbers

Every month we will try to provide our supporters with the "Mbita Clinic By the Numbers". We know actions are louder than words, and it is important that people can visually see the impact that the Med25 Clinic is making in the Mbita community.

PATIENTS TREATED	COMBINED APRIL- JULY	AUGUST 2010	SEPTEMBER 2010
Total Number of Patients	1824	534	558
Patients Under the age of 5	560	184	147
Patients Over the age of 5	923	350	411
Patients Immunized	1264	159	136
Most Common Ailment- Under 5 (no. of patients treated)	Malaria (291)	Malaria (130)	Malaria (108)
2nd Most Common Ailment- Under 5 (no. of patients treated)	Respiratory Illness (140)	Respiratory Illness (36)	Respiratory Illness (46)
Most Common Ailment- Over 5 (no. of patients treated)	Malaria (574)	Malaria (217)	Malaria (194)
2nd Most Common Ailment- Over 5 (no. of patients treated)	Respiratory Illness (221)	Respiratory Illness (78)	Respiratory Illness (96)

Our Advisory Team: Representing the Community

Our clinic in Kenya has been operating for seven months. We believe that the key to our success in the Mbita community is ensuring that the community is involved in all aspects of the project. We realized that an effective way of doing this was to establish an Advisory Team composed of representatives who were well respected throughout the community. Our goal was to enhance communication between the clinic management and the community we serve so that we can ensure we are delivering quality health care to Kisui village and the larger Mbita community.

Started in June, the current advisory team is composed of three key representatives: Fredrick Orwa Odhiambo (the ward counselor who represents Kisui village), Isaiah Magadi (a reputable teacher from Kisui Primary School, located two kilometers from the Med25 Clinic), and Charles Omogo Ojwang (a community youth development representative who works with youth initiatives in the area).

The Advisory Team is actively involved in the clinic, meeting weekly with the clinic management and ensuring that the community members are engaged in the ongoing progress of the clinic. They provide us with feedback from the community on the services and care we provide, and overall help us meet the needs of the community. The advisory team is another measure we created to ensure this project was community driven based on their expectations, rather than based on our own agenda. We are so thankful for their hard work!