



Take Heart Association Project Inc.

# Take Heart Association Project, Inc. Annual Report

*January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2011*

## Family Support Center Opens in 2010!



Executive Director Peter Mbogo Kamau at the Center.



A mother preparing food for her family in the Center's kitchen.



One of the Center's bedrooms.



Ivy recovering at the Center post-surgery with her mother.



One of the many families who stayed at the Center.

## A Message from the Executive Director

As Executive Director of Take Heart Association Project (THAP), I am pleased to share with you our 2010-2011 Annual Report that highlights our continued progress to provide life-saving surgery, support, resources and hope to families of underprivileged children in Kenya and East Africa suffering from heart defects and heart disease. Since we began our mission in 1992, THAP has helped 117 children and young adults with heart surgeries. A sign of our remarkable growth is that 75 of those surgeries were performed since 2002.

Thanks to the support of our board members, donors, funders, and partners, THAP opened the Family Support Center in July 2010. Many of the families THAP assists travel to Nairobi from remote areas hundreds of miles away and arrive with few or no funds and do not have a place to stay. Our Family Support Center now offers a safe and secure place to stay while undergoing medical care at The Mater Hospital, THAP's hospital partner. Since it opened, fifty children and family members have stayed one or more nights at the Family Support Center.



Peter and Dr. Hanu in Nairobi on his last medical mission in April 2010.

In 2010 all of us at THAP and Mater Hospital were shocked by the sudden death of Dr. Hanu Hennein, a member of the THAP-USA Board of Directors and leader of five medical missions to help develop a pediatric heart program in Nairobi. Dr. Hennein had formed his own nonprofit organization, PediHeart World, in May 2010, just months before his untimely death.

I am pleased to report that even in these challenging economic times, THAP's donors, funders, and partners continue to invest in our mission contributing more than \$70,000 annually in both 2010 and 2011. The chart below reports on how our children have benefited from their generous support.

*Peter Mlogo Kamanu — Executive Director*



Barbara with children THAP has assisted.

## THAP-USA Board President Visits Kenya

Barbara L. Ciconte, President of the Board of Directors of Take Heart Association Project (THAP) – USA, traveled to Nairobi in August 2010 for the opening celebration of THAP's new Family Support Center. She had the opportunity to meet some of the children THAP has assisted and hear first-hand the expressions of thanks from their grateful parents. While in Nairobi, Barbara and Alan Rossiter, Vice President of Development for THAP-USA, met with members of the THAP-Kenya board of directors. During her stay, she also had the chance to meet the doctors who help THAP's children, the CEO of The Mater Hospital, Dr. John Muriithi, and donors in Nairobi.



THAP's social worker, Agnes, welcomes more than 50 attendees to the Center's opening celebration.

## Children and Young Adults Assisted By THAP

Service Provided	2010	2011
Evaluations	16	15
Diagnostic Tests	15	27
Catheterizations	4	5
Surgeries	5	8
Regular Post-Surgery Check-Ups	33	38
Medicine	23	35



Barbara Ciconte and Alan Rossiter meet with THAP-Kenya Board.



## Successful Surgery for Luke in Florida

Thanks to the support of one of THAP's long-time partners, Rotary International's Gift of Life Program, Luke Onyango, 2, was successfully treated for a heart ailment at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital in Tampa, Florida in August 2011. Luke's dad, Kennedy, was on hand for the surgery. THAP worked over several months to secure the necessary paperwork for travel and funded their travel to the U.S.



Luke with his Dad at the hospital.



Luke and his Dad attend a Rotary Club meeting after his surgery.

## 2011 Medical Mission to The Mater Hospital

This is the sixth medical mission that THAP helped to sponsor. Other sponsors of this mission included Emirates Airlines Foundation, PediHeart World, and Rotary International's Gift of Life Program. From August 26 – September 4, 2011, Dr. Mohsen Karimi, Associate Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics, and Chief, Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery, at the Medical College of Georgia, led a team of medical professionals from the U.S. to Mater Hospital to continue to aid in the development of its pediatric heart program and ongoing training of the medical team. Many of the team members had been on prior medical missions led by Dr. Hani Hennein. A special event honoring Dr. Hennein was held at Mater Hospital that included a formal donation of medical equipment by the NE Ohio Gift of Life and PediHeart World Organization and the unveiling of a plaque in his memory.

Dr. Karimi and the team reviewed patients for both surgical intervention and for interventional cardiac catheterization procedures. After a careful review of all patients, eight were chosen for surgery and eleven for catheterization. The children ranged in age from 4 months to 17 years old.



Dr. Karimi training Kenyan doctors.



Mater Hospital's new operating room



Judy awaiting surgery with members of the U.S. and Kenya team.



A member of the U.S. team with a patient.

## THAP Forms Partnership with Safari Company

In 2011, THAP entered into a partnership with African Attraction Safaris ([www.attractionsafaris.com](http://www.attractionsafaris.com)) to help raise funds for THAP. There are safari options for various countries in the East Africa region, e.g. Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi. Supporters and friends can visit the African Attraction Safaris website and view their travel packages. Choose any of their safari and travel packages, select the "referred by THAP" option under the "How did you hear about us" tab, and 30% of the net profit of your purchase will be donated to THAP to support its mission.

# Thank You for Your Generous Support

A very special thank you to our donors and funders who have supported us. Without your generosity, THAP would not be able to make a difference in the lives of these children and their families, restoring their health and giving them the strength to do what all children do – run, play, and smile.

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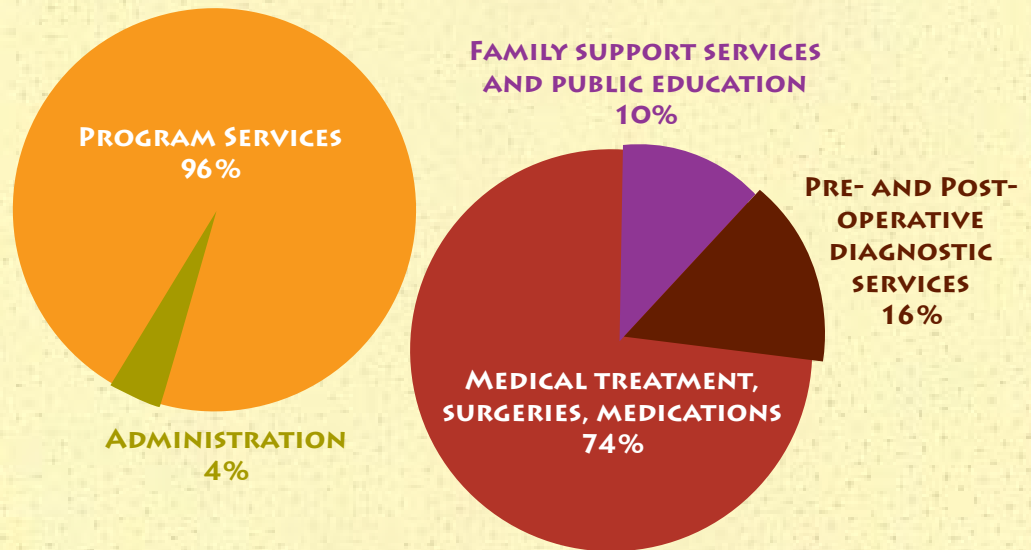
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Support from donors, funders and partners enables THAP to provide life-saving surgery, support, resources and hope to the families with whom we work. See below for how contributions are used:



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