

Take Heart Association Project, Inc. Annual Report
January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006



A Message from the Chairman

As Chairman of Take Heart Association Project (THAP), I am pleased to share with you some highlights of the progress we made in 2006 — a very special year for us — thanks to our donors, funders, partners, and board members.

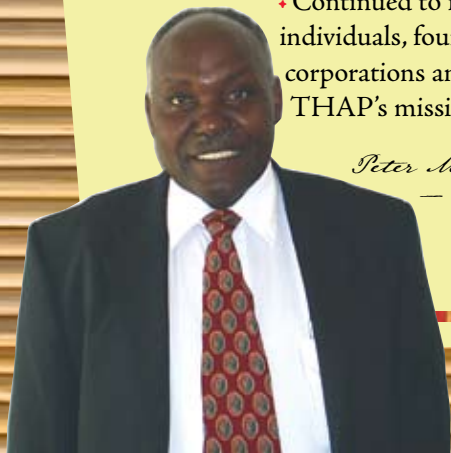
Since our founding, 50 children and young adults — many from the poorest areas surrounding Nairobi, Kenya — have been able to resume more normal lives with their families due to assistance from THAP.

2006 HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ Formed a partnership with The Mater Hospital in Nairobi that has resulted in the hospital significantly reducing its fee for surgery from \$7,000 USD to \$1,500 USD for THAP patients. This is our new operating model – bringing medical teams to Nairobi rather than bringing one child at a time to the US.
- ♦ Developed a partnership with the Global Foundation for International Cardiac Services founded by Dr. Parag V. Patel, a cardiologist in Chicago that collects medical equipment and supplies and ships them to hospitals with the greatest need in Kenya. Working with the local branch of Global FICS, THAP now has a secure way of shipping and warehousing the materials.
- ♦ Assisted fifteen children and young adults with pre- and post-operative diagnostic tests and treatments, surgeries, and medications – a record accomplishment for THAP. **See photos of some of the children we helped.**
- ♦ Hosted our first eight-member medical mission team to The Mater Hospital led by Dr. Hani Hennein, a pediatric cardiothoracic surgeon at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in October.
- ♦ In November the THAP Board held a strategic planning retreat in Bethesda, Maryland.

♦ Continued to increase support from individuals, foundations, corporations and organizations for THAP's mission.

*Peter Mhogo Kamanu
— Chair*



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Peter Kamanu, Kelly Munly, Harrison Dwire Mnyica, Barbara Ciconte, Marilyn James, Dr. J. Victor Erekosima, Sandy Macnak and Alan Kossiteer at November retreat.



Global FICS Founder Dr. Parag V. Patel visits Peter in THAP's Nairobi office.



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THAP Board Member Visits Kenya

In October 2006, US Board member Alan Rossiter of Houston, Texas, visited Kenya to see and participate in the work of THAP Kenya first-hand. His schedule included meetings with Kenyan staff, Board members and supporters of THAP. He was also able to visit past patients and their families, and to see their living conditions. **One of those past patients, seven year-old Milka, is pictured at right with her father and brother, together with Chairman Peter Kamau and Alan Rossiter.** Milka had surgery in the USA when she was just 18 months old. She is now a healthy young girl. However, many of the families that THAP helps continue to live in very poor, overcrowded conditions; and many are still waiting for the surgeries and other assistance that they need, due to THAP's limited resources.

Dr. Rossiter's visit also overlapped with the period that Dr. Hennein and his team were in Kenya. **This allowed him to see the results of work they were doing, such as the life-giving surgery for Mercy (pictured below right) and the obvious joy it brought to her family.** It also gave him the opportunity to spend time with Dr. Hennein and his colleagues, discussing and developing strategies for future collaboration to advance the objectives of THAP in the future.

Dr. Hennein Leads First Medical Mission Team to Nairobi

The need for a self-sustaining congenital heart program in Kenya is profound, according to Dr. Hennein. Over 10,000 babies are born each year with a congenital heart defect, yet Kenya has no dedicated congenital heart program to treat these children. For Dr. Hennein, who spent his early childhood years in Kenya, the need is especially acute since the country holds a special place in his heart.

A successful mission required careful planning and preparation beginning with a complete inventory of needed supplies and equipment. **At the top of the list of equipment needed was a cardiopulmonary bypass machine (pictured right)** which a member of the team, Jake Ostrowski, was able to get donated by a Michigan hospital. Funds were secured to ship the machine to Nairobi in time for the medical team's arrival.

For ten days in September-October 2006, **Dr. Hennein and his eight member medical mission team (pictured below left)** volunteered their time and abilities to care for infants and children with congenital heart disease at The Mater Hospital. Additionally, **team members provided education and training (pictured below right)** to physicians, nurses and perfusionists there with respect to operative and post-operative management.



Twenty-seven patients were presented for review, had echocardiography performed, and had an appropriate surgical plan where indicated. Twelve patients ranging in age from 4 months to 12 years were chosen for surgery. Plans are underway for Dr. Hennein and his team to return to The Mater Hospital in June 2007.



Milka



Mercy and parents



Thank You for Your Generous Support

A very special thank you to all our donors who have supported us since THAP was established in the United States in 2002. 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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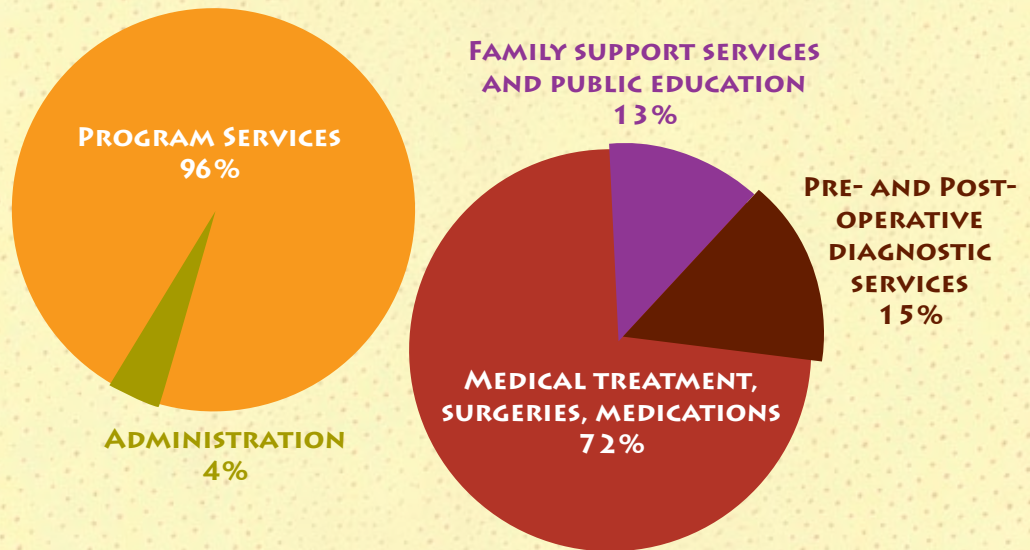
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