

medcare newsletter

A lifeline for Ugandan children

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Johnson's Journey

This is a story of a little boy who defied all the odds, living through serious illness and near death experiences for 2 ½ years. His family and doctors had given up all hope but the love, generosity, prayers and perseverance of many people worldwide provided this child with a life line. [Click here](#) to read about his remarkable journey.

Help to make a difference...

If you would like to organise a fundraising event to assist Medcare in their services to underprivileged, sick Ugandan children please call the Medcare office on **01928 739214** or email info.medcare@icloud.com

An Easter message of Life and Hope

Spring time - a time of new life and hope What a beautiful time of year in the UK - the white and pink blossom, the soft green of new leaves, the bright yellow daffodils and the little white lambs gamboling in the fields (put away your mint sauce!). The Easter message of new life and hope chases away the winter shadows.

Uganda is an equally beautiful country although the seasons are different from ours. All the year round the flowers are bright and vibrant in colour, plants of all kinds grow in profusion, the songs of many birds sing in the daytime and hundreds of crickets at night.

But within this beautiful country is poverty which most of us in the UK will never imagine or experience. Poverty which destroys lives and takes away the pleasure of wonderful surroundings, due to a day to day struggle to survive.

Medcare's aim is to provide hope, life and health for disadvantaged Ugandan children through the work of the Wellspring Children's Medical Centre in Kamutuuza.

With your help we have seen the Easter message of life and hope transform the lives of many young children. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful Easter.

Pauline Hutchinson

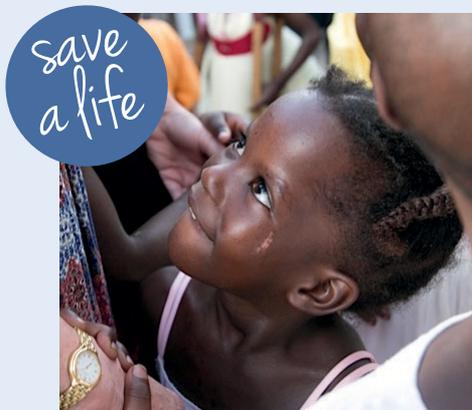
Chairman of Medcare



Medcare May

A reminder to all our wonderful supporters that May is just round the corner and Medcare May begins! Have you organised your fund raising event yet? Throughout the month of May Medcare is promoting 4 weeks of fund raising activities aiming to raise essential funds for the running of the Children's Medical Centre in Uganda and raise the profile of Medcare nation-wide. Volunteers are encouraged to set up their own fund raising activities with the help of the Medcare May Pack.

Please [visit our website](#) or contact the Medcare office for more information.



You can help protect up to 10 children from malaria...

Why not raise some urgently needed funds for Medcare by holding a coffee morning with your friends. A great way to socialise and to help the children in Uganda. For every £20 raised mosquito nets can be purchased to protect up to 10 children from the killer disease malaria.

(Medcare information leaflets available from the Medcare office on request)

Medcare Team Visit in March



Many thanks to all who gave their time to visit Uganda.

In the first week Nick Taylor (Medcare Treasurer) and Pauline Hutchinson (Medcare Chair) held a great number of successful meetings with key personnel and covered many administrative topics.

In the second week the medical team arrived, headed by Dr Chris Jordan (GP), together with Prof Mike McNicholas (orthopaedic surgeon) and Rachel Ward (Mental Health Nurse). Both Mike and Chris held very busy clinics with over 60 sick and disabled children examined, many successfully treated and others advised regarding future care and follow up. Rachel, Chris and Mike held seminars within their fields of expertise, which were very well received by health professionals from the Masaka district.

2 other important members of the team were Rory McNicholas and Joe Packer, 17 year old students, otherwise known as 'the twins', who plan to enter the medical profession within the next 18 months. Their enthusiasm and willingness to help and learn was an encouragement to the whole team.

The expertise of the whole team was invaluable to the work of Wellspring and the welfare of the children. Such team visits help to progress the work in Uganda, and encourage the Wellspring staff in their daily efforts to care for disadvantaged Ugandan children.



If you wish to join one of these teams please contact Pauline on:
info.medcare@icloud.com



New Website!

Check out our new website and share it with your friends. Many thanks to Heather Brocklehurst for her invaluable assistance in setting up this new and informative website:
www.medcare.org.uk



Sponsor a Child & Save a Life



Over the past 8 years Medcare has proved that child sponsorship saves lives and provides a sick or disabled child with hope for the future.

Presently there are 79 children with chronic life threatening illnesses on the COIN (Children with Ongoing Illnesses in Need) register; and 17 disabled children on the MDI (Medcare Disability Initiative) register. 2 children have left the sponsorship scheme having reached the age of 18 years. Both of these young people are now equipped with a vocation to enable them to earn their own living, together with a new confidence in their own worth and a knowledge of their rightful place in society.

Presently there are 15 children on the sponsorship waiting list, with ages ranging from 11 months to 13 years. All these children need urgent assistance and are living in extreme poverty. The longer they remain on the waiting list the greater the risk of serious illness and even death. Cost of child sponsorship is less than £1 per day (a total of £25 monthly) - a small price to pay for the life of a child.



Dates for your diary: Clarins Evening

20th April 2016, 6pm

Ladies! You are invited to two hours of pampering, with a Clarins Beauty Products demonstration, canapes and a glass of Prosecco and a raffle. Ticket price £20.

Kingsley Explosion

5th November 2016, 7pm

A repeat of the spectacular bonfire and firework display organised by Medcare in 2014. Details to follow.

If you would like to provide life and hope for a young Ugandan child please contact the Medcare office on **01928 739214** or email info.medcare@icloud.com. Details will be sent to you; or look at our website www.medcare.org.uk for more information.