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The charity providing health and social care to thousands of sick, deprived children living in extreme poverty in the developing world.

As the UK celebrates 60 years of Queen Elizabeth II reign, we at Medcare celebrate 2 successful years since our registration in May 2011. And what an amazing 2 years it has been. Here are some reminders of all Medcare has achieved to date with your support...

Pauline Hutchinson

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Chairman of Medcare

Medcare became MAG Official Charity

July 2011 Medcare became the official charity for the Manchester Airports Group, including Manchester, East Midlands, Bournemouth, Humberside and, more recently, Stanstead Airports.



To date £120,000 has been raised to enable the building of an extension

to the present medical centre, so doubling its size and enabling thousands more children to be cared for on a daily basis. This building work also includes the re-fitting of the whole medical centre, at a cost of £60,000, providing new and more efficient equipment and enabling Medcare to equip a new physiotherapy department, antenatal and postnatal clinics, vocational training for the disabled, teaching facilities for health education, an increased number of clinics, and a larger ward and laboratory.



Wellspring is the place where our children's lives are being saved.

Villager's Quote



Mary

Victoria

A new lease of life!

9 children with physical disabilities have been provided with finance for life changing surgical procedures. Mary, aged 12 years, now walking/running on her new prostheses! Victoria, aged 8 years, unable to move anywhere due to severe TB spine - now walking with the aid of crutches and standing on her own without support. It is hoped she will make a full recovery.

Building work on the new Medical Centre has begun!

Building completion Nov 2013, refit Jan 2014. Completion is estimated November 2013. Our thanks to Charlie Cornish the CEO of MAG and all the MAG employees and supporters who have enabled this to take place.



Don't forget! You can get the latest news from Medcare on Facebook and Youtube.





Wellspring Staff

Wellspring Stats

- 14,000 children treated over the past 2 years at the medical centre.
- >3,000 vaccinated on outreach since 2011.
- 53 children on Medcare's 3 sponsorship schemes (COIN,MDI,MSI).
- 8,000 children tested and treated for malaria in the past 2 years.

Increasing our network of Uganda professionals - working with Kitovu and Masaka Hospitals, in Masaka, CoRSU and Mulago Hospitals, in Kampala, and Cure Children's Hospital, Mbale.



Employment of a physiotherapist who is working with those children with post operative orthopaedic surgery and children suffering from cerebral palsy and related conditions.

Increased staff members - Now employ 10 clinical staff members (plus 4 ancillary staff), 3 of whom have been funded through the local Ugandan Health Department courtesy of the charity Mildmay International.

TASO (local AIDS agency) quote - The children with AIDS under Medcare's sponsorship scheme COIN are far healthier and have a greater life expectancy than any other children seen in the TASO clinics.

Become a Medcare Supporter

Despite Medcare's sponsorship success stories thousands more children are in desperate need of such care. However, our sponsorship register cannot be increased at this time until further funding is found for the general running of the medical centre, from where the sponsored children are treated and supported. Finance to enable this presently runs at £30,000 annually, but, in order to capitalise on MAG's investment an additional £35,000 will be required in 2014. The present world financial climate makes fund raising very challenging! We are asking our supporters to assist us in this task. Remember a little money goes a long way in Uganda. Just £20 will provide 5 mosquito nets, maybe saving the lives of 10 children; £50 will pay for emergency hospital referral for 5 children with severe malaria; £100 will pay towards the salary of a nurse for one month.

4 New homes for families

We have been able to build 4 new homes for sick children and their families living in living conditions harmful to the children's health.



Before



Before



After



After

- Blue-eyed family, a mother and 5 children all born deaf;
- A family of 10 children (from 2-11 yrs,) living with their parents in extreme poverty. All the children were suffering from malnutrition and seriously damaged feet and hands due to "jigger" infestation, a disease related to poverty and poor hygiene.

Our appeal to you...

Can you assist us in fundraising by holding small fundraising events in your own home or community? For example: a coffee morning for 10 people at a charge/donation of £5 per head will raise £50; a dinner party for 10 friends at a charge/donation of £20 could raise £200; birthday presents changed to donations could raise from £20 - £200 - depending on how many friends you have! Car boot sales, clearing out your attics or garages at last and having some fun selling them can raise £100. There are no end of examples. Medcare can provide you with leaflets, gift aid forms etc to assist you with such events. If you would like to help Medcare in this way please complete the form below and email/post it back to the Medcare head office.

Remember: NO TASK IS TOO GREAT, NO PRICE IS TOO HIGH, TO SAVE THE LIFE OF A CHILD.