Where there is health, there is hope.
Dear Friends,

What a rich and vibrant community we have become over the years. I want to thank each and every one of our donors for being a part of it. Because of you, our local work takes on global significance; together, we illuminate the story of Burundi and her resilient, creative, hard-working people.

The year 2017 was a year of progress, one of great growth that with it brings the promise of expansive possibilities. As we forge ahead even now on construction of the Kigutu Hospital & Women’s Health Pavilion and the Kigutu International Academy, I see what was once only an abstracted vision unfolding before us all. Hope burgeons when we come together across oceans to see this dream through.

Burundi is afflicted by one of the greatest crises of well-being seen in our world today—one of health, education, and basic safety. But we believe in a different story for Burundi, one of hope, of community collaboration, of radical support to achieve a healthier, more prosperous reality. No matter the conditions that surround us, no matter the daunting statistics, we at Village Health Works remain steadfast in our promise to our patients to stay by their side, providing quality and compassionate health care. We remain committed to their inherent human dignity, believing in them so that they may reimagine a more hopeful future.

We are a community of indomitable spirit. I have witnessed again and again the powerful collaboration and collective energy that has advanced our provision of care. We are at the fulcrum of two great advancements with the Hospital and the Academy. I cannot overstate the impact these will have. Our Kigutu Hospital will bring surgical capacity to the area, making it safer to be a woman bringing new life to the world. It will relieve overcrowding, expand our medical capacity, and be a magnificent training center for a new generation of Burundian doctors. Our Kigutu Academy will bring educational opportunity to hundreds more students and provide an inclusive and innovative learning environment. It will be an educational model for the nation and provide teachers with enhanced training opportunities to build up Burundi’s educators.

Progress and human thriving are dependent on how we value and honor the dignity of one another. At Village Health Works, we ground everything we do, every new step we take, in prioritizing the dignity, worth, and resilience of Burundians. These are the foundations of our organization and they remain the foundations of the Kigutu Hospital and Kigutu Academy. Join us in looking ahead to a brilliant future. Set your eyes on a revitalized, healthy community, on a nation of fertile opportunity. Dare to hope with us.

Turi kumwe—we are together,
Deo

“In my experience progress, and even survival, are linked to how we value and honour the dignity of others. This is the foundation on which Village Health Works was created.”
- Deogratias Niyizonkiza, Co-Founder and CEO
Village Health Works operates in the rural area of Kigutu, 60 miles southwest of the capital city of Bujumbura, and serves a population of approximately 200,000. Our campus is nestled amongst lush mountains and overlooks Lake Tanganyika, one of the oldest and largest lakes in the world. We strive to provide Burundians with a place of calm and healing in a country that has endured many years of turmoil.

Burundi

Burundi is a small country in the heart of the Great Lakes Region of East Africa. The majority of the population lives in rural areas and relies on subsistence farming to survive. Due to a prolonged civil war between 1993 and 2006, Burundi has experienced very slow development and is plagued by poor health outcomes, a failing education system, and weak infrastructure.

Burundi Lacks Basic Health Care...

A devastating maternal mortality rate:

- Burundi: 712 per 100,000
- Sub-Saharan Africa: 551
- OECD: 15

Burundi has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the world. It is one of the hungriest and poorest countries in the world.

Access to Quality Education...

The average primary school classroom has 74 children with annual government expenditures of less than $100 per student.

...and suffers from extreme poverty.

It is one of the hungriest and poorest countries in the world.

About VHW

Mission

Village Health Works’ mission is to provide quality, compassionate health care in a dignified environment while also addressing the root causes of illness, poverty, violence, and neglect.

We Believe

- Lack of access to quality health care and education is the greatest threat to human development and peace.
- Improving the physical and mental health of our most impoverished and marginalized fellow human beings is not only possible, but absolutely essential to sustainable development.
- Education based on critical thinking, from early childhood onward, is the foundation of a healthy and just society.
- We learn as much from the communities we serve as they may learn from us.
- We must act with boldness, compassion, and humility to achieve our goals.
- The true measure of our success is the pride, hope, and boundless resilience of our community as a result of the work we do together.
JOIN US IN BUILDING THE FUTURE OF BURUNDI’S HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION.

We’ve come a long way in slightly over a decade of work; we’ve made our community healthier through medicine, nutrition, agriculture, education, and economic development. We’ve improved learning outcomes and encouraged students to attend more school by reducing health barriers to education. We’ve strengthened our community and they have supported us in return.

But there remains great need. Women are still dying in pregnancy and childbirth and patients with surgical needs have very limited options. Doctors are forced to decide whether patients should share beds or be turned away. Too few children have access to quality education. There is much to be done.

To truly break the cycle of poverty, we believe both health care and education must be transformed. These two new initiatives will extend our impact in Burundi and serve as a model of not only the region but also the continent.

THE KIGUTU INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY (KIA) AND THE TEACHER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (TLI)

We are launching two bold new education initiatives. The Kigutu International Academy (KIA) will be an innovative, grade 7-12 boarding school for promising youth from across Burundi. KIA will provide outstanding preparation in core academic subjects and build 21st century skills such as teamwork, problem solving and communication. Graduates of KIA will be prepared to thrive in top universities around the globe and to serve as a new generation of entrepreneurial leaders for Burundi. The Teacher Leadership Institute (TLI) will provide innovative professional development to educators from across Burundi. The TLI will offer a range of short courses, using KIA as a lab school where other educators can both observe and practice new teaching methods.

THE KIGUTU HOSPITAL AND WOMEN’S HEALTH PAVILION

The Kigutu Hospital and Women’s Health Pavilion will introduce a state-of-the-art 150-bed teaching facility designed to meet the health needs of the region. Women in need of services such as emergency obstetrical care and cesarean section, as well as babies requiring neonatal intensive care, will have new access to critical services. Pediatric and adult internal medicine wards, a 24-hour emergency room, and surgical capacity will dramatically expand the standard of care for all patients. A blood bank and transfusion center will increase the blood supply for the region and increase surgical possibilities. Hundreds of thousands of patients and their families will feel the transformational impact of this hospital.

The hospital will also provide local jobs for over 200 health staff and provide invaluable training, education, and continuing professional development. When fully operational, the 85,000 square foot building will triple our clinical capacity and will enable us to train – and retain – doctors and other medical professionals. Like everything Village Health Works undertakes, the hospital will be a holistic approach to care. A solar roof in combination with the current hydroelectric plant will provide the hospital with sustainable, clean, and reliable energy. An innovative waste management system will contain medical waste. Dietary services will integrate with our campus agriculture and nutrition program. The hospital will utilize – and expand – our existing programming and personnel, amplifying our healing presence in the community.
"I believe with all my heart that we must first save the life of a mother in Burundi. And that mother is going to save the family. And that family is going to save a village, a country, and the world."

- Deogratias Niyizonkiza, Co-Founder and CEO
Healthcare is at the center of everything we do because our patients are the very heart of why we exist. Every day we advance hope, dignity, and prosperity through health.

56,000 households reached by Community Health Workers
37,914 consultations for 29,139 patients, with 76% coming from our catchment area
7,378 individuals screened for HIV and 593 HIV positive patients monitored by Community Health Workers to ensure adherence to treatment regimen
3,684 children treated for malnutrition
1,323 new non-communicable cases, with 100% retention in care
90% live births by skilled health workers versus 37% in 2014
24% increase in patients seeking mental health care

Devon is a 6-year-old girl who was dying of pneumonia and tuberculosis. Our clinic was able to treat her successfully, supporting her labored breathing via oxygen. Like many of our discharged patients, Devon received follow-up visits from our Community Health Workers to ensure she had no relapse of symptoms. She is now a healthy, active girl and is happily attending school.

The health care that Village Health Works provides on our Kigutu campus and throughout the community is the core of our programming and vision. Our clinical programs focus on both prevention and treatment across five care departments: maternal and infant health, child health, non-communicable diseases, infectious diseases, and mental health.

In 2017, we saw demand for services continue to rise. Largely due to expanded outreach and education efforts, births attended by skilled health professionals increased significantly and the percentage of women breastfeeding their infants is at an all-time high. We are serving more patients in our surrounding area and we look forward to serving them more effectively via our new hospital facility.
PATIENT CONSULTATIONS OVER TIME

2008 - 2017

Bar chart showing the increase in patient consultations from 2008 to 2017.
Our education program improves the quality of teaching and learning in Kigutu through critical support services to students, teacher training in innovative practice, and upgraded education infrastructure to help our young people reach their full potential.

- **0%** global acute malnutrition rate for children in the VHW preschool, versus **4.9%** rate in our province
- **4%** primary school drop-out rate, versus **47%** national drop-out rate at the primary level
- **90%** passing rate on the 9th Grade National Exam vs. **41%** the year previous
- **100%** of teachers observed implementing the new teaching techniques they learned
- **100%** teacher retention rate for the past 2 years, with a **96%** attendance rate at monthly teacher trainings

Debora just graduated preschool and will begin 1st Grade in September. “I like school because I like my teachers. They teach us many fun songs and games.” Debora also enjoys the breakfast she receives every morning as part of our nutrition program for early education, a program that ensures students are healthy enough to participate every day. She’s already teaching her younger brother everything she learns in school and she dreams of becoming a nurse someday.
Our agriculture and nutrition program provides healthy food for our patients, educates the community on farming practices, and empowers people to nourish their bodies via a diverse diet.

- **624** farmers, both agriculture and fish, are now applying improved farming methods and management practices.
- **39,000** pounds of food produced by our onsite food security program and distributed to patients at the clinic or sold for profit.
- **~1,000** people participated in nutrition education seminars.

Through the multi-year generosity and loyal partnership of the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund, we unveiled The Nutrition Center, where local women like Virginie Nizigama volunteer to teach the community how to farm food that is healthy for them and for their land. “It’s my passion, my hope for all of us to be healthy and educated and to help others.”

*Virginie Nizigama*

Our agriculture programs are essential in the promotion of healthy communities and in breaking the cycle of poverty. Through our new Nutrition Education Center that opened in 2017, community members and patients learn how to cultivate a home garden rich in nutrients, empowering them to expand their diets beyond the cassava root. We promote sustainable land use to preserve the longevity of farming possibilities and assist the community in raising animals for a reliable milk source. Also in 2017, we had a breakthrough in the introduction of artificial insemination at our fish farm on campus. This means that the farm will yield more fish, enabling the community to have even greater access to this protein-rich food and to sell excess for profit. Healthy bodies and minds depend on quality nutrition, which is why our agriculture program is invaluable in advancing our health and education efforts.
We’ve seen our Village Health Works campus blossom with the generous assistance of all our supporters. Here are some of the things we’ve built together over the past two years. Excluded from the photo are the micro-hydroelectric plant and the Catholic church.
Poverty and poor health are strongly intertwined. In Burundi, where nearly 65% of the population lives in poverty, many families are trapped in a cycle of poverty with little hope of progress. Our economic development programs address the determinants of poverty by empowering community members with skills and tools to start small businesses. Cooperatives such as agriculture, sewing, baking, and fishing allow community members to generate incomes, while providing important services and products to the community. With input from community members, we will continue the expansion of our economic cooperatives.

Imelde is a 62-year-old farmer and member of the Jijuka fishing cooperative who is raising her four grandchildren on her own. Working with the fishing co-op has been a blessing for Imelde, enabling her to pay for her grandchildren’s school expenses in addition to improving their diet and buying them new clothes. Imelde now hopes to save money and purchase cows so that her grandchildren can have access to nourishing milk on a daily basis.

Our economic development program empowers community members to participate in the local economy in order to alleviate the health burdens of poverty.

$9,359 USD in gross profits benefited the local community
5 economic cooperatives running to support local economy:
48 people trained at bakery co-op
30 farming and livestock co-ops, and 50 household gardens
18 people trained at sewing co-op
17 fishery co-ops
2 beekeeping co-ops
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Our Community Engagement is not only the link through which we establish trust and develop solidarity with local community members, but is the very vessel through which we deliver — and transform — every element of our programming from health to education to agriculture and economic development.

12,000 community volunteers in Kigutu this year
351 young people participating in sports program
69 children in soccer program
276 members of running club, inspired by an original 10 people
36 children in volleyball program
550 young people participating in music & dance programs
86 community Health Workers trained
12,000 trees planted and 30,000 more in the nursery to heal slash-and-burn lands

“"In the beginning, we couldn’t gather everyone for community health education. Then we started telling the story through drums and dancing. It became a way to bring everyone together and share our vision of a healthier future.”
- Peter Ndayihereje, Director of Community Engagement

PROGRAM REPORT

Our meaningful community connections mean that we can provide services that are culturally relevant and responsive to community-defined priorities. We receive regular feedback from our volunteers on community health needs, the perception of our practices, and how we might tailor programming to better fit our community. In 2017, we witnessed our volunteers lend their strength to repair the road to our clinic and plant thousands of trees to prevent erosion and replenish slash-and-burn land. We delivered health promotion messages through our drum circles, created films on mental health and nutrition and held screenings across the villages, and gave community trainings on preventing deforestation and using sustainable farming practices. The community repeatedly demonstrates their commitment to our mission. With their support we have grown our programs, reaching more patients and students each year.
Village Health Works envisions a healthier, more just, peaceful, and prosperous Burundian society — one that will inspire far beyond Burundi.
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
December 31, 2017 and 2016

REVUE BREAKOUT
- Individual $4,886,200 (74%)
- Foundations $680,240 (10%)
- Government $646,167 (10%)
- In-kind Revenue $357,700 (5%)
- Pharmacy $46,841 (<1%)
- Other Income $5,250 (<1%)

EXPENSES
- Program Expenses: $2,584,432 (77%)
- Management and General: $458,113 (13%)
- Fundraising: $326,142 (10%)

PROGRAM EXPENSES BREAKDOWN
- Clinic: $2,141,405 (83%)
- Education: $227,800 (9%)
- Agriculture: $110,744 (4%)
- Economic Development: $47,233 (2%)
- Other Programs: $57,250 (2%)

The return on your investment is significant—Your money can go 40 times farther in Burundi given the difference in the cost of living in the United States versus Burundi.

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Total $6,622,397

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Total $3,368,687

Revenues Breakout

Expenses

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2017 and 2016

Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets
- Contributions and grants: $1,265,432 in 2017, $1,357,540 in 2016
- Special events, net: $236,829
- Pharmacy revenue: $46,841
- Other income: $5,256
- In-kind revenue: $357,700
- Loss on foreign currency transactions: $(3,235)
- Net assets released from restrictions: $4,710,545
- Total support and revenue: $6,622,397

Expenses:
- Program services: $2,584,432
- Supporting services:
  - Management and general: $458,113
  - Fundraising: $326,142
- Total supporting services: $784,255
- Total expenses: $3,368,687
- Increase in unspent unrestricted net assets: $3,253,710

Changes in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets
- Contributions and grants: $1,141,748 in 2017, $5,290,479 in 2016

In unrestricted Net Assets
- Contributions and grants: $4,710,545 in 2017, $2,682,379 in 2016

Increase in Net Assets
- Increase in temporarily restricted net assets: $3,568,777
- Net Assets, Beginning of Year: $11,797,587
- Net Assets, End of Year: $13,905,529

Liabilities and Net Assets
- Liabilities:
  - Accounts payable and accrued expenses: $33,705

Net Assets
- Temporarily restricted: $3,249,247 in 2017, $2,891,614 in 2016
- Total net assets: $13,909,529
- Net Assets, End of Year: $13,942,234

Cost for...

- Teachers: $60,000
- Physicians: $200,000
- Construction of hospitals: $225,000,000
We are profoundly grateful to the generous partners and friends whose gifts of $1,000 or more helped to make our programs and special projects possible in 2017. Thank you.

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**LIZ BERRY GIPS JOINS EFFORT TO BUILD THE KIGUTU INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY:**
We are delighted to welcome Liz Berry Gips to Village Health Works as the Executive Director of the Kigutu International Academy. Liz will lead the establishment of the Academy, working to bring this innovative school to life. Liz believes deeply in the transformative power of education and shares our core belief in the importance of addressing both health care and education. She brings more than two decades of experience in the education sector in Africa and beyond to this role.

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**PRIMATE’S WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND:**
Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund, with funds from Global Affairs Canada, partnered with Village Health Works as part of a broad campaign aimed at maternal, newborn and child health. Their support enables us to build capital projects such as the nutrition center, the expectant mother’s house, and dormitories for nurses. Their programmatic support helps us reduce illness and death among women of reproductive age, newborns, and children under five.

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**10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION GALA:**
On October 3rd, 2017, we were joined by great friends and supporters in New York City where we celebrated the 10th anniversary of Village Health Works. We were proud to honor the renowned architect Costas Kondylis and our friends at Covington & Burling LLP for their exceptional pro bono support. We were also joined by members of our team who traveled from Burundi to attend the event. Even as we looked proudly back on our first 10 years together, we set our sights to future decades and the health and education transformations yet to come.

Jocelyn and Peter Davis
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**SHARON & BILL JACOB:**
We are thrilled to have the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation join our effort to build the Kigutu Hospital and Women’s Health Pavilion. We are grateful for their leadership and abiding support and are proud to have them as a partner.

**BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION:**
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

**Village Health Works:**
We are endlessly grateful for their support.

Sharon and Bill Jacob are a part of our family forever. Their ongoing legacy is seen in the buildings they helped fund and the smiles of children who play on the playgrounds they helped build. They bring passion, love, and boundless energy and enthusiasm to every aspect of their involvement with Village Health Works. We are endlessly grateful for their support.

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