



**Take Heart Association Project, Inc.
Annual Report**

January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007

A Message from the Chairman

As Chairman of Take Heart Association Project (THAP), I am pleased to share with you some highlights of our continued progress in 2007 – a record-breaking year for us - thanks to our donors, funders, partners, and board members.

Since our founding in 1992, 85 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. See photo of Victor, his family, and me two years after his surgery by Dr. Hennein at Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. It is truly remarkable that forty-seven children, more than half of all the children we helped, have received their life-saving surgeries since 2002.

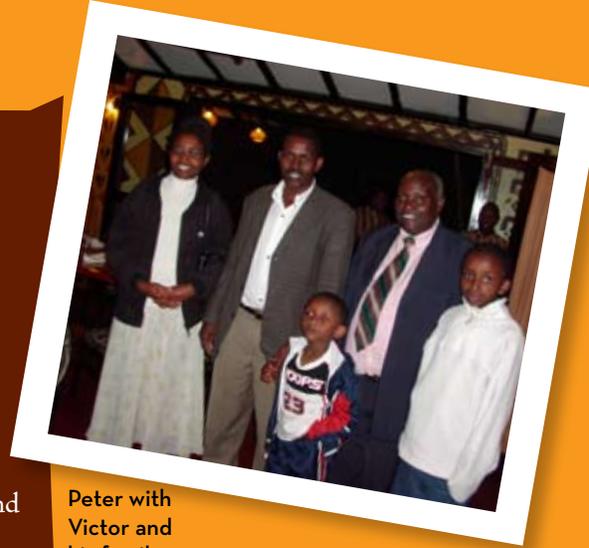
2007 HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ Strengthened our partnership with The Mater Hospital in Nairobi which allows us to pay a much reduced fee for each surgery from \$7000 USD to \$1500 USD for THAP patients performed by such visiting medical mission teams as Dr. Hennein's and the Chain of Hope's from the United Kingdom.
- ♦ Assisted twenty-two children and young adults with life-saving surgeries and necessary medical treatment – a record accomplishment for THAP.
- ♦ Provided support to thirty-three children to get ECG/ECHO evaluation tests.
- ♦ Continued to provide necessary medications for our former patients and critical post-operative care.
- ♦ Hosted our second 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 June.
- ♦ In November the THAP Board held its annual planning retreat in the Washington, DC area.
- ♦ THAP Board members and I raised a record \$84,000 from individuals, foundations, corporations and organizations across the country to help THAP fulfill its mission.

Peter Mlogo Kamau – Chair



Hani Hennein, Alan Rossiter, Sandy Macnab, Peter Kamau, Barbara Ciconte, Marilyn James and Kelly Munly at the November retreat.



Peter with Victor and his family.



Fidelis



Faith



John with his father.

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THAP Board Member Visits Kenya

In August 2007, US Board member Alan Rossiter made a return visit to Nairobi to review the progress of THAP Kenya. His schedule included meetings with staff, Board members and supporters of THAP, as well as several doctors and hospital administrators.

Alan and Peter with THAP Kenya Board Member Pritten Patel and Bill Parkinson, a long-time THAP supporter.



The hospital administrators uniformly acknowledged that THAP's persistent efforts, spearheaded by Chairman Peter Kamau, are helping to give disadvantaged children access to the care they need. Another recurring theme was the benefits that are coming out of the visits by Dr. Hani Hennein and his team, sponsored by THAP. The team has not only been performing advanced surgeries and donating equipment, but also providing training to Kenyan medical personnel. This is welcomed by the local medical community, as it provides a much-needed opportunity to develop local capabilities for pediatric heart care.

The highlight of the visit was a meeting with three year-old Mercy (pictured at right with her parents, THAP social worker Agnes, and Alan Rossiter). In 2006, Dr. Rossiter saw her in intensive care at Mater Hospital, following heart surgery. This year he met her at THAP's office in Kenya, where she played with all the energy and joy that a three year-old should have. More than anything, that was a reminder of what THAP's work is all about.



Mercy and her family with Agnes, a member of the THAP Kenya staff, and Alan.

Second Medical Mission Team Led by Dr. Hennein

With more than 10,000 babies born each year with a congenital heart defect, Kenya has no dedicated congenital heart program to treat these children. According to Dr. Hennein, "Between Cairo to the North and Johannesburg to the South, there is no congenital heart program in all of Africa. Lacking the access to modern medical care, many of these children die in their early childhood years."

Dr. Hennein has partnered with THAP and Mater Hospital, a 180 bed facility in Nairobi, with the goal of establishing a self-sufficient congenital heart program through a series of medical missions over the next five years. The initial mission

reported in the THAP 2006 Annual Report laid the groundwork for upcoming missions like this one in June 2007.

Dr. Hennein and Dr. Siwik reviewed patients for both surgical intervention and for interventional cardiac catheterization. After a careful review of all patients, eight were chosen for surgery and twelve for catheterization. All eight children who underwent surgery did well post-operatively and were discharged within ten days. Likewise, the interventional catheterizations were all successful.

The focus of this mission was not only to provide care for these children but also to provide education and training on all levels:

surgeon to surgeon, perfusionist to perfusionist and nurse to nurse. Resources and materials were brought by the team and given to Mater Hospital to support their abilities to care for these patients. Plans are underway for Dr. Hennein and his team to return to The Mater Hospital in summer 2008.



Dr. Hennein training Kenyan medical staff.



Brian several months after surgery.



Thank You for Your Generous Support

A very special thank you to our donors and funders who have supported us this year. 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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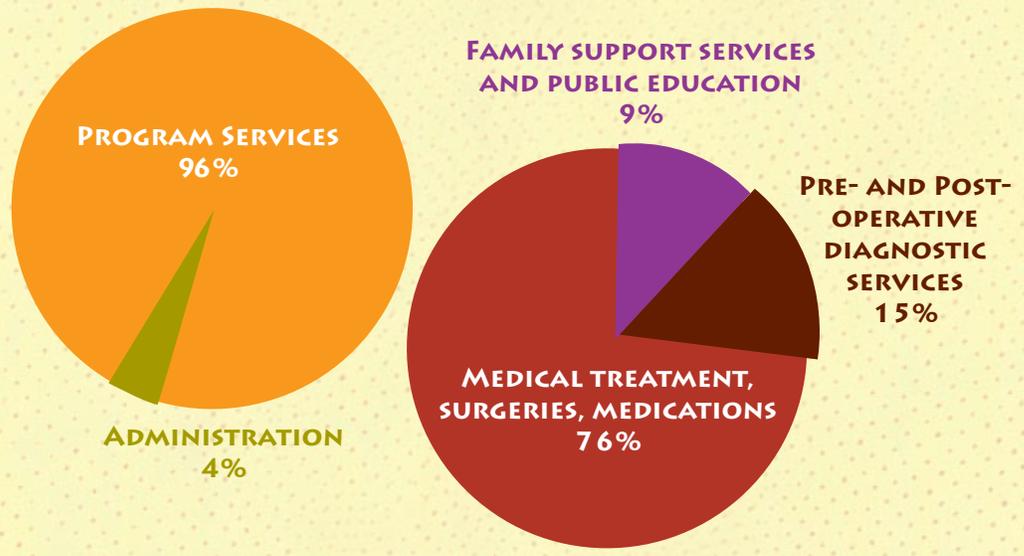
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