

A Message from the Chairman

I am pleased to report on our continued progress in 2008 – yet another record-breaking year for us — thanks to our donors, funders, partners, and board members.

For the poorest families in Kenya whose children suffer from congenital heart defects and rheumatic heart disease, Take Heart Association Project (THAP) is a lifeline that provides diagnostic medical tests, medications, information on healthier diets and nutrition, and assistance in working with doctors and hospitals so that their children can receive life-saving surgeries. THAP is currently the only grassroots organization of its kind, assisting the poorest families in Kenya negotiate the maze of paperwork and logistical procedures associated with obtaining needed life-saving surgeries for their children, as well as pre- and post-operative care.

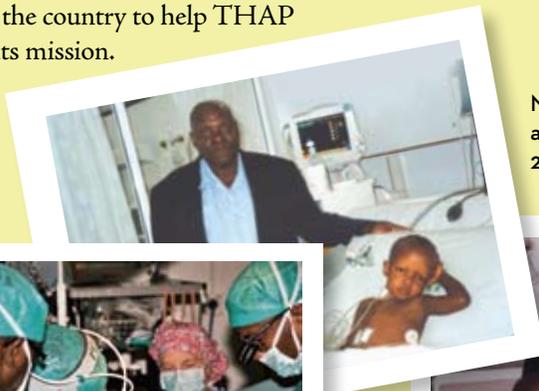
Over 10,000 babies are born each year in Kenya with a congenital heart defect, yet the country has no dedicated congenital heart program to treat these children. Lacking access to modern medical cardiac care, many of these children fail to live past their early childhood years. In addition, a significant number of children and young people in Kenya and East Africa suffer from heart disease due to poor living conditions. Bacteria found in untreated water can lead to rheumatic fever, which often results in damage to heart valves.



Equipment donated

2008 HIGHLIGHTS

- Continued our key partnership with The Mater Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya to perform surgeries and medical treatments for THAP at a much reduced fee of \$1,500 - \$2,000 US dollars in order to assist more children on THAP's waiting list.
- Medical mission teams from the United Kingdom and the United States not only performed heart surgeries and catheterizations on THAP's patients but also continued to train Kenyan medical personnel and to provide resources and equipment needed.
- Twenty children and young adults received life-saving surgeries and necessary medical treatment in Kenya and India.
- Continued to provide necessary medications for our former patients and critical post-operative care.
- THAP Board members and I raised more than \$80,000 from individuals, foundations, corporations and organizations across the country to help THAP fulfill its mission.



Natalie and Peter awaiting her April, 2008 surgery

*Peter Mhogo Kamanu
Chairman*



Dr. Hennein training Kenyan medical staff



Peter with Patrick awaiting his August, 2008 surgery



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Since our founding in 1992, nearly 100 children and young adults received the medical care they need to help them resume more normal lives with their families thanks to THAP. However, a sign of our remarkable recent growth is that more than half of those surgeries were only performed since 2002! Listed below are other statistics since 2002 that tell the story of how THAP is making a difference in a child's life:

- 400 reviews of children with heart ailments by medical personnel
- 240 children received echos, ECGs, chest x-rays, and other required tests
- 396 children received pre- and post-operative medications and information on diet and nutrition necessary for successful operations

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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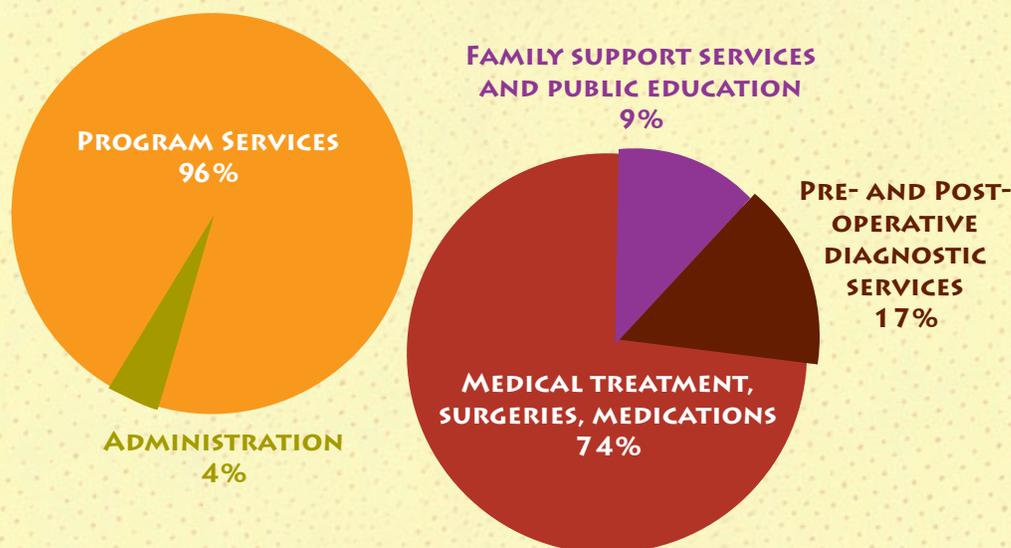
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How Your Contributions are Used

Support from donors, funders and partners enables THAP to provide life-saving surgery, support, resources and hope to the families with whom we work. See below for how contributions are used:



This data was extracted from THAP's audited financial statement for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008.