Securing the Future of Lwala Community Hospital
An invitation to join the Founders’ Circle

When neighbors came together to establish Lwala Community Hospital, they had a vision for the future—that the hospital would provide health care for their community in Western Kenya and save lives for generations to come. On the 15th anniversary of its founding, we are launching an endowment to secure that future and the long-term sustainability of the hospital. This endowment will help fulfill a promise that no woman, child, or family in Lwala communities will go without access to lifesaving health care.

We invite you to become a member of the Founders’ Circle to secure our hospital’s future
At their core, endowments are a shift in power. By contributing to Lwala Community Hospital’s endowment, you are making a long-term investment in the community’s future—and signaling that you trust our providers to continue saving lives. We invite you to be part of a shared legacy that will outlive us all.

Lwala is at the forefront of the sector in its decision to create an endowment for our hospital. Leading social change strategists are making the argument that seeding Black-led endowments is one of the most impact investments in long-term change.¹

The story of Lwala Community Hospital
Nearly 17 years ago, a village in Western Kenya was grieving the deaths of two beloved leaders, Margaret and Erastus Ochieng’. They were kind and generous neighbors who helped orphaned children with school fees, invited hungry families to share a meal, and seeded a vision for a hospital in their village—all while raising six children of their own. Tragically, they died of HIV because of a broken health system that wasn’t designed to reach them.

Out of this grief, their community—alongside two of their sons, Milton and Fred—created Lwala Community Hospital. As Milton and Fred attended Dartmouth and then Vanderbilt Medical School, they were joined by allies who believed in this vision and provided resources, expertise and talent to see it through. Today the hospital provides nearly 70,000 patient visits every year, and it serves as a center of clinical excellence in the region.

Paving the way for Lwala Community Hospital’s future

Each year, it costs $600k for Lwala Community Hospital to provide the highest quality care to our communities. By 2029, our vision is that an endowment covers these operating costs—and with your support, we are seeding $5 million to make this vision a reality. Your contribution is matched by a generous anchor donation of $3 million. Once funded, the endowment will create a financial bedrock for Lwala Community Hospital and unlock access to health care for future generations.

$5m endowment + local revenue = 100% hospital operating costs

We have two asks of you

- Make a transformational gift—an above and beyond gift—that ties our legacies together.
- Reach out to others who share your values—friends, colleagues, family members—and invite them to share in this vision.

Your name as part of Lwala’s legacy

- Give $25,000 or more, and a stepping stone bearing your name will be added to the Founders Labyrinth in the hospital courtyard. This path will be walked by laboring mothers, patients, and caregivers.
- Give $50,000 or more, and an engraved bench will be placed on the hospital grounds, along with a tree planted for shade. This will provide rest and shade for patients and caregivers.
- Give $100,000 or more, and a room at Lwala Community Hospital will be named in your honor. In this room, lives will be saved.
- Gifts can also be made in honor of family and other loved ones.
- Speak with Mary Mulliken if you’d like to travel to Lwala to dedicate your stone, bench, or hospital room.

How to give

- Give now by check, wire transfer, or stock donation.
- Pledge now by making a commitment today and paying out over the next 3 years.
- Give later as a bequest.