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## Introducing Dr. Miriam Mutabazi, East African Director

Earlier this month, Save the Mothers announced the appointment of **Dr. Miriam Mutabazi** to the new role of **East African Director** for Save the Mothers in Uganda. Dr. Mutabazi is a committed advocate for maternal and child health. Her appointment will begin part time on February 1, 2017 and transition into full time as of April 15, 2017 to coincide with Dr. Jean Chamberlain Froese's transition back to Canada.

Reflecting on the approaching end of her full time role with Save the Mothers in East Africa, Dr. Jean remarked that she is excited as she looks to the future. *"I will personally have the joy of knowing that I will leave behind more than 450 trained, equipped and passionate East Africans, game changers, who will continue the work they have begun of bringing about the kinds of systemic changes needed in their communities and cultures so that one day, women and children in this part of the world will no longer die in childbirth."*

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... to "Take Steps to Deliver Change?"

**It's time to commit to joining Save the Mothers for a "Steps to Deliver Change" 5K-Walk/Run.** The Mother's Day Weekend Walk is held in numerous cities around the world. Join a Walk in your area or organize one! We have all the material available to help you get started. Start small and see how others catch the vision for helping to save mothers and babies around the globe. **If you can't host a Walk, participate. If you can't participate in one of our community Walks, consider doing a netWALK - when you want, where you want. If you can't walk, sponsor someone who is.**

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## Using her talents to Save the Mothers

*"Sometimes it takes a bit of time to discover how our gifts/talents can make a difference in this world,"* says Margo Head, photographer, Save the Mothers' supporter and visitor.

**Margo met recently with the Grade 7 students at Sir Edgar Bauer elementary school in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, to share about her experiences in Uganda, and the work of Save the Mothers.** She says their teacher is doing a great job exposing students to social issues, both locally and globally.

Thank you for your passion, time and for raising your voice on behalf of East Africa's mothers, Margo. And thank you to this wonderful group of young change-makers for listening and continuing to share.



## Worth 1,000 words?

If it's true that *"A picture is worth a thousand words,"* then this one should speak volumes.

**African ingenuity. Resourcefulness. Need. Disparity. Injustice.**

Perhaps you see some of those things in this image. But what you don't see is the good news story behind this photo.

**For that, you would have to have followed Save the Mothers on Facebook** and seen our recent video about the new wheelchair, trolley and curtains we were able to provide to one of our Mother Baby Friendly Hospitals, thanks to the gift of a generous donor. Missed the video? **Watch it now.**

## On the blog

### Why Are Annual Reports Important?

**In light of the recent publication of Save the Mothers' 2015/16 Annual Report, the STM blog answered this question.**

*"An Annual Report gives an up-to-the-minute snapshot of a charity's activities,"* said Save the Mothers' Managing Director, Dr. Daniel Scott. *"It provides donors, volunteers, staff and all who read it with an idea of the organization's goals*



### Adventures of the Visitors

**In this first of a two-part blog,** STM visitors Diane Reader Jones and Julie Moran share some of their activities while on the ground in Uganda.



### Interns Report on Visit to Uganda's Largest Hospital

The classic "take your child to work

and accomplishments, health and challenges – all in one document.”

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day" was recently put into action at Save the Mothers. Three STM interns dressed in matching scrubs reported to Uganda's largest hospital, eager to experience a day in the life of STM's Dr. Eve Nakabembe. **Global Health Corps Fellow Annie Cameron blogged about their experiences.**

### Words from *the wise...*



*A closer look at some of the smaller organizations offered up some insight into how efficiently run they are versus the larger charities. Our survey found that in aggregate, smaller organizations scored more "A's" for charity efficiency (a measure of how much goes directly to the cause) than their larger counterparts.*



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As quoted in MoneySense magazine

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