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## This is what partnership looks like

**Happy smiles. Dancing eyes. Both are evidence that these two young women - Program Interns with Save the Mothers for the 2017/18 academic year - have embarked on the adventure of a lifetime.**

Meet Marissa Ware (left) and Stephanie Fraser (right). Marissa hails from small town Iowa, U.S.A., but is constantly on the move in search of new experiences and knowledge. She developed a passion for maternal health at the University of Edinburgh, where she completed her MPH. Stephanie comes from Ontario, Canada where she works as a registered nurse in the area of child and adolescent mental health. She has a BScN from the University of Toronto, and a BA from Western University in Global Development Studies.

These two young women have agreed to devote almost a year of their lives to helping

run the STM program in East Africa. Among their responsibilities: keeping communications flowing across the Atlantic. We are grateful for their partnership with Save the Mothers and for their commitment to the cause of saving the lives of mothers and babies.

**You can partner with Save the Mothers too - and it doesn't have to mean giving up a year of your life to do it.** Consider partnering with us *financially*, by clicking on the button below.

**GIVE NOW**

Have you got *your* tickets yet?



## Hope shines bright, glitter and lights ...

That's the theme of this year's Gala dinner and auction in North Toronto, Ontario. **With *your* help, hope will shine even brighter.**

This is our largest fundraising event of the year, and we need you to make it a success.

- 4 course dinner
- Wine with meal
- Live auction items with auctioneer
- Holiday gift raffles
- Silent auction items
- An evening to remember with Dr. Jean Chamberlain Froese the founder of STM

Tickets are \$120, and each ticket purchased comes with a charitable tax receipt for \$60.

**TICKETS**

## News from here *and there*



### Basking in the planning

**Last month, Canadian board members gathered with staff and consultants for their annual late summer weekend planning retreat.**

The sun shone brightly as friendships were made and renewed, successes were celebrated, strategies were mapped out, and hospitality (provided by Board Chair Mary Harvey - pictured above, third from left - and her husband John who snapped this photo) was enjoyed by all.



### Donation dollars hard at work

It's a simple image: a young, pregnant woman, hands supporting her belly in that comforting stance known to mothers everywhere. Beside her, the name of a hospital with a toll free number. At the bottom right corner of the poster, the logo of Save the Mothers, the organization making that toll free number possible.

**Why would we use donated dollars to sponsor a telephone line in East Africa? Find out here.**



### Update on students ...

**Module one classes concluded last**



### ... and staff

**Academic director Dr. Justus Baragineine**

**month for first year international students** (who come from throughout East Africa to study in the Master of Public Health Leadership program). The students will return for their second study module in February. Meanwhile, **second year students** had their research topics approved, and got supervisors appointed - a precursor to beginning work on research for their dissertations.

**(above left) and East African director Dr. Miriam Mutabazi (above right) visited Rwanda** to attend the local society of obstetricians and gynaecologists, followed by the launch of the virtual East Central Southern African College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. The two became founding fellows. Dr. Justus was also elected a council member, representing Uganda on the college council. They are pictured during an earlier visit to the country, meeting a local dignitary.

## On *the blog*

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### Clinical mentorship

**Clinical mentorship is one of the ways that Save the Mothers provides support to our Mother Baby Friendly Hospitals.** Dr. Flavia is the facilitator and pediatrician behind the Save The Mothers' Buikwe Perinatal Clinical Mentorship program. Summer intern Ananya Parasor interviewed Dr. Flavia about the importance of such training.

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### A dose of inspiration

Last month, our new class of first-year international students made a visit to Uganda's largest national referral hospital for a small dose of the reality of the Ugandan health care system. **Program intern Marissa Ware went along and blogged about the experience.**



### Extending a line for safe motherhood

Imagine not being able to call 911 in an emergency. There is no 911 in East Africa. But a few years ago, Save the Mothers piloted a toll free line service at several of our Mother Baby Friendly Hospitals designed to function in much the same way. **Read more in this blog** from former program intern, Jess Huston.

## Words worth *pondering*

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*"I am a strong believer in the idea that each of us can make a difference wherever we are. It is not the brightest or the most well-read ... who is important, but the one who is available and willing to serve."*



### **Dr. Flavia Namiro**

Pediatrician & facilitator of the Save The Mothers Buikwe Hospital Perinatal Clinical Mentorship program.

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