

UPLIFT HELP INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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EXPANDED EYE CARE PROGRAM A GLORIOUS SUCCESS

The Board and staff of Infant Jesus Community Hospital (IJCH) have been extending health care to more and more people of Ishiagu, Nigeria each month. When they realized there was a great need for more specialized eye care, and came to us with a comprehensive plan to accomplish this, Uplift Health International, Inc. gladly agreed to fund this much-needed program. The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, who run the Hospital, contracted with the Daughters of Charity Rehab Centre Ossiomo-Ogan Eye Hospital, to provide eye evaluations and treatment at IJCH. First, the staff of IJCH, through their amazing outreach, gathered hundreds of villagers who needed to be seen. Three eye specialists spent the next 2 days screening and treating these patients. Some needed glasses, some medicine and some needed surgery that is being provided by the Eye Hospital surgeons at IJCH. It was a beautiful experience for all involved, working together to bring this essential health program to so many. In total, 1,017 people were screened and treated. Of the 171 identified for surgery, 25 were completed and the work continues with 3 surgeons following up the other cases. This program is now part of the Hospital's ministry and will continue. The people of Ishiagu are so delighted and relieved and we at UHI, Inc. thank each and every one of our donors for making this all a reality. We hope, as you read about this wonderful program, you felt our thanks and gratitude for your support!



Villagers gather and are being welcomed to the eye evaluation program at IJCH. Eye care is not something most can afford, and hundreds have now been treated and know this program will continue to be there for them!

One can only imagine how happy villagers were to see this wonderful banner announcing the free eye care evaluations at Infant Jesus Community Hospital from July 10 through July 13, 2024!

Thank you Sisters and staff for this great and needed



This ophthalmologist evaluates one of the over 300 patients who came to see them each clinic day. This woman's smile speaks of her joy at having this service.

The Importance of Networking

Networking to enhance the ability of UHI, Inc. to provide free medications for the people of Ishiagu, Nigeria over these many years has proven to be highly effective. Being in relationship with others has not only helped us obtain resources but has also enhanced our visibility. Since the earliest days of our mission, UHI, Inc. has networked with the Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB), Kingsway Charities, and independent pharmacies to provide free antihypertensives, antibiotics, antifungals, various vitamins, diabetic and ophthalmic medication, adult aspirin and more. As a result of cultivating connections and collaboration, the people in need have been served well. No one succeeds or fulfills purpose alone and we are most grateful to be in relationship with CMMB, Kingsway Charities and each of you. These collaborations have benefitted so many where there is so little access and treatment for those who are poor. Thank you!

MISSION UPDATES

Speaking of networking, 140 generous guests networked with each other at our 2024 Luncheon fundraiser and heard about the progress that continues at Infant Jesus Community Hospital (IJCH) in Ishiagu. Sr. Rita, IJCH's first administrator, thanked all for what their donations have accomplished, and spoke of the joy of having the new water tanks, water purification system and solar panels working to help the hospital and villagers in the area. Guests viewed the website that now features these updates. It was a great day and we thank all who attended as well as those who could not be with us, but still donated to UHI, Inc.

Sr. Rita, who is now assistant provincial superior of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, was in the USA at the invitation of Fr. Chux and was so happy to be with UHI, Inc. donors who have enabled her Sisters to successfully minister to those in Ishiagu.



Above, Fr. Chux accepts a generous donation from the Knights of Columbus (#10332) and below is one of the many happy raffle prize winners at our Luncheon.



Sr. Rita loved being at our Luncheon and all the guests were thrilled to hear her and see her in person!



SAVE THE DATE:

APRIL 26, 2025

is our festive LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER at the
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
O'CONNELL GARDENS
2985 Kenneth Place
Oceanside, NY 11572
From 11AM - 3 PM
Tickets: \$90.00 each**

We invite you to visit us at our website, www.upliftheelpinternational.org to learn more about our mission, our accomplishments, our dreams for the people of Ishiagu, Nigeria and how we are accomplishing them together. It is our hope that, when you see the teamwork, dedication, caring and competence we bring to our work, you will want to support us. Your check or money order can be sent to our address:

**Uplift Help International, Inc.
Post Office Box 173
Rockville Centre, NY 11571**

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