



FOUNDATION FOR
CANCER CARE
IN TANZANIA



FCCT News & Notes

Summer 2015

A Message from the FCCT Team

2015 has been a transformative year for FCCT, thanks to the generous partnership of our supporters (that's you!). Some highlights:

- **Trip to Tanzania**--It was mostly work and some play ([check out photos here!](#))
- **Work Groups**--We collaborated with doctors and healthcare experts from the US and Tanzania to formalize our cancer care plans.
- **Symposium**--We brought together more than 30 speakers to share insights on improving cancer care in northern Tanzania.
- **Gala**--You helped us raise more than \$100,000!

We're truly at a tipping point now--existing in a moment where every donation could make the difference for the realization of the Cancer Care Institute. We're hoping to start construction in September 2015, [with your continued generosity.](#)

We're lucky to have found supporters like you. Your expertise, passion--and, yes, your

generous dollars--have made it possible for us to get this far. Read on for some more detailed highlights about where we are and where we're heading.

As always: asante sana, friends!

-The FCCT Team

Pediatric Cancer Care: Coming September 2015

In September, we'll break ground on the [Cancer Care Institute](#)--the first designated cancer care facility ever to exist in northern Tanzania. It will transform the possibilities for cancer patients in this region of the country. Where before newly diagnosed cancer patients had to choose between traveling hundreds of miles to faraway hospitals and going home to suffer, now they'll have access to free, high-quality care closer to home.



Initially, we're focusing on treating children because many of the pediatric cancers that are currently wreaking havoc in northern Tanzania are highly treatable. We hope to have the CCI up and running for these kids by March 2016.

Read more [here](#).

Eagle Mountain Hike

July 11, 2015



It's no Kilimanjaro, but Eagle Mountain is the highest point in the state of Minnesota. On July 11, we'll head to the top to raise money for the Cancer Care Institute and to honor friends and family battling cancer.

And there are many ways to participate. You can jump on the hike, fundraise with us, make a donation or volunteer to help out on the day of the event. In one way or

another, [won't you join us?](#)



**Meet a Board
Member:
Mark Jacobson**

Mark has been working in Tanzania since 1982. He first visited the country as a first-year medical student at the University of Minnesota.

"I found this incredibly perfect match of my gifts to the needs of a community, which for me was a sense of calling," Mark says.

He was integral to the founding of both Selian Hospital and Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre (ALMC) in Arusha, and now directs ALMC.

Read more about Mark [here](#).



**Meet a Partner:
Kilimanjaro Christian
Medical Centre**

In the foothills of the snow-capped Mt. Kilimanjaro sits Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC), the regional referral hospital for the four-district Northern Healthcare Zone. This is the hospital with which FCCT is partnering to build the Cancer Care Institute and improve outcomes for cancer patients in the Northern Healthcare Zone.

KCMC sits on a 480-acre campus, has more than 450 beds, employs more than 1,000 staff and serves more than 11 million people.

Read more about KCMC [here](#).

Dates & Times

July 11, 2015 [Eagle Mountain Hike](#)

On July 11, we take on Eagle Mountain to support the Cancer Care Institute and honor friends and family battling cancer!



September 2015 **Construction starts on CCI**

November 12, 2015 [Give to the Max Day](#)



On this annual day of giving, your support will make FCCT eligible for matching funds and additional prize money! You can schedule a gift online starting in early November.

December 2015 Member Meeting

March 2016 Cancer Care Institute Opens

April 2016 Second-Annual FCCT Gala

Did you know?



An estimated **1/3 of cancers in Tanzania are preventable**. Another 1/3 are thought to be curable with current technology.



Cancer causes **more deaths annually** in sub-Saharan Africa than HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined.



Once the Cancer Care Institute is running, just **\$320 will buy a full course of chemotherapy** for a child with Burkitt Lymphoma.

FCCT will transform the cancer landscape in northern Tanzania by focusing on the four pillars of cancer care:

Education & Prevention
Screening & Early Detection
Diagnosis & Treatment
Palliative Care

[Read more.](#)

Remember when...



...we learned so much from everyone who spoke at our 2015 symposium?

In April 2015, we were lucky enough to play host to an incredible group of speakers as part of our symposium, ***Cancer in Tanzania: Bringing Technology and Care that Works***. For two days, speakers from the US and Tanzania alike spoke about **the challenges and opportunities around improving cancer care in Tanzania**. We heard from speakers like Kristin Schroeder, a pediatric oncologist in Tanzania; Brooks Jackson, dean of the University of Minnesota medical school; and Helmut Diefenthal, the man whose work inspired the formation of FCCT.

And we caught it all on tape! Check out the videos **here**. (INSERT LINK)



...you made our first-ever gala a massive hit?

We were blown away by your generosity at our first-annual gala--**you helped us raise more than \$100,000 towards improved cancer care in northern Tanzania**. Guests from near (Minnesota) and far (Tanzania) and in between gathered at the Millennium Hotel in downtown Minneapolis. Trish Scanlan, one of the leading pediatric oncologists in Tanzania, stole the show with her story about **Miriam, a young girl with a feisty spirit who was taken from this world too early** because she couldn't access the right kind of treatment when she needed it.

We're already planning next year's gala, and we hope you'll be there. Keep your eye on the mailbox for a Save the Date!

Be an ambassador for FCCT!



Do you believe in our mission? (Hey, so do we!) We're looking for passionate supporters of FCCT to help us spread the word about the lack of cancer care in northern Tanzania and what we can all do to help cancer patients in this area of the world. If you'd be willing to host a small gathering of friends and family (we'll pay for food!), please email us at

info@tanzaniacancercare.org.

And we're always looking for volunteers! Email us at info@tanzaniacancercare.org to add your name to the list.

And a special thanks to our in-kind donors!

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