

Shining a light on CURE Kenya's 20th anniversary

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“What would you do if you knew that, that beggar at the end of the street you pass [by] every day could have had a better opportunity to receive an education, employment, or independence if something had been done about their condition when they were still young? We cannot rewind time, but we can do something now. We can step in now to help improve lives for kids who are living with disabilities. Hundreds of Kenyan babies are born with or acquire disabling conditions that can be corrected, but most never get the medical intervention needed because of ignorance, lack of resources, or both.”

These are some of the words we used to show that Kenyans *can* do something to help their neighbors who live with disabilities. On Friday, July 27th, 2018, CURE Kenya not only celebrated 20 years of patient care, but it also launched its brand new “Step In” campaign.

The “Step In” campaign was developed to show Kenyans even though some people are born with disabilities, they don’t have to stay that way. By giving to the campaign — whether it’s contributing 10 shillings (10 cents), 1000 shillings (\$10), or 100,000 shillings (\$1,000), — supporters can help change the lives and futures of people once seen as outcasts.

During the day, we celebrated our 20th anniversary by launching our new outpatient department (OPD) with an event that shined a spotlight on some special guests who shared inspirational stories with the attendees. That evening, we hosted the “Shining Lights Dinner,” a black-tie event held at the Kempinski, a hotel in Nairobi. William Ruto, the vice president of Kenya, was our guest of honor, and we heard more soul-stirring stories from people helped by CURE. At the dinner, we launched our new campaign, requesting that our guests “step in” with their donations.

We’re excited to see what God does with this campaign, and we look forward to seeing how many lives are influenced and changed because of it! We can’t think of a better way to start the next twenty years of patient care at CURE Kenya.