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Sylvia's Children Expands Access to Care for 1,024 Underserved Ugandan Children with Donations From Henry Schein Cares

HOLMDEL, N. J. -- Sylvia's Children, a New Jersey-based non-profit dedicated to supporting and improving the living conditions for over 1,000 children at the Mbirizi Advanced Primary School in the village of Mbirizi, Uganda, has today announced it has received a sizable donation of health care products, under a grant from the Henry Schein Cares Global Product Donation Program.

Through this program, Henry Schein, Inc., well known for being the world's largest provider of health care products and services to office-based dental, animal health, and medical practitioners, has provided for the past 12 months several health care product donations valued at between \$5,000 and \$25,000 each to Sylvia's Children.

This grant will enable Sylvia's Children to more effectively carry out its mission and expand upon its ability to service the children attending the school, as well as the staff, children's parents, and entire village.

With the help of Henry Schein Cares, access to health care for underserved and at-risk populations is globally possible in the areas of wellness, prevention, treatment and education, emergency preparedness and relief, and capacity building.

"We are absolutely thrilled beyond belief with their generosity," said Sylvia Allen, President and Founder of Sylvia's Children. "It is our hope that we can attract more dentists and dental assistants to join us on future medical trips through this relationship with Henry Schein."

Sylvia's Children's mission since its inception has been to improve the lives of the children at the school by helping to implement and cultivate a self-sustainable economic and entrepreneurial system.

Since launching the organization in 2003, Allen has succeeded in gaining annual sponsorship for many of the orphans, and she has raised over one million dollars, all of which has gone directly to the school since she covers all administrative expenses herself. The organization has constructed a 6,000-square-foot medical clinic, increasing access to health care for both the children and the village at large, in addition to a fresh well, a chicken coop with 4000 chickens, a kitchen, a corn milling building, a sewing facility, new classrooms, housing for teachers and orphans, a fully-stocked library, a playground, a pig farm and more.

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