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## **Nine Minnesota Medical Professionals selected for Medical Trip to Uganda**

**HOLMDEL, N. J.** -- Sylvia's Children, a New Jersey-based non-profit dedicated to supporting and improving the living conditions for more than 1,000 children at the Mbirizi Advanced Primary School in the village of Mbirizi, Uganda, has today announced it has selected nine medical personal (nurses and teachers) from an impressive list of 35 applicants to go on its 2016 "Create a Miracle" Mission Medical Trip, scheduled to take place March 17 – 29, 2016.

The nine participants are all from Minnesota and are graduates or current nursing students of the School of Nursing at Globe University & Minnesota School of Business (GU & MSB) in Minnesota, all of whom submitted applications via video format or letter through a digital media campaign. The hand-selected applicants scheduled to go on the 2016 "Create a Miracle" Mission Medical Trip are the following: Milana Bakay, Prior Lake; Lindsay Correll, Medford; Josh Keller, North Dakota; Lauren O'Laughlin, Eden Prairie; Ashley Ries, Stillwater; Janet Rounsville, Forest Lake; Christina Sprunger, Rochester; Kelsey Wicklund, Woodbury; and Katie Heimer, Apple Valley.

Over the next three months, the chosen applicants and faculty from the School of Nursing at Globe University & Minnesota School of Business in Minnesota have committed to raising \$45,000 in total donations via the GoGetFunding crowdfunding platform. This fundraising campaign will enable them to travel to the Mbirizi School in Uganda and provide quality health care to the students and residents of the village, working in the school's new state-of-the-art medical clinic constructed by Sylvia's Children in 2010. (Link here: <http://gogetfunding.com/medical-miracle-mission-for-sylvias-children-uganda-africa/>)

"We are delighted for this opportunity for our students to make a difference in the world," stated Kendra Saal, Dean of Nursing at Globe University & Minnesota School of

Business. “And, the students put so much heart into their applications. They brought tears to my eyes because they were so passionate about their careers and the trip.”

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

Since launching the organization in 2003, Sylvia Allen, a native of Minnesota and graduate of Edina-Morningside High School and University of Minnesota, has succeeded in gaining annual sponsorship for many of the orphans, and 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 4,000 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. Allen, founder of Sylvia’s Children, said “Each time we plan (and take) a medical trip, we are able to make a greater difference in the clinic, the healthcare for the children and to impact the village. This time we have a member of the GU & MSB faculty who will be designing classes that our medical staff can teach year round. The main topics will be family planning, how to prevent disease and how to plan for healthy eating, taking into considering *their* culture.”

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