

December News Update

Bwindi staff crowns 2009 in style



Bucebe and Maria on the dance floor

After a long year of hard work, the staff of Bwindi Community Hospital took time off to relax and reflect on their achievements ahead of the festive season. There was eating, drinking, dancing and competitions during their annual Christmas party.

At the same occasion, the winner of the poetry competition, lucky dip and staff members of the year were decided and a number of staff received certificates for recognition for their services during the year.

Thank you to Clouds Lodge, Gorilla Forest Camp, Volcanoes and Buhoma Lodge who all donated some excellent prizes for the winners.

Visit from the Patron during festive season



Hon. Amama Mbabazi On a Hospital tour

Hon. Amama Mbabazi spared time to visit the Hospital during the festive season to see the developments that have taken place since his last visit. During his visit, he met some of the Batwa, toured the Hospital and had a brief meeting with some members of the management team. He was very appreciative of what the team from Bwindi have achieved in such a short time and promised to continue supporting the Hospital as a patron. We are very grateful to him for having taken time off his busy schedule to come and pay us a visit during the festive season.

Christmas volunteers



The Berggren family and some members of staff

As others were rushing out of Bwindi to celebrate Christmas with their families, the family of Per Berggren from Sweden were making their way in.

Per, his wife Louise and their three children Sebastian, Olivia and Fredrika spent the week of Christmas giving a face-lift to the Hospital. They repainted and cleaned the children's ward and also planted trees and flowers around the HIV building. They also repainted the patient's kitchen which was so

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much stained with smoke and is now looking great.

The children's ward was the smartest in the month of November and I am afraid, it might retain the title due the work done by this family in the 7 days. We are very grateful to the Berggren family for foregoing a holiday in the festive season and choosing to give BCH a better look.

New projects for the New Year eQuality Health Bwindi

Bwindi Community Hospital has partnered with International Medical Group (IMG) to start an innovative health insurance scheme called eQuality Health Bwindi. The scheme will help the community to help itself by paying for health healthcare before they get sick. Each member of the community aged five and above will be required to make an annual payment of \$3 in order to access healthcare at Bwindi Community Hospital. Community members are being sensitized during outreaches and radio talk shows and the scheme will be operational in February 2010. Please [click here](#) for more information.