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CSI affirms: Passion + Teamwork = Impact



Hope you enjoyed Q1 newsletter, with all the interesting updates. This Issue will highlight important milestones, open doors for new Team members to join, and leave you with a great feeling about CSI's mission. Enjoy reading & Share!

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Giving Citizens a chance to make history

It would be impractical to think ordinary citizens don't have anything valuable to say or contribute to improved maternal and newborn survival in their communities; concerns of high teenage birth rates; general dissatisfaction with their health systems and services; and demanding for better and quality.

As we near the finish-line for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), there is still a lot

of unfinished business in several low- and middle-income countries (LMICs); poverty continues to be the center of all missed targets.

Transitioning to the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Citizens want to be heard, they want their voices to make history in the elimination of preventable maternal mortality (EPMM), rights for women and girls to be realized, and have healthier and productive families too!

Spearheaded by White Ribbon Alliance (WRA), around the world, Citizens were talking. In Tanzania (Malumbano ya Hoja) and Uganda (People's Parliament), <u>Childbirth Survival International</u> joined WRA, international and local organizations, the media, and locals to amplify the Citizens' voices.

The ultimate goal is to have more political will and resources directed towards better health services and information for all, especially at the community level.





Do you know CSI's five priority areas?

- 1. Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (MNCH)
- 2. Reproductive Health/Family Planning (Child spacing)
 - 3. Adolescent Reproductive Care (ARC)
 - 4. In-service training of frontline health workers
 - 5. Community education and empowerment

Visit www.childbirthsurvivalinternational.org for more information.

"If you want to go fast go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

CSI frequently explores more opportunities to establish quality partnerships and collaborations in the US and abroad in order to truly make an impact in the communities served. CSI is a member of the <u>World Health Organization Partnership for Maternal Newborn</u> <u>Child Health</u> and as an organization for the people, CSI strives to go far. CSI is partners and collaborates with <u>White Ribbon Alliance</u> for Safe Motherhood in Tanzania and Uganda, <u>Mt. St. Henry's High School</u> in Mukono Uganda, Profam Royal Clinic in Wakiso, Uganda, & <u>Rotary International</u>. *Take a picture tour with CSI's Team! More pictures <u>here</u>.*



CSI Uganda: St. Henry's High School Executive Director (m) and CSI key note speakers: Girl-child advocate (I) and Career Coach (r).

CSI Uganda: Launch of Keeping Youth Healthy, Alive, & Informed (HAI) program at Mt. St. Henry's Mukono High School.





CSI Uganda Photographer at the maternal newborn conference, Uganda.

CSI Uganda Public Relations Officer at Uganda's first national maternal and newborn health conference. Men are key in reversing preventable maternal and newborn deaths or disabilities.



BIHARAMULO

CSI Tanzania is en route to Biharamulo District (Kagera region) to save lives: maternal newborn survival & health. Read more about <u>upcoming fundraising event</u> <u>on September 12th</u>.

CSI Volunteer facilitates group discussion on reproductive health with students at St. Henry's High School.





Many pregnant women in developing countries can only afford a Midwife for all their health needs and information. Mothers **trust** their Midwives. Midwives in low-resource settings work in challenging conditions, where even basic needs such as clean safe water are absent. Despite the challenges, they still deliver babies and ensure the mother is fine. Recognizing midwives are the real heroes in global efforts to eliminate preventable maternal newborn mortality, it's important to increase resources to aide midwives do the work they love doing. Hats off to all midwives including CSI midwives – Stella Mpanda (Tanzania) and Prossy Nansubuga (Uganda).

International Day of the Midwife ~ 2015

Find CSI <u>here</u>:



Maternal Health Task Force

Why CSI Ambassadors?

When the message needs to move from the planning table, to the designing team, onto the documentation department, to prospective donors, then onto implementing colleagues in the field, to hopeful community members, and back to the world of spectators and donors, only Ambassadors fit this important role.

For their capstone project, Cohort XI graduate nurses at Morgan State University in Maryland developed a Speakers Bureau for CSI, which will create a high quality pool of passionate and talented individuals to be CSI Ambassadors.

Special thanks to Nursing Faculty at Morgan State University: Dr. Annette Snyder (Professor), Dr. Mamie Montague (Program Director), Dr. Kim Sydnor (Dean).

Congratulations and special thanks to the nurses: LaToya Wilson, Florence Oriakhi, Starr Wilson, Richi Tamrakar, and Stella Nnabugwu.

Contact CSI & learn how to become a CSI Ambassador.



Congratulations Cohort XI graduate nurses for a great 2015 capstone project – "Creating a Speakers Bureau for Childbirth Survival International".

Through quality, consistent, and open communication, will, many milestones be reached and surpassed.

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CSI is seeking Volunteers who enjoy:

- 1. Budgeting/Accounting
- 2. Speaking in public
- 3. Travelling
- 4. Writing and editing
- 5. Managing social media
- 6. Planning events
- 7. Fundraising
- 8. Photography
- 9. Videography
- 10. Grant searching

Find application form here.

Volunteers move mountains!



Rotary International funds CSI

Women living on less than \$1 a day are unable to afford purchasing basic medical supplies such as gloves to take with them to the health facility; this increases health facility under-utilization and poor skilled birth attendance. "SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

Through continued partnership with Rotary International, CSI will receive funding from Rotary District 7620, and contribute to Tanzania's efforts of saving lives at birth. CSI will re-visit Amana Hospital in Tanzania and donate childbirth kits, oxytocin, and IV fluids.





Thank You Rotary International!

To support ongoing CSI efforts, you can make a secure online tax deductible contribution





www.childbirthsurvivalinternational.org

More stories, pictures, and updates here:



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What CSI Fundraising

Registration: \$100 (includes 1 raffle ticket) Where: Tanzania Embassy, Washington DC

When: Sept. 12, 2015

Time: 5pm-7pm

Beyond the winding road and into the city and villages of Biharamulo, pregnant women and newborns desperately need health services to survive preventable causes of death and disability. CSI is reaching the unreached.



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