



Team Heart

TEAM HEART HIGHLIGHTS

in a heartbeat

SEPTEMBER 2025



Beating Hearts, Saving Hearts

Starting September 1st, join us!

#CORCYMbeat2025 is back for its fourth year, a global challenge to support Team Heart's mission in Rwanda.

Run, bike, or swim, every mile/km you cover helps provide life-saving cardiac care to those who need it most.

Take part, track your progress, and make an impact.

LEARN MORE AND JOIN THE MOVEMENT



BE A
TEAM HEARTER!

LACE UP THOSE
SHOES AND
START RUNNING
FOR RWANDA
THIS SEPTEMBER!

For the next month, we run, walk, bike, and swim together to support Team Heart's mission in Rwanda - bringing lifesaving cardiac care to those who need it most.

Every mile/km counts. Every heartbeat matters.

Are you ready to move with us?

👉 To learn more and join the challenge now: corcymbeat.corcym.com

DISCOVER THE IMPACT OF YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

Our 7 District Hospital project focuses on mentoring NCD nurses and screening for heart disease. This initiative is led by Nurse Educator and Master Trainer Faustin Mugemanyi, along with Monitoring and Evaluation Lead Lillian Mafende. In October, we will welcome two volunteer sonographers who will join the local teams in Kabagyi and Kibogora for training and screening. While these programs are high-intensity and costly, the benefits to local practices are invaluable. The budget for one screening program over five days is \$3,900, and we have two scheduled in October! We invite you to consider supporting this initiative to help the local team develop their skills and expertise. We truly cannot do this without your help.

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PEOPLE & PLACES TO WATCH

- Board Member, Dr. Joseph Mucumbitisi to represent Rwanda in NYC for the UN High-level meetings! What an honor! Congratulations!
- Ceeya Patton Bolman will travel to Rwanda from late September to early October. She plans to participate in World Heart Day events, attend a screening in western Rwanda with the Ministry of Health, Advocacy initiatives to strengthen care and treatment of RHD 1.) include prophylaxis for treatment of strep throat for a full course of antibiotics 2.) continue penicillin after surgical valve replacement or repair to follow the World Heart Federation guidelines.
- David Adams was invited to serve on the panel at the ASE meeting, September 6-9, for the invited Khandheria Memorial Lecture, "Echo Changes the World". Team Heart Echo Volunteers were there in full force. More than 15 sonographers who have traveled with TH to Rwanda...some more than 5 trips!
- In early October, Martin Zammert, MD, and Amy Fielder, MD are traveling to Liberia to evaluate a developing potential cardiac surgical program there. Afterward, Martin will continue to Ghana and Ethiopia for additional site evaluations.
- On September 10, Rwandan Medical Student Emmanuel Bizimana, defended his thesis in a collaborative project using Virtual Autopsy to review the cause of deaths in women with mechanical cardiac valves. Watch for an announcement where those findings will be shared for discussion. His faculty advisor was Emmanuel Rusingiza, MD and Team Heart lead is Theresa Bagwaneza, RN, MPH.