

On December 11, 2011 a check for \$5000 arrived at the AIDSpirit office from Trish McGonigle and Bill Tokeim. Trish is the youngest daughter of Sister Mary V's cousin, Kay, who recently passed away in Seattle. When Sister stayed with Trish and Bill during Kay's last days and funeral, Sister related the story of AIDSpirit and its various ministries. At the time Bill expressed a desire to make a contribution. It was a wonderful, humbling surprise when Sister saw the amount of the check. What follows is her response and thank you to Trish and Bill.

Dear Trish and Bill,

This letter comes to officially acknowledge the very generous, thoughtful, and wonderful gift that you recently sent to AIDSpirit USA, a \$5000 grant from the Fidelity Charitable Fund made possible through the generosity and recommendation of the McGonigle Tokheim Fund. Wow!

After careful consideration our AIDSpirit board is allocating the funds as follows:

- 1500-Roger's fund
- 2000-Building the new orphanage
- 500-Sickle Cell clinic
- 1000-General Africa fund

The first two allocations are self-explanatory. The next \$500 is enabling us to cover the extra expenses incurred when AIDSpirit sponsored a sickle cell clinic to bring a team of doctors, facilitator, nurses, and counselors to Kayunga, where most of our orphans reside. The Sisters of Charity had given us a \$1000 grant for the sickle cell clinic, but this doesn't cover the cost of providing clean water and lunch to all those attending. A total of 152 were in attendance, most of these children with sickle cell.

We've allocated \$1000 to the general Africa fund to take care of special needs for caring for the children at Tender Mercies. Often they have nutritional and medical needs not covered by their sponsors. As I pen these lines, Terry, our Chairman, asked me to send a moneygram to Uganda to make sure the orphans will be fed during the month break from school. As you can see, donations have an immediate and direct impact on the people we serve.

Please know that you all have a very special remembrance in my daily prayers.

Gratefully, with much, much love,

Sister Mary V Maronick