



*One world, one mission—hope
for the destitute elderly*

GIVE THE GIFT OF SIGHT

Donate to Our Matching Gift Campaign

Eye Camps: New Sight = New Life

**Michael's House announces a \$3,500 Matching Gift Campaign!
Two generous donors have agreed to match, dollar for dollar, all
eye camp donations up to \$3,500 made before October 21, 2018.**

What are Michael's House Eye Camps?

Beginning in 2013, thanks to your generous donations, Michael's House has supported 13 Eye Camps for the destitute elderly in the South Uganda districts of Lwengo, Sembabule, Bukomansimbi and Masaka. **We do not have funding to continue the eye camps. We need your help.**

Led by our care partner, Helen Delaney, our eye camps have screened and provided preventive eye care education for approximately 5,500 elderly residents, treated over 1,510 elderly for eye conditions and brought sight-restoring surgery to 393 patients. The most serious eye problems treated are for cataracts, age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma and trachoma.

Holding the eye camps is a massive effort beginning with radio broadcasts and use of a traveling vehicle with speakers to announce the preliminary screening and education sessions. The eye camps require a large team of dedicated staff working together beginning with community liaison volunteers trained in eye screening and education, local council leaders, district health officers, administrative staff and volunteers, and medical technicians, nurses, and eye doctors. Because of the large coverage area, some patients travel up to 50 miles to attend an eye camp, with the average person traveling 18 miles.



Above: Dativa Nabagala is a widow who was blind for 10 years before traveling to receive vision surgery at a Michael's House eye camp. She was sometimes laughed at because she would relieve herself in the brush in locations which did not offer privacy. She now has her dignity restored and looks forward to weeding her banana plants and planting sweet potatoes to feed herself, her grandchildren and orphans who live with her.

***Make a Gift
Before October
21st and Make
TWICE the
Difference!***

BY CHECK: Make out a check payable to Michael's House, noting "Eye Camp" in the memo field and mail using the enclosed envelope. If using your own envelope, please send to Michael's House Inc., Post Office Box 856, Burtonsville, MD 20866.

ONLINE: Go to our website at www.michaels-house.org. Click on the "Donate Now" button and select either PayPal or Network for Good. If using PayPal, select the donation category "Eye Camps." If donating using Network for Good, type in "Eye Camp" in the text block provided.

Michael's House is a U.S. based 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Won't you Give the Gift of a New Life Through New Sight?

Your donations will provide continued funding of Michael's House Eye Camps that restore sight to the elderly blind. Below are a few who received life-altering treatment because of generous past Michael's House donations.



Why are Eye Camps Needed?

Health care in Uganda is provided by a mishmash of public and private organizations and Uganda is one of the lowest-ranked medical providers by the World Health Organization. The poor and destitute have virtually no way to obtain even the most basic eye care. Our eye camps are free for the destitute and are set-up in locations where no local eye care is available. For most people, the screening in the villages is the first eye exam they have ever received. While we have been successful in treating many elderly in our 13 eye camps, there are so many people we have not reached. They suffer from disabling sight limitations and painful eye infections or conditions which can be successfully treated with medicine.

What Does "New Sight = New Life" Mean?

Improved sight or getting painful eye conditions treated are life altering, and preventive care may stop future blindness. For those who were blind and see for the first time in years, your gift is truly a miracle—it gives them a new life. Total blindness leads to dependence syndrome and poverty. Persons afflicted with debilitating blindness can no longer prepare food or plant and maintain a garden to ward off hunger. Watching these fortunate elderly regain sight is truly a moving experience. Imagine seeing your grandchildren for the first time and being able to cook a family meal! **Make these miracles continue. DONATE NOW and double the benefit of your donation through this matching gift campaign!**