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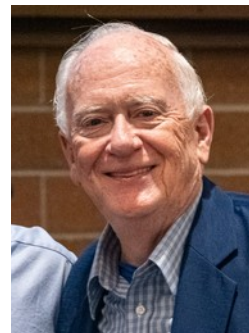
Letter from The Executive Director



As I mark my first year as Executive Director of the Center for Health and Hope, I'm filled with gratitude. Over the past year, I've had the privilege of connecting with many of you—each with your own inspiring connection to the Center's mission. Together, we share a deep commitment to standing with the vulnerable and marginalized, both near and far. At a time when support for federal programs like USAID and PEPFAR is uncertain, your generosity continues to shine as a source of hope and stability. Thank you for your compassion, generosity, and belief in this work.

Justin Levy
Executive Director

Letter from The Chair of The Board



Thanks to our new Executive Director, Justin Levy, and our wonderful donors, 2025 will be a record year. We successfully moved to paid professional full-time leadership and the Center will make more grants than ever before to support and advocate for persons infected and affected by HIV and AIDS around the world. Now, officially retired at age 84, I serve as Chair of the Board and am excited daily about the many ways the Center is reaching out, at the very time when our country is retreating from humanitarian service. The need has never been greater and your assistance more valued.

Dr. Don Messer
Founder and Chair of the Board

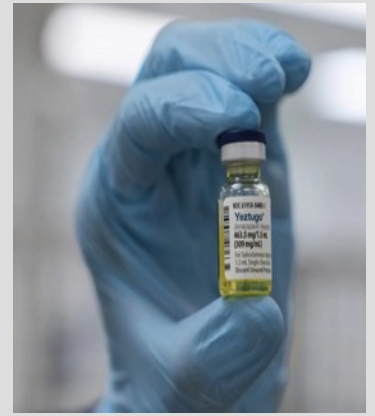
Milestones & Momentum

In 2025, the Center built 15 homes in Kenya, launched an Aging with HIV program in India, and celebrated seven Kenyan college graduates. "My life has truly changed because of your generosity," shared plumbing graduate Eric Kinyuaa. Consider a life-changing gift to the Center this holiday season!



Advancing Global Health Equity in HIV Prevention

There's encouraging news in HIV prevention. Gilead Sciences has developed a new medication that offers six months of protection with a single injection. Even better, the U.S. State Department has announced plans to make this treatment available to up to 2 million people in low and middle-income countries most affected by HIV by 2028. With 1.3 million more people having acquired HIV in 2024 alone (Gates Foundation), this breakthrough HIV prevention shot could not have come at a better time. **The Center's mission is to help those impacted by HIV and AIDS with programs of education, prevention, care, and treatment.**



End of the Year Update - Dec. 3

You are invited to join the Center on Zoom for an end-of-year update from our Executive Director, Justin Levy, and several members of the Center Board and Committee Leaders.

Hear highlights from our recent trip to Kenya and Rwanda, as well as a preview of our upcoming journey to India in January.

To register for either the **9am or 4pm (MST) Wednesday, December 3** Zoom calls, email centerforhealthandhope@gmail.com.



World AIDS Day

The Center is proud to be one of the community organizers of Denver's World AIDS Day observance taking place at Park Hill United Methodist Church on December 1. The program and memorial walk will celebrate the resilience of those living with HIV, while remembering those who have passed. Please join us for this free event that includes a community resource fair with sponsors including It Takes a Village, Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, Vivent Health, and many more.



Inaugural Leadership Award to John Blinn

Having served on the Center's board for over 20 years, Rev. John Blinn was recently honored at the Gathering to H.E.A.L. breakfast in October. John's commitment to fighting HIV and AIDS has led to volunteer service in India, Thailand, Kenya, and Sierra Leone. We are beyond grateful for his many years of service that has benefited countless lives.

Introducing Three New Members of our International Advisory Board

Since the Center's beginning, we have benefited from the vision, experience, and expertise of an International Advisory Board. In 2025, we have added three new voices and perspectives to our team:



Shirley Whipple Struchen (New York) is an honorary life member of the World Association for Christian Communication for service to the cause of ecumenical and interfaith communication.



Ashirafu Tuyishime (Rwanda) lost his parents due to AIDS as a nine-year-old and his life experience has focused his studies and aspirations towards public health and supporting vulnerable children.



Having grown up and studied at a Children's Home in Kolkata, **Mintu Kumar Rai** (India) channels his own journey into a deep commitment to helping others who share similar life experiences.

Liz Scott Joins Board of Directors

A Denver based Radiologic Technologist, Liz recently traveled with the Center to Kenya in July. She is an active member of the Kenya Committee and will be co-chairing the Center's annual Spring is a Time for H.O.P.E. spring brunch. Her compassion and care for others (and animals!) is already contributing greatly to our Board. Welcome Liz!



Gifts that Keep Giving

Visit the Center's Gift Store on our website where you can give gifts this holiday season in honor of friends and loved ones. From addressing period poverty (\$25) in Kenya to tutoring young women (\$70) in India, your gifts from the heart can truly make a difference. Visit centerforhealthandhope.org and click on "Gift Store."



Educate A Child in Kenya
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Introducing the Legacy Circle

Your faithful support over the years has made an incredible difference in the lives of those we serve. Many of our most dedicated friends have chosen to extend their impact by including the Center in their estate plans, ensuring that their values live on for future generations. A gift in your will or trust costs nothing today, but it secures lasting health and hope for tomorrow. We would be honored to welcome you into our Legacy Circle and to celebrate your commitment to a future filled with compassion and care. To learn more, contact Justin Levy at centerforhealthandhope@gmail.com.

Colorado Gives Day is Here

The biggest day of philanthropy in the state (Dec. 9) starts now! Early giving has started and your Colorado Gives Day donation is an opportunity to make a difference in transforming lives both locally and globally. Learn more at coloradogives.org and search for Center for Health and Hope.



On the Horizon

In January 2026, the Center celebrates 20 years as a 501(c)3 and launches a new grief support program in Chennai, India. Events to look forward to include:

Red Concert in Tucson, Mar. 8
benefiting the Center and TIHAN

Spring is a Time for H.O.P.E. brunch
University of Denver, Apr. 11

Swinging@AIDS Golf Tournament
Location/Date, TBD

20th Anniversary Celebration, Sept. 17
Denver Jewish Community Center

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