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Work in Africa honored

Stephanie Van Dyke of Albany is recognized by Points of Light Foundation

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Stephanie Van Dyke of Albany, co-founder of a health clinic in Uganda, has been named a "Daily Point of Light" by the Points of Light Foundation and Volunteer Center National Network, a nonprofit organization in Washington, D.C.



establish the Engeye Health Clinic, which is run by a small group of Americans and Ugandans, working to improve the living conditions and reduce the suffering in rural Africa through education and health care.

The word Engeye means "white monkey" in Ugandan and is Kalule's family clan name.

The clinic and two volunteer houses were constructed last summer at an estimated cost of \$50,000. All the funds came from the volunteer group's personal contributions and donations it collected. Van Dyke contributed \$35,000 she inherited from her grandfather.

During Van Dyke's visit, Kalule helped her adjust to the challenge posed by life in rural Africa.

A visit this spring marked the beginning of a sustainable health care system for the villagers and the next medical mission is scheduled for November. In the meantime, local nurses and physicians will be available to help the people and provide them with treatment.

The Daily Point of Light Award honors individuals and volunteer groups for their commitment to connect Americans through service to help meet critical needs in their communities. It focuses on the goals for children and youth set by the President's Summit for America's Future. Each weekday, one volunteer or volunteer effort in the country receives a Daily Point of Light Award. To nominate a volunteer, go to <http://www.points.oflight.org/awards/dpol/nominate.cfm>.

In 2000, as a volunteer in Katooke Village in rural Uganda, Van Dyke witnessed the urgent need for basic medical care, inspiring her to pursue a career in medicine with the ultimate goal of building and running self-sustaining clinics in Uganda.

Van Dyke and John Kalule, a Ugandan of Ddegeya Village, worked together to

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