Program Update

John and Rachel Clark are driven to prevent rabies in Africa.

So driven in fact that they’ve packed up their kids for a few trips to Malawi, where John grew up, to host rabies vaccination clinics. They started small with administering 500 vaccines a couple of years ago. Last year the popularity of their clinics grew to the point that Rabies Free Africa donated 15,000 doses of the vaccines (given to us by Merck Animal Health) to them so they could vaccinate in many more villages in northern Malawi. This year they are working with the government to form a rabies task force and setting up another vaccination campaign in the summer.

The Clarks own Community Veterinary Clinic in Vero Beach, Florida. While always passionate about Africa (that is where they met), hearing about the Rabies Free Africa program at WSU is what inspired them to start the vaccination clinics in Malawi, now known as Rabies Warriors.

In the News

New joint commitment of GAVI and WSU to eliminate human suffering due to rabies

Guy Palmer receives Excellence in Research Award

AVMA Awards WSU Researcher

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important to our clients too. We even had a client post a Yelp review that said our community involvement is one factor that keeps them returning. That reinforced the idea that being involved in the community makes good business sense and eliminating rabies is the cause that is important to us.”

John and Rachel are hosting a Rally for Rabies Tennis Tournament in Vero Beach in late March to raise support for Rabies Free Africa and they work they do in Malawi. We encourage all our partners to find unique ways to raise money or promote the program – then send us pictures!

Beyond Vaccination
Have you had the chance to meet Dr. Felix Lankester, our director of Rabies Free Tanzania? If not, here is your chance!

Felix will be in Seattle on May 14 and speaking at the Pacific Science Center as part of their Global Health Science in the City Series. He will be sharing how the program started (it involves lions!), what he’s learned from the research and what is next in the drive to eliminate rabies by 2030.

This program is free to the public. We encourage anyone in Seattle on that day to join us.
Tuesday, May 14 from 7-9pm
Pacific Science Center

Registration information will be shared in the April newsletter. In the meantime, mark your calendar for the other speakers from WSU who will be at the Pacific Science Center.
November 12: Fighting Anti-Microbial Resistance on a Global Scale featuring Dr. Tom Kawula

December 10: What’s Next in Global Health Research moderated by Dr. Tom Kawula and featuring WSU graduate students.
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