



TV star, Jesse Spencer, to support the IU Center for Global Health on #GivingTuesday – World AIDS Day

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INDIANAPOLIS—NBC’s Chicago Fire TV star, Jesse Spencer, has committed to help support the IU Center for Global Health and the Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare (AMPATH) program this year on #GivingTuesday by matching dollar-for-dollar every online donation up to \$20,000.

AMPATH is a partnership between Moi University School of Medicine, Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret, Kenya, and eleven North American academic health centers led by Indiana University. Working with Kenya’s Ministry of Health, AMPATH aims to develop an integrated health care delivery system that addresses the medical and social determinants of health. Serving a population of 3.5 million people in western Kenya, AMPATH aspires to reconstitute patients’ lives, not just their health.

This past summer Jesse spent some time in Eldoret where he was able to witness firsthand the impact the AMPATH program is making on hundreds of thousands of lives. Though AMPATH began as a prevention and control model for HIV in 2001, it has continually transitioned its successful HIV approach into a more comprehensive primary health care system. Today, AMPATH still cares for more than 160,000 HIV-positive patients and has reached more than a million people with their perpetual home-based counseling and testing in western Kenya. This year #GivingTuesday falls on World AIDS Day, making it more significant to the AMPATH program.

“I’m thrilled to be helping AMPATH have what is hopefully their most successful Giving Tuesday yet—a wonderful way to celebrate World AIDS Day,” said Jesse. “I was profoundly impacted by the people I met in Kenya, both the AMPATH staff and the kids and families they care for. This is truly an amazing program.”

About AMPATH

Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare (AMPATH) was created in 2001 in response to the HIV crisis in western Kenya. It is built on a partnership between Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital and the Moi University School of Medicine in Eldoret, Kenya, and a consortium of North American academic health centers, led by Indiana University. The partners joined forces to create one of Africa’s largest, most comprehensive and effective HIV/AIDS management and control systems. AMPATH is a formal partner with the United States government through a \$75 million grant from USAID and has continually transitioned its successful HIV approach into a more comprehensive primary health care system. With a tri-partite mission of care, education, and research, AMPATH provides healthcare services to a population of 3.5 million people in western Kenya and focuses on improving the health and wellbeing of the entire population—leaving no one behind. For more information about the AMPATH program, contact Megan Miller at mejmill@iu.edu.

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