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Using head and heart

The ongoing contributions of our staff through the District's Workplace Giving program has amounted to a recent donation of \$100,000 to the Barbara May Foundation.

The District, along with South Western Sydney LHD, have been supporting Barbara May Foundation, and the work of Australians Valerie Browning AM and Dr Andrew Browning to provide maternal health care services and prevent death during child birth.

By giving just one dollar per week, the combined efforts of the Workplace Giving Program have seen donations of more than \$1,000,000 which built a fully equipped, 18-bed maternity hospital in the Afar region of Ethiopia.



Staff donations have contributed to a \$100,000 donation towards a maternity hospital in Ethiopia run by the Barbara May Foundation.

Barbara May Foundation general manager, Joanne Crowley said the recent donations have helped fund the Women's Village Maternity Care program in Mille, Ethiopia, assisting women to give birth safely in their villages and toward the running costs of the soon-to-be-opened Vision Maternity Care Hospital in Barhirdar, Ethiopia.

"The Board of the Barbara May Foundation sincerely thanks the management and staff for the wonderful, ongoing support," Ms Crowley said.

"Our programs in Tanzania and Ethiopia assisted more than 10,000 women last year which has an extremely positive outcome for their families and communities and the enormous contribution of the Workplace Giving Program cannot be overstated."

This month, we will call on our doctors to put their salary to work here, and in Africa as part of the Twice the Doctor campaign.

Just one day of a doctor's salary can help pay for a doctor for one whole month in the developing world, or a nurse for six months.

Tax deductible donations for Twice the Doctor donations can be made at www.twicethedoctor.org.au and all staff can sign up to regular salary deductions on the Intranet at <http://intranet.sswahs.nsw.gov.au/SSWAHS/WGP/default.html>.