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PROJECT NAME: Provision of Hospital Equipment to St. Gerard's Catholic Hospital

LOCATION: Kakuri area of Kaduna South, local government of Kaduna State Northwest of Nigeria

Rotary Club of: Barnawa - Kaduna South D-9120

Summary:

St. Gerard's is managed by the Catholic Archdiocese at Kaduna, Nigeria, serving a population of approximately 750,000 low-income workers and peasant farmers. Medical services to poor and under privileged are provided on a charitable

basis. The hospital has 230 beds and provides primary and secondary healthcare for maternal/child, orthopedic surgeries, x-rays, affordable drugs, physiotherapy, laboratory services and HIV/AIDS programs. Begun in 1957, services to the communities



within Kaduna are provided regardless of ethnicity, religion, creed or color. Equipment and supplies are desperately needed. Those observed throughout the hospital appear to be over 50 years old. Accidents and medical cases are brought to the hospital daily, with

high mortality rates due to the lack of appropriate equipment. The most basic needs include, but are not limited to: 1) A clinical chemistry analyzer and automated hematology analyzer for laboratory testing. 2) An automated ultrasound scanning machine and automated x-ray machine for diagnostics. 3) A Krames/GE 300/325 MAS mobile x-ray machine. 4) A suction machine for surgeries. Additionally, modern instruments, and cotton scrubs and gowns would help provide more sterile conditions.

Project Budget:

No specific cost is given as the equipment/supply needs would likely be met through donations from US hospitals of used equipment.

November 7-18, 2008: The second Rotary Service Development team will return to Kano and Kadura, Nigeria. Approximately six (6) of the 20 members will be M.D.s and RNs who will spend the majority of their time working at St. Gerard's Hospital treating serious wounds



from gunshots, domestic accidents and assaults. Equipment and supplies will be shipped in advance of their arrival.

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