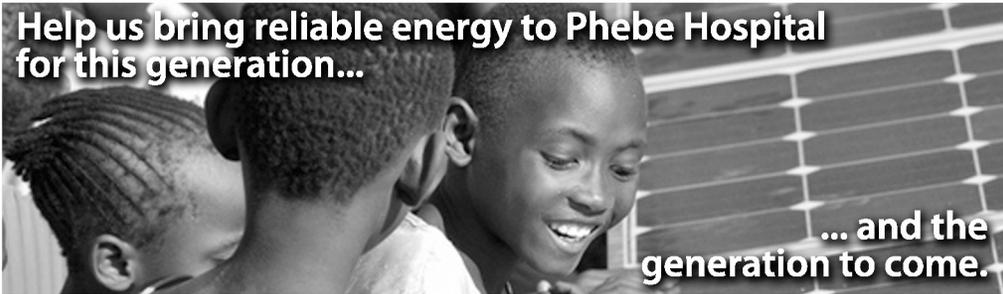


Help us bring reliable energy to Phebe Hospital for this generation...



... and the generation to come.

450,000 people in rural Liberia depend on **Phebe Hospital** for their health care. A **reliable energy** supply is necessary for quality **health care** delivery. In Liberia, where **less than 1%** of the population has access to the electricity grid, generating needed power at **rural hospitals** literally becomes a **life-or-death scenario**.

How the campaign started

In 2012, 17 members of the Women of the ELCA (WELCA) traveled to Liberia to visit and learn from the bold women who mobilized to bring an end to the raging civil war. The group visited Phebe Hospital during their trip. Phebe is powered solely by diesel generators and faces the very real challenge of daily blackouts due to generator failure and fuel disruptions.

Given the very real challenges Phebe Hospital faces, there is one natural solution: solar.



Why Phebe Hospital

Phebe Hospital was co-founded by the Lutheran Church in 1921. Phebe is run solely by diesel generators and consumes over 90,000 gallons of fuel annually. Generator failure and fuel disruptions make campus-wide blackouts a daily reality.

We have a RREAL solution

WELCA passed a resolution to partner with the Renewable Energy Alliance (RREAL) to construct a solar array for Phebe. This sustainable, long-term solution would free up thousands of dollars annually to fight illnesses like Ebola.

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Every minute Phebe Hospital burns two dollars of fuel just to keep its lights on.

That is one gallon of diesel fuel every two and a half minutes.



PV for Phebe FAQ's

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What is the goal?

The project aims to install an array of photovoltaic (PV) solar panels at Phebe that will cover the hospital's daytime energy needs, with energy storage to allow the hospital to function for up to two hours without direct sunlight.

What is RREAL?

The Rural Renewable Energy Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to making solar energy accessible to communities of all income levels. Founded in 2000, RREAL has designed, installed, and managed hundreds of solar installations. RREAL is a pioneer in the use of solar energy to address poverty.

What will it take?

RREAL is working with a variety of foundations, governmental organizations, corporations, and individuals to secure funding for the project.



What is at stake?

Women and children face daunting health care challenges. 42% of children have stunted growth due to disease and malnutrition. Only 26% of births take place in hospitals in rural areas; maternal mortality is measured at 994 deaths per 100,000 live births, and adolescent pregnancy has risen to 32%.

How can I help?

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