

A Little Training Goes a Long Way – A Story from Rwanda

Theoneste, a young boy from Rwanda, was involved in an accident at a young age and was feared to have brain damage. Livine Nisingizwe and Alice Umulisa, volunteers from the Pediatric Learning Initiative, began playing cognitive games with him and providing him with toys to help development.

The Pediatric Learning Initiative helps children develop cognitive abilities and highlights the importance of play in early childhood development. It is managed by Partners in Health Rwanda, an organization supported by PWRDF.

Within days Theoneste's cognitive abilities began to improve and his memory was noticeably better. His mother was so happy to see the improvements and was grateful for the encouraging support of the PLI volunteers.

This training is part of PWRDF's All Mothers and Children Count (AMCC) program, which receives a 6:1 funding match from Global Affairs Canada. Many health care workers at PIH Rwanda are getting extra support to improve the lives of women and children. PWRDF's AMCC program has helped to revolutionize health care in Rwanda and along with Partners in Health has saved the lives of hundreds of mothers and children in the country.