



Giving Tuesday is December 3

Mara was married and became pregnant while still in her teens. As is the local custom in Niger - and because maternal health services are not easily accessible - Mara planned to deliver her baby at home. But her labor was obstructed and her labor lasted for several days. She had no obstetric care, no pain medication and no way of making the birth occur. Her child was stillborn. The pressure of the baby's head wedged deep in her pelvis had crushed the delicate tissues at the base of her bladder and created a hole - a fistula. Mara was always wet from the constant drip of urine. She smelled bad. Her husband forced her out and she was shunned from her community. She was alone until she had surgery at the Danja Fistula Center. Now Mara has rejoined her family and her community.

This holiday season the Worldwide Fistula Fund has joined charities across the country for Giving Tuesday. This first of its kind event is a united effort to change how people think about, talk about and participate in the giving season. Giving Tuesday offers each of us an opportunity to give back to those who are less fortunate. By donating to Worldwide Fistula Fund you will help women across Africa who are plagued by obstetric fistula. Many of these women arrive having been ostracized from their villages for decades. Your donation would go towards helping these women end obstetric fistula.

Giving Tuesday is officially December 3, but Worldwide Fistula Fund helps women 365 days a year. Links to donate to the Worldwide Fistula Fund can be found below. Spreading the word of Worldwide Fistula Fund and Giving Tuesday to loved ones and friends is like donating twice. Worldwide Fistula Fund has some of the most amazing supporters. Help us, help them!



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