



GLOBAL HEALING

# ANNUAL REPORT 2015



A mother with her infant at the **Jo Ann Medical Center (JAMC)**. Pediatric cardiac surgery relies on safe blood for transfusion, which motivates our continued support of the **JAMC Blood Bank** and national blood safety efforts in the Republic of Georgia.

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Front cover image: Global Healing volunteer Vera Komisarjevsky, RN, with nurses from her training cohort in Vietnam.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am very pleased to present the 2015 Annual Report, my first since joining Global Healing as President in November 2015. As we begin our third decade of service to those in need, we have many accomplishments on which to reflect, and many more exciting programs before us as we work with our partners to improve access to high quality medical care worldwide.

Going forward, Global Healing will continue to deliver knowledge and expertise to address critical healthcare issues, providing training and resources including medical equipment & technology. Our programs respond to local need, connecting volunteer medical professionals to their counterparts in developing countries and building sustainable local capacity to provide advanced medical care that is affordable and accessible to all. We will continue to expand our reach using the distance learning tools that we piloted in 2015 in Georgia and Latin America.

However, the world is changing around us and we must keep up. Since 2000, 32 countries have moved from being considered “Low Income” (per capita GDP up to \$1005) to “Lower Middle Income” status (per capita GDP up to \$3975) thanks to a period of unprecedented economic growth. **A consequence of this is that three-fourths of the world’s poor people (income <\$2 per day) now live in lower-middle and middle-income countries. Yet, as countries experience economic growth, they lose access to**



**development funding that would enable them to advance standards of healthcare beyond the most basic level.** These countries can meet basic public health needs, but often lack the training and resources to treat more complex, life-threatening conditions. Those, like ourselves, who seek to help them, face ever-growing funding challenges as development aid continues to focus almost exclusively on low-income countries.

In the next year we will begin an exciting collaboration with **St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital** to start a pediatric oncology center at the **Jo Ann Medical Center** in Tbilisi, Georgia. When completed this project will be able to treat and cure hundreds of children with cancer. We will continue our work in Roatán and, in collaboration with our **University of California** partners, develop new interventions that will benefit children there and throughout Honduras. We will extend our work in Vietnam to bring training and best practices in pediatric care to the satellite hospitals of the **National Hospital for Pediatrics**. And, we will complete the development of a state-of-the-art blood bank at the **Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais**, Haiti, in collaboration with **Partners in Health**.

Please join us as we strengthen health care and make life better for people around the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John J. Donnelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

John J. Donnelly, PhD  
President

# BY THE NUMBERS

Global Healing volunteer Dr. Evelyn Porter of the University of California San Francisco (at left) during a training session at the National Hospital of Pediatrics in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Global Healing worked in **5** countries

**35** volunteers in 2015

**\$614,800** in donated professional services in 2015

**91%** of expenses dedicated to delivering programs

**2,600** patient visits at the RVPC in 2015

# OUR MISSION

We aim for sustainable development of healthcare services to improve access to care for people in developing countries. We have over twenty years' experience developing successful medical programs in the fields of pediatrics, cardiac surgery, blood transfusion and laboratory medicine in Georgia, Armenia, Honduras, Dominica, Moldova, Haiti, Ukraine, and Vietnam.

## OUR MODEL

We work with all sectors of society: private businesses in the United States and abroad, local governments, healthcare

providers, educators, and private citizens to facilitate sustainable improvements in access to life-saving healthcare in the countries where we work. We promote the use of current best practices and evidence-based medicine by all of our partners. The volunteers who help to develop our programs and provide training and technical support to our partners, and the donations that provide needed medical equipment and operational funds, are the lifeblood of our work. We select our program activities based on medical need, public health impact, and the potential to create enduring improvements in access to healthcare.





## NATIONAL HOSPITAL OF PEDIATRICS

HANOI, VIETNAM

Simulation rounds at the NHP.

Located in the capital city of Hanoi, the **National Hospital of Pediatrics (NHP)** sits atop the northern region of Vietnam's pyramid-style healthcare system, made up of numerous health centers at the commune level that feed into district and then provincial level hospitals. Sick children from across the region are referred through each level, finally reaching the **NHP** when they are most critically-ill and in need of advanced care.

The **NHP** is committed to providing these children with the highest level of care, and Global Healing is helping them reach this goal. Two training trips in 2015 improved the clinical skills of staff in the **NHP** Emergency Department (ED), enabled the creation of hospital protocols and facilitated more effective communication between nurses and physicians. Program modules, overseen by medical lead **Dr. Colin Partridge** of the **University of California San Francisco (UCSF)**, included hands-on training, lectures, simulations and ED department rounds. Using the Training-of-Trainers model, our volunteers worked directly with staff at **NHP** and identified leaders who will replicate these trainings at their 12 satellite hospitals. **Drs. Evelyn Porter** and **Jeffrey Bullard-Berent** of **UCSF** trained ED physicians and between trips helped guide the development of hospital

protocols; **Vera Komisarjevsky**, RN of the **University of Southern Maine** made two trips to Vietnam to lead training modules for ED nurses.

Protocols for the assessment and management of acute asthma in children, successfully developed and implemented at the **NHP** with the help of the Global Healing team, were being adopted at the provincial level hospitals by the fall of 2015, a promising step as we work to scale the impact of our program. We also began developing protocols for antibiotic usage at **NHP** that, when adopted across the healthcare system, will help reduce the burden of antimicrobial-resistant infections in Vietnam's youngest and most vulnerable patients. Post-training assessments in 2015 demonstrated increased competency among participants, and evaluations revealed that 95% of participants felt that the training would lead to improved care for children at the **NHP**.

*Our program in Vietnam is made possible through a generous three-year grant from **Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC)**.*

[www.RMHC.org](http://www.RMHC.org)

# ROATÁN VOLUNTEER PEDIATRIC CLINIC

## HONDURAS

Global Healing continued to provide free outpatient care for children in Roatán, Honduras in 2015. We staffed the **Roatán Volunteer Pediatric Clinic (RVPC)** with full-time Honduran pediatrician **Dra. Karla Cerritos**, and our rotational program offered support for patient visits. Eighteen residents, attendings and Health Education & Advocacy Liaisons (HEAL) interns donated their time to provide care for the children of Roatán. One of these volunteers, resident **Christine Nelson** from **Baylor College of Medicine**, said of her time in Honduras: “I loved the experience Global Healing provided. I felt as if I was able to help patients and contribute to the community. Every day the patients provided me with an opportunity to learn something new, with the support from Dra. Cerritos and other clinicians to guide me if I had any questions or doubts.”



Left: Dra. Karla Cerritos and volunteer Christine Nelson. Right: A patient at the RVPC.



Additional support came from our volunteers **Armando Sanchez** and **Enrique Tomé**, who provided surgical care for children referred to the **Public Hospital Roatán** through the **RVPC**. In total, the clinic provided 2,600 outpatient visits for children in 2015.

While we continued to provide direct patient care in 2015, we also worked to expand the impact of our program beyond the walls of the clinic by building an interdisciplinary program in Roatán in collaboration with **Medic Mobile** (a San Francisco-based company working to improve health outcomes globally through innovative technology) and multiple campuses of the **University of California**. As part of this program, **UCSF** student **Trevor Brooks** began his research study on the diagnosis of dengue at the **Public Hospital Roatán**, a project funded by an individual grant from the **Doris Duke Foundation**. Mosquito-borne tropical diseases affect the population living on the island, and the aim of this study is to improve the diagnosis and treatment of dengue and other related infections in settings with extremely limited healthcare resources.



# NATIONAL BLOOD SAFETY REFORM

## THE REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA

In 2015, we continued collaboration at both the local and national level to improve blood safety in Georgia. With our support, the **Georgian National Center for Disease Control and Public Health (NCDC)** completed a draft strategy plan for blood safety 2016-2020, designed to bring their services in line with EU standards. The document provides a timeline and step-by-step process to achieve milestones such as increasing the number of voluntary, non-remunerated blood donors and implementing quality control measures nationwide.

Global Healing facilitated hands-on trainings in November for representatives from the **Georgian NCDC** and staff at the **Jo Ann Medical Center Blood Bank** to complement legislative efforts. **Ülo Lomp**, Donorship Development Director of **North Estonia Medical Centre's Blood Centre**, worked with our Georgian colleagues, providing training on blood donor recruitment and retention. **JAMC** staff travelled to Lithuania to participate in trainings covering topics in blood bank management, quality management and donor databases, led by **Edita Vilutyte** of the **Lithuanian National Blood Center**. Trainings like these are intended to position the **JAMC Blood Bank** as a national leader and training center as policy changes are implemented across Georgia.

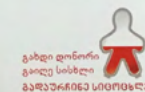
In 2015, we also expanded our blood safety efforts in Georgia to include a distance learning curriculum. Our nine-part series of interactive webinars on Quality Management and Good Manufacturing Practices was conducted in the fall by **Ruth Sylvester**, Director of Regulatory Services for **America's Blood Centers**, and reached 118 participants representing institutions across the country. Through online learning tools, we were able to engage a national audience in 2015, begin working towards the alignment of practices across all blood banks in Georgia and lay the groundwork for the successful implementation of nationwide blood safety standards.



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# HÔPITAL UNIVERSITAIRE DE MIREBALAIS

HAITI

2015 marked the third year of our program in Haiti. Through collaboration with **Zanmi Lasante**, the local sister organization of **Partners in Health**, we are working to develop a self-sufficient blood service at the **Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais (HUM)**. Our program is responding to the limited blood supply and need for safe blood products in Haiti, a problem that can be devastating in the face of high demand. This past

year, the **HUM Blood Bank** has added an additional technician to meet a growing need for blood products as the hospital increases its capacity to provide care.

In 2015 our medical team was busy fostering further development of hospital staff to increase the production of much-needed blood products. **Benjamin Rioux-Massé** of the **Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal**,

medical lead for our Haiti program, provided a series of lectures on topics in transfusion medicine to emergency department (ED) and internal medicine physicians, residents and nursing staff at the hospital. Beyond building clinical skills for existing staff, these training sessions prepared **HUM** nurse educators to take charge of transfusion medicine training for additional staff after the close of our program. Global

Healing volunteer **Sharron Zimmerman** (MT(ASCP) SBB) worked with blood bank technicians, providing hands-on training in quality management principles and successfully facilitating the blood bank's milestone first production of platelets in October.

With our volunteer medical team providing in-person training, we also incorporated a distance learning component to continue staff development between trips. **Héma-Québec** generously provided three **HUM Blood Bank** staff with access to their online immunohematology training tools to promote the safe collection and use of blood.

*Our program in Haiti is made possible through a generous grant from the **Izumi Foundation**.*

Left: Our volunteers guide **HUM Blood Bank** staff in the production of platelets.



# NATIONAL BLOOD SAFETY REFORM

## UKRAINE

During 2015 we successfully completed our final year working to improve blood safety in Ukraine in partnership with the **American International Health Alliance**, with sponsorship from the **United States Center for Disease Control**. We provided both online learning and hands-on training to enable the sustainable transfer of knowledge between our stateside team, Ukrainian blood bank professionals and government representatives. In January, Global Healing volunteer **Bob Lalonde** conducted an online training on the recognition and treatment of donor adverse events in accordance with EU standards. The webinar reached 22 participants representing blood centers across Ukraine. He also traveled to Zhytomyr, Ukraine in April to provide a Training-of-Trainers workshop for those who were unable to attend online. The workshop focused on donor management and the implementation of basic quality management principles, with an emphasis on collecting and applying data toward continuous improvement. Together, these trainings are intended to ensure the sustainability of improved blood collection practices and donor care across the country.



Above, training participants summarize the results of a Continuous Quality Improvement exercise that uses case studies based on real errors made in a U.S. blood center.

## REGIONAL AND GLOBAL INITIATIVES

### LATIN AMERICAN BLOOD SAFETY WEBINARS



In collaboration with the **Grupo Cooperativo Iberoamericano de Medicina Transfusional (GCIAMT)** and with support from **Abbott Laboratories**, we facilitated our first Spanish language webinars in October 2015. While many of our programs now incorporate distance learning components, this was our very first all-digital initiative aimed at improving blood safety on a multi-national level. More than 120 participants representing sixteen countries across Latin America attended our blood safety webinars in 2015. Safe blood and blood components are critical to providing quality healthcare. The countries participating in our webinar series are committed to establishing supplies of safe blood to make life-saving procedures possible and ensuring that patients remain healthy after receiving blood transfusions. The series of twenty-five presentations will run through 2016 and will cover topics in transfusion medicine, from quality management to improving efficiency by estimating the real need for blood products. We are grateful to all the speakers who presented in 2015 and look forward to reaching an even broader audience as the series continues.



Attendees at the 2015 International Blood Safety Forum.

# REGIONAL AND GLOBAL INITIATIVES

## 2015 INTERNATIONAL BLOOD SAFETY FORUM WASHINGTON, D.C.

“The International Blood Safety Forum was excellent. The day was packed with speakers that provided updates on a wide variety of efforts that are ongoing throughout the world. The speakers did a great job framing the efforts and future challenges as PEPFAR dollars reduce. I was fortunate to be able to volunteer with Global Healing last year and am very interested in other efforts underway.”

-Ruth D. Sylvester (pictured above right)

Director of Regulatory Services at **America’s Blood Centers**

A unique event and the second of its kind, the 2015 International Blood Safety Forum focused on building support for blood safety efforts around the world. **America’s Blood Centers** and Global Healing co-hosted the event with sponsorship from **Helmer Scientific**. The Forum brought together representatives from the **United States Military, United States Center for Disease Control**, community blood banks, biomedical companies and international organizations to share best practices, improve efficiency and establish blood safety reform as a priority within international

development. As funding from The President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) has shifted from blood safety reform efforts to HIV diagnostic testing and treatment, it has become more important than ever for stakeholders to work together to find new ways to continue funding efforts to strengthen blood systems worldwide.

The 2015 Forum provided a mechanism for this collaboration which has already resulted in the development of a preliminary strategy for increasing visibility of and funding for international blood safety efforts. We believe that continued collaboration between North American blood banks, U.S. government agencies and the general public will enable this live-saving work to continue and grow in a new era of development priorities. The International Blood Safety Forum will continue to provide an important venue through which to achieve this goal.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: VERA KOMISARJEVSKY

**Vera Komisarjevsky** (RN, MS, ACNP-BC) took her first training trip with Global Healing in October 2014 and has since traveled to Vietnam three times to volunteer her services at the **National Hospital of Pediatrics (NHP)** in Hanoi. When not volunteering with Global Healing, Vera works as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner at **Maine Medical Center**.

**Vera** credits her mother with instilling in her from a young age the importance of serving others. When she and her husband traveled to Vietnam in 2010, she fell in love with the country and its people, and knew that she wanted to return as a volunteer. After serving in a nursing school in Hanoi and at an orphanage in Nam Dinh province, **Vera** found out about Global Healing's nurse training program at the **NHP** and jumped at the opportunity to get involved. She has been amazed by the dedication, generosity, and warmth of the doctors and nurses with whom she has worked in Hanoi, and has been gratified to see the changes which have taken place since her first trip in 2014. **Vera** says that volunteering with Global Healing "has been one of the best experiences of my life. I have gained so much from volunteering at **NHP** and I'm very grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the training there."

Vietnam medical lead, **Dr. Colin Partridge**, values **Vera's** contributions to the program at **NHP** and notes that **Vera** has "made the nursing staff just blossom," particularly with her emphasis on personal empowerment of nurses. According to Colin, her trainings have created a whole new dynamic to the program.

**Vera** has endeared herself to **NHP** staff both inside and outside the hospital; in addition to her nurse training, we hear her karaoke skills have made her a "hit" in Hanoi! We are so grateful for all the expertise and energy she brings to our program in Vietnam.



Upper Right: **Vera** celebrates a successful training with the nursing cohort at **NHP**.

Right: **Vera** discusses patient cases during training in the ICU.

# A CAUSE TO CELEBRATE

## GLOBAL HEALING'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Global Healing had the opportunity to celebrate twenty years of life-saving work in 2015. We gathered long-time volunteers, donors, supporters and partners at the **University of California, San Francisco Cardiovascular Research Institute** in May to reflect on the achievements we have made together and to celebrate the lives that have been touched by our work. Attendees included volunteers and partners from across our program sites in Haiti, Honduras, Vietnam, Moldova, Armenia, Ukraine, Dominica and Georgia.

The event was also an opportunity to showcase our current programs. We began our first training program in Tbilisi, Georgia in 1994, enabling local surgeons to provide the first-ever pediatric cardiac surgery in the entire Caucasus region. The program expanded to include adult cardiac surgery and in 1999 we helped establish a blood bank at what was by then known as the **Jo Ann Medical Center (JAMC)**. These very first collaborations laid the

foundation for future programs, which include efforts in eight countries to improve blood banking systems, pediatric care and engagement in innovative research.

Twenty years after her surgery, a former **JAMC** patient named Keti joined us at our event to speak about how Global Healing directly affected her life. Born with a congenital heart defect, she would not have survived before Global Healing helped to train surgeons to perform cardiac surgeries at the JAMC. Now living a full and healthy life, she shared her story and provided living testimony to the impact of our programs. We are grateful to everyone who came out to share this special event with us and look forward to another twenty years of improving healthcare around the world together.

*Many thanks to **Pyramid Brewery** and **Honig Winery** for sponsoring our event.*



Left: Global Healing volunteers with **Jo Ann Medical Center** surgeons and staff in 1996. Right: our Georgian partners were among friends who joined us in San Francisco to celebrate twenty years of improved care through collaboration.



She's all smiles during her visit to the Roatán Volunteer Pediatric Clinic (RVPC) in Honduras.

Photo credit: Rudi Cruz

# GLOBAL HEALING LOOKING FORWARD

## 2016 AIMS & OBJECTIVES

### GLOBAL & REGIONAL INITIATIVES

- Complete Transfusion Medicine Webinar series for Latin America in collaboration with the **Grupo Cooperativo Iberoamericano de Medicina Transfusional**.
- Plan for 2017 International Blood Safety Forum (March 24, 2017) in collaboration with **America's Blood Centers**.

### GEORGIA

- Complete the **Georgia National Blood Safety Initiative**.
- Begin development of a Pediatric Oncology program at the **Jo Ann Medical Center** in collaboration with **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**.

### HAITI

- Complete blood bank training at **Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais**.
- Plan new blood bank training program in collaboration with the **Haitian Red Cross** and **Swiss Red Cross**.

### HONDURAS

- Support the work of the **Roatán Volunteer Pediatric Clinic** to improve pediatric care in the Bay Islands.
- Develop a new project to test SMS messaging to promote exclusive breastfeeding in collaboration with **UC Davis**, **UC San Francisco**, and **Medic Mobile**.

### VIETNAM

- Support the work of the trainers we have trained at the **National Hospital for Pediatrics (NHP)** to transfer their knowledge to provincial hospitals in the **NHP** network.
- Help the **NHP** to develop a standardized protocol for antibiotic use to help address the growing problem of antimicrobial resistant infections in Vietnam.

# 2015 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	2015	2014	2013
<b>Revenue</b>			
Contributions and grants	\$65,483	\$79,798	\$62,606
Net assets released from restrictions	\$31,002	\$25,955	-
In-kind contributions	\$406,617	\$550,678	\$585,287
Interest and dividends	\$101,136	\$125,958	\$97,590
Realized investment gains (losses)	\$54,309	(\$42,287)	\$76,948
Unrealized investment gains (losses)	(\$84,480)	\$121,818	\$154,617
Fee for Service Income	\$7,258	\$32,239	\$126,765
<b>Total revenue and support</b>	<b>\$581,325</b>	<b>\$894,159</b>	<b>\$1,103,813</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Program Expenses	\$761,005	\$967,351	\$944,289
General and Administrative	\$41,981	\$93,264	\$49,728
Fundraising	\$31,598	-	-
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$834,584</b>	<b>\$1,060,615</b>	<b>\$994,017</b>
<b>Recovery of approved grants</b>	<b>\$101,744</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets</b>			
Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets	(\$151,515)	(\$166,456)	\$109,796
Increase (decrease) in temporarily restricted net assets	(\$28,095)	(\$24,984)	\$81,406
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(\$179,610)	(\$191,440)	\$191,202
Net assets at beginning of year	\$2,866,260	\$3,057,700	\$2,866,498
<b>Net assets at end of year</b>	<b>\$2,686,650</b>	<b>\$2,866,260</b>	<b>\$3,057,700</b>



# BALANCE SHEET

	2015	2014	2013
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$520,396	\$536,937	\$167,898
Investments	\$1,138,573	\$1,881,921	\$2,448,359
Grants and pledges receivable	\$23,934	\$48,332	\$33,333
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$11,382	\$206	\$13,076
Total current assets	\$1,694,285	\$2,467,396	\$2,662,666
<b>Non-current assets:</b>			
Grants and pledges receivable, net	-	\$15,709	\$48,072
Loan receivable	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Total non-current assets	\$1,000,000	\$515,709	\$548,072
	<b>\$2,694,285</b>	<b>\$2,983,105</b>	<b>\$3,210,738</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>			
<b>Current liabilities:</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$1,811	\$1,162	\$2,512
Accrued payroll liabilities	\$5,824	\$1,107	\$1,685
Grants payable	-	\$114,576	\$148,841
Total current liabilities	<b>\$7,635</b>	<b>\$116,845</b>	<b>\$153,038</b>
<b>Net assets</b>			
Unrestricted	\$2,658,323	\$2,809,838	\$2,976,294
Temporarily restricted	\$28,327	\$56,422	\$81,406
Total net assets	<b>\$2,686,650</b>	<b>\$2,866,260</b>	<b>\$3,057,700</b>
<b>Liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$2,694,285</b>	<b>\$2,983,105</b>	<b>\$3,210,738</b>

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Grants & Research Intern (through Spring 2015)



**Spencer Liem**  
Program Intern (through Fall 2015)



**Luke Ifland**  
President (through August 2015)  
After eight years of service to Global Healing including five years as president, this year Luke left his position to further develop his career in Global Health. Under his leadership, our organization grew to support both regional and national-scale programs in blood safety and pediatrics. In 2013, he established the biennial International Blood Safety Forum. A firm believer in collaboration, he was able to establish strategic partnerships to support Global Healing's mission of improving healthcare in low- and middle-income countries. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.



**Christina Harris**  
Program Manager (through August 2015)



**Nina Renata Aron**  
Program Manager (through May 2015)



**Rithika Verma**  
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# GLOBAL HEALING BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Cindy Basso, Esq.**

Member, Board of Directors  
(through September 2015)

After twenty-two years of unwavering support for our programs and the development of health systems around the world, this year Cindy Basso stepped down from the Global Healing Board of Directors to pursue her law practice and work with other nonprofits. She helped build the organization from a single program site to reach more than eight countries across multiple disciplines. Driven by the belief that our support should include not only training, but the equipment and materials needed to provide quality medical care, she was able to negotiate contributions of medical equipment and financial support from a number of biomedical companies. She was also responsible for securing the organization's endowment, enabling Global Healing to provide grants and continue building programs around the world. We are deeply grateful for all she has done to help those in need of medical care and look forward to continuing the momentum she has given to our organization.

"For 22 years Global Healing has been a big part of my life and passion. None of [our] accomplishments...would have been possible without the exceptional volunteers that served with me over the years. I am forever indebted to all the individuals who contributed as trainers, advisors, board members, and team members. It has been my pleasure working with everyone over the years. Also my family, both immediate and extended, lived and breathed Global Healing...I feel that after 22 years I am leaving Global Healing strong and successful. I am proud to have been part of Global Healing for 22 years." -Cindy Basso



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# 2015 VOLUNTEERS

## GEORGIA

Ruth Sylvester, MT(ASCP)SBB, CLS

## HAITI

Benjamin Rioux-Massé, MD  
Sharron Zimmerman, MT(ASCP)SBB, CLS

## UKRAINE

Bob Lalonde, MT(ASCP), CLS

## VIETNAM

Jeffrey Bullard-Berent, MD  
Vera Komisarjevsky, RN, MS, ACNP  
Colin Partridge, MD, MPH  
Evelyn Porter, MS, MD

## HONDURAS

Trevor Brooks  
Jeremy Dehn  
Alice Gruber, RN  
Howard Gruber, MD  
Sabrina Nihsen

### Local Staff

Karla Cerritos, MD, Pediatrician  
Marjorie Davis, RN  
Armando Sanchez, MD  
Enrique Tome, MD



Dr. Evelyn Porter leads a physician training at the National Hospital of Pediatrics in Hanoi.

### Attendings

Simone Bennett, MD  
Brenda Mendizabal, MD  
Diane Siegel, MD

### HEAL Student Interns

Meghan Ahern  
James Lee  
Juliet Nussbaum  
Marjorie Pernia  
Justin Rice

### Residents

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Jenny Damman, MD  
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