



ANNUAL REPORT

#### **MISSION**

We train medical professionals across the globe to improve pediatric health care utilizing sustainable resources.

#### **VISION**

A world where all children have access to quality health care.



#### **VALUES**

Accountability: Demonstrate transparency and integrity in all endeavors.

**Empowerment**: Support and value all contributions to promote creative and sustainable solutions.

Collaboration: Build and promote mutual enrichment through

the exchange of cultural values and practices.

**Excellence**: Commit to providing the highest quality health care training.

Respect: Recognize all persons are worthy of dignity, empathy, and understanding.

### MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO: RENEWED VIGOR & OPTIMISM IN BUILDING FOR A BETTER FUTURE

I am honored to present Global Healing's Annual Report for 2022, my first since assuming the role of CEO. The past three years have been a bumpy ride, with the COVID-19 pandemic causing disruptions to our volunteer work and a significant decline in funding through grants and private donations. However, Global Healing was fortunate in that it did not share the same fate as so many other global health nonprofits. In spite of numerous challenges, we have been able to maintain our core program sites active without interruption. Because medical professionals in the US have not been able to volunteer as much as they had prepandemic, Global Healing has looked at alternative ways to continue training and increase support for our medical professionals as well as patients at our program sites. This support has come in the form of online workshops, sponsorship of local medical volunteers, grants to local programs, and the provision of donated medical equipment where it has been most needed.



Sarah Fernández, Global Healing Chief Executive Officer

Looking ahead, we are optimistic that 2023 will see a resurgence in international cooperation between our volunteers and partners abroad. Our ongoing collaboration with partners at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will contribute to the delivery of the best possible care at Jo Ann University Hospital's new Pediatric Oncology center, further enhancing JAUH's reputation as a center of excellence in pediatric care within the Caucasus region. We are also excited to continue our partnership with the University of California to establish more structured volunteer programs for medical residents within the Roatán Volunteer Pediatric Clinic and the Public Hospital of Roatán, and will also expand our support for the construction of a new hospital for the island.

I extend my deepest gratitude to the volunteers and donors who have been steadfast in their support. Your dedication, compassion and generosity are the driving force behind our mission. Please stay connected with us through our newsletters, social media platforms, and volunteer opportunities. Your continued involvement is invaluable as we work towards a healthier, more equitable future for all.

Sincerely,

## ROATÁN



Global Healing conducted a study and found Public Hospital Roatán's hand hygiene compliance was at a dismal rate of 3.9% that can lead to deadly infections. With the hard work and determination of Dr. Elham Mandegari and funding from the Izumi Foundation, in less than a year hand hygiene compliance reached a rate of 64% among hospital staff. Despite water shortages, this has been an important indicator of success of Dr. Mandegari's training program, which trained over 240 nurses, 60 doctors, 10 lab technicians and two social workers who in turn taught over 100 patients in basic hand hygiene practices.

In May 2022, Dr. Nehali Mehta, a UCSF Pediatric Neurology Fellow, presented a newborn neurological exam training via Zoom to the pediatric, ER, and nursing staff at the Public Hospital Roatán. It was attended by 12 hospital staff members, as well as staff from nearby Clínica Esperanza. Volunteer nurse Barbara Jean Stowe also educated the staff on risk factors for newborn hypoglycemia and demonstrated how to use the glucometer to check an infant's glucose level. Global Healing and Dr. Eric Scher have been providing equipment for this diagnostic to be implemented. In addition, Dr. Scher trained staff on the use and rational for AED to ER staff and saved the lives of 6 patients.





Dr. Eric Scher mobilized supporters in donating 5 bilirubin beds used to treat newborns with jaundice. The beds were donated by Marin Health Medical Center with the help of the nursing director of the Women, Infants, and Children unit, Anne Lupus. The devices were transported by Dr. Amy White Hockenbrock, a family care practice physician from Berkley and Keturah Prescott. The Public Hospital Roatán did not have any other working phototherapy lights to treat this condition, so this donation served a critical need for families and their newborns in Roatán.



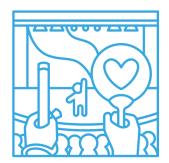




In November 2022, Global Healing sponsored a surgical brigade led by Dr. Karla Cerritos, Pediatrician and Coordinator of Global Healing's Roatán Volunteer Pediatric Clinic (RVPC) and Dr. Enrique Tomé, Pediatrician and Pediatric Surgeon from Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The team of 15 doctors, nurses and surgical technicians scheduled 20 pediatric surgeries over 4 days. However, 9 patients were infected with COVID-19, so the medical brigade performed 11 life enhancing surgeries over 3 days.

Global Healing is excited to support and commit initial seed money of \$15,000 and fundraising support for the first of four phases in building the New Bay Islands Hospital. The first phase will be a Hospital Master Plan that includes details of the project, such as the needs assessment, architecture and construction, equipment sourcing, staffing, and more. This phase is expected to cost about \$100,000, and is necessary to secure multinational funding, which will be administered by the NGO created for this purpose, and overseen by Global Healing.





Congratulations and a big thank you to Dr. Eric Scher, dedicated volunteer nurse Barb Stowe, Johnny Sansone, and everyone who attended and donated towards our benefit concert in the summer of 2022 at Grand Central Cafe in Petaluma, CA.

Over \$9,000 were raised towards a fellowship program that provides fair pay and training to young Honduran doctors. "I have a strong desire to merge music and humanity, to engage and bring people together to help make a difference in the world," Dr. Scher said.

## **GÉORGIA**



Jo Ann Medical Center has officially partnered with the European University of Georgia and has been renamed Jo Ann University Hospital (JAUH), the first University-associated hospital in Georgia. The University is an excellent partner, as both share a similar vision in improving medical outcomes in Georgia through quality medical education. Sharing resources with the University, JAUH now has the possibility to grow much faster and Global Healing's decision to completely write off the \$1 million no-interest loan and turn it into a grant and has allowed the project to make significant leeway towards building the first pediatric oncology center in the country.





In a continued effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Global Healing, with the assistance of AvMEDICAL, was able to donate a large shipment of over 120,000 KN95 masks to different healthcare centers in Tbilisi. About 40% of the adult population in Georgia are vaccinated against COVID-19, and in November 2022 the head of the Infectious Diseases and AIDS Centre in Tbilisi urged the public to get their COVID-19 vaccines or its booster doses.

Helmer Scientific recently donated blood banking equipment as part of their corporate philanthropy program, "Chill the World." This equipment is now helping make safe blood accessible and is increasing the number of blood products available at the Jo Ann University Hospital (JAUH) Blood Bank in Georgia. JAUH now has the capability to perform more cardiac surgeries and provide additional lifesaving treatments for children in need.



JAUH continues to move forward in building the first comprehensive pediatric oncology facility in the region with the generous ASHA grant from USAID, including purchasing adjacent land, exterior landscaping, and road work. As part of the grant, medical planning with St. Jude's Research Hospital has begun.



## Staff & Board of Directors



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Global Healing had some major changes in leadership in 2022. The Board of Directors unanimously voted to have Jim MacPherson transition back to Board President, and long-time Program Director Sarah Fernández take the helm as Chief Executive Officer. Her dedication and expertise during her ten years at Global Healing ensures that our work continues.

Global Healings is supported by a talented team of contractors. Our fundraising and marketing efforts are supported by former Office Manager, Supinda Sirihekaphong and our UC Berkeley School of Public Health intern, Kaitlyn Iglesias. Tony Stone is the liaison and project manager of our new partnership with the Bay Islands Hospital project.



## Volunteer Spotlight

#### **Barbara Stowe RN BSN**

Marin Health Medical Center, Labor and Delivery Unit and Kaiser Permanente, Women's Health and Pediatrics Outpatient Clinics

#### How did you first learn about Global Healing?

I first learned of Global Healing from Dr. Eric Scher, who established the clinic with Arup Roy-Berman and Sheila Jenkins 20 years ago. I went on my first trip to Roatán in 2017 and have traveled back to Roatán with Dr. Scher eight times.

#### What has your volunteer experience with Global Healing been like over the years?

The most intense and eye-opening experience is working shifts in labor and delivery. This helped highlight areas for teaching and the need for medical equipment and supplies. During our trips to Roatán, I have been able to work in a number of areas, including organizing, cleaning and taking inventory of the Hospital's Pediatric Unit and Global Healing's Roatán Volunteer Pediatric Clinic (RVPC). I've provided training for nurses in the use of glucometer, hand washing and IV sterile placement. I've also enjoyed reaching out to the community about birth control options and helping at Clínica Esperanza in performing breast exams and teaching self-breast exams. Additionally, I've worked alongside Dr. Scher stabilizing a premature newborn.

#### What is your most memorable moment volunteering with Global Healing?

There are so many memorable moments, but on one of our trips we brought an AED (it included directions in Spanish), which they had never had in the hospital and they also had no functional defibrillator. We gathered the Social Services team at the hospital and taught them how and when to use AED and also how to place an intraosseous (IO) line. The next day, a man came to ER in cardiac arrest and one of the doctors who had been in the training used the AED and the IO line and saved his life! He would not have survived without those interventions. We met the man and his wife the same day. That was AMAZING to witness!

#### Why do you volunteer with Global Healing?

I have traveled on medical missions to Central America in the past. I am most impressed by Global Healing's desire to partner with local providers in Roatán, ensuring a lasting impact and presence, rather than a week or so of service with no long-term follow up. Also, the recognition that caring for the children means caring for their families -- healthier moms and safe deliveries mean healthy newborns. Global Healing is working in a complex political and social situation to support Honduran physicians in providing care to people of Roatán. This is precarious but important work, and I feel privileged to play a small part in it.



## Donors & Volunteers

#### **Donors**

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Armando Sánchez, MD

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## Thank you for your contribution!

Cheryl Pabros

Steven Pinheiro

# 2022 Achievements by the Numbers



4 online trainings to 60+ medical staff in Honduras



\$46,500 contributions raised



17 volunteer medical staff



\$175,000 worth of medical supplies donated



11 life saving surgeries,2,010 pediatric patientsand 1,486 newbornsevaluated in Honduras

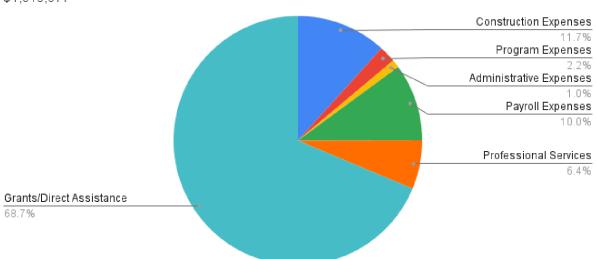


\$154,000 worth of construction costs towards the Pediatric Oncology Center in Georgia

## Financial Report

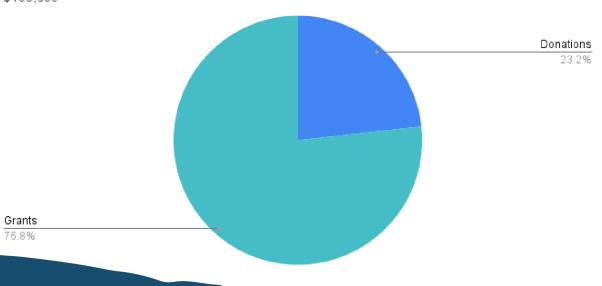






#### Total Revenue

\$150.685



Global Healing Board of Directors voted to hire fundraising and marketing contractors to generate more funding and leverage the continuous support of our volunteers and donors. This effort enabled Global Healing to raise over \$35,000 in addition to our USAID-ASHA grant for the Pediatric Oncology Center in Tbilisi, Georgia. The continued support of our donors inspire us to continue our work and support our New Roatán Hospital project in Honduras.

