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*Medical Bridges Annual Report 2023*
A WORD FROM THE CEO

Thanks to your support, Medical Bridges had its best year ever, providing 265 tons of medical supplies and equipment worth $12.6 million to where the need is greatest. Over 2.4 million people were able to get treatment as a result of your generosity. We could not do it without you.

Sadly, the world is on fire. More is needed now, and with your help, Medical Bridges will provide more material to more healthcare heroes to improve health and save the lives of more people.

The European Commission last year rated Africa as the most under-reported crisis with hundreds of millions of people displaced. Ukraine, Gaza, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Haiti, and Ethiopia are on almost every top 10 list of world trouble spots. Last year, Medical Bridges served each of those countries and many others throughout Africa, Asia, and the Americas.

Global medical gaps are dire. 2024 is the year to double down. Medical Bridges is committed to do more. Please continue to support Medical Bridges’ global humanitarian mission. We cannot do it without you.

With our gratitude,

Walter Ulrich
In the past year, Medical Bridges has achieved remarkable milestones, translating philanthropy into tangible, life-saving outcomes. The numbers tell a powerful story of our collective impact:

- Value Delivered: $12.6M
- Weight Shipped: 265 Tons
- Containers Sent: 61

This equates to nearly 2½ million treatments for the injured and ill. Each container, valued at over $200,000 and weighing more than 4 tons, is a beacon of hope for communities in need.

What truly sets us apart is our extraordinary leverage: for every dollar of philanthropy, Medical Bridges shipped $15 in medical items.

The impact on individual lives is profound. For every dollar of philanthropy, 2.9 treatments were provided globally.

Incredibly, for every 34 cents of philanthropy, someone, somewhere in the world, received a treatment they wouldn't have otherwise had access to.

Medical Bridges is not just filling the healthcare gap; we're advancing healthcare equity and saving lives, one shipment at a time.
2023 GLOBAL IMPACT

$12.6M
265 TONS
61 CONTAINERS
COUNTRIES SERVED

AFGHANISTAN

DJIBOUTI

ETHIOPIA

GUATEMALA

HAITI

JORDAN

KAZAKHSTAN

KENYA

MOZAMBIQUE

NEPAL

NIGERIA

PAKISTAN

PANAMA

RWANDA

SIERRA LEONE

UKRAINE

ZAMBIA
2023 HIGHLIGHTS

KENYA

Gratitude to the efforts of the Care for a Child's Heart medical team! They accomplished a total of 49 successful pediatric heart surgeries. Medical Bridges is privileged to have played a humble role in this extraordinary mission.

JORDAN

In 2023, Medical Bridges, with the support of HHRD, shipped numerous pallets filled with vital medical supplies to Jordan. These resources will play a crucial role in enhancing the health and well-being of the Jordanian people. Let's join forces to create a positive impact!

ZAMBIA

This picture captures not just the physical transformation but also the incredible spirit of independence and dignity being restored to individuals who need it most. Our partners’ commitment to improving the lives of those in need is truly inspiring.
2023 HIGHLIGHTS

DJIBOUTI

Thanks to HHRD, numerous pallets of medical equipment were distributed last year and are set to help transform healthcare in Djibouti! Strengthening the Ministry of Health, they'll improve emergency response and expand healthcare access.

UKRAINE

NOVA Ukraine and Daar Foundation, our steadfast collaborators, remain resilient pillars in the healthcare connection to Ukraine. In the past year, a significant value of medical equipment and supplies, totaling millions of dollars, were dispatched to bolster the efforts of healthcare heroes in Ukraine.

PAKISTAN

In 2023, vital medical shipments graced Pakistan, extending their reach to numerous healthcare facilities. These shipments generously facilitated by the unwavering support of HHRD, are poised to bring substantial benefits to hundreds of thousands of individuals, enriching their well-being in meaningful ways.
Medical Bridges' CEO, Walter Ulrich, was honored by Ukrainian President Zelenskyy for the organization's efforts in aiding the Ukrainian people during the crisis. This recognition signifies the impact of Medical Bridges' work.

Zakat Foundation's Executive Director and Founder Halil Demir presented an award to Medical Bridges for the organization's dedicated service to humanity.

Sigma, the International Nursing Honor Society, honored Medical Bridges at its 47th Biennial Convention with its Archon First to Lead award for global impact.

Medical Bridges was chosen as one of the honored nonprofits at the 2023 Halliburton Charity Golf Tournament! We had the pleasure of being present on-site, connecting with industry leaders and fellow charitable organizations.

These awards are not just symbols of recognition; they are a testament to the unwavering commitment, passion, and excellence demonstrated by the Medical Bridges team, partners, sponsors and volunteers. Each acknowledgment is an inspiration to reach new heights and continue making a positive impact. Many thanks to all who have supported and celebrated our achievements. Together, we strive for even greater success in 2024.
MEDICAL BRIDGES GALA

A heartfelt thank you for our unforgettable gala night! Your presence, sponsorship, volunteerism, and donations made it truly magical. Together, we’re shaping a brighter future. Grateful for our amazing community!

MILESTONE SHIPMENT TO UKRAINE

By October 2023, Medical Bridges had successfully delivered medical equipment and supplies to Ukraine, marking a significant milestone with a total value of $10 million. To commemorate this achievement, an informal ceremony took place at Medical Bridges, featuring brief remarks from Consul General Vitalii Tarasiuk.

AFRIEXPO

Powerful Expo! Akinyi Adoyo, Marketing Manager at Medical Bridges, and Lady Dentaa Amoteng MBE, CEO of The GUBA Enterprise, last year at the AfriExpo2023. The event was a testament to the power of collaboration and the potential for positive change when great minds unite.
AROUND THE WORLD WITH WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Akinyi Adoyo, Marketing Manager at Medical Bridges, and Sarah Echandy, Managing Director, attended the 'Around the World with the World Affairs Council of San Antonio' fair. This event showcased the rich diversity of 25 countries represented in San Antonio, some of which Medical Bridges has had the honor of serving.

HHRD AT MEDICAL BRIDGES

Medical Bridges had the pleasure of hosting over 70 dedicated team members from Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD). Since 2013, together, we've shipped over 230 containers, carrying essential medical supplies and equipment valued at over $44 million and weighing over 900 tons, to destinations around the world. This collaborative effort has brought hope and healing to countless individuals in need.

UKRAINIAN GRATITUDE DINNER

We celebrated unity and unwavering dedication at a heartfelt Thanksgiving event hosted by Ukrainian Charity Organizations Razom, Nova Ukraine, and HTX4UKRAINE. Together, we expressed gratitude to those supporting Ukraine and honored the exceptional individuals that have put in so much effort since the beginning of the crisis, including Medical Bridges' President and CEO, Walter Ulrich, Logistics, Events and Special Projects Manager, Gidget Swift, and Global Health Manager, Dr. Tadia Diallo, for their outstanding commitment.
ENSURING HEALTHY LIVES AND WELL-BEING FOR ALL

In 2023, Medical Bridges distributed and staged more than $12.6M in medical resources to supply dedicated healthcare professionals serving vulnerable patients living in extreme poverty.

REDUCING INEQUALITY WITHIN AND AMONG COUNTRIES

Medical Bridges is improving access and quality of healthcare to ensure that every person has the opportunity to thrive regardless of income, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, race, class, ethnicity, or religion.

ENSURING SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION PATTERNS

Medical Bridges offers a solution that enables sustainable consumption and efficient supply chain in the healthcare industry to leave a positive environmental and social impact.

STRENGTHENING AND REVITALIZING PARTNERSHIPS

Medical Bridges' mission continues humming thanks to the support and contribution from stakeholders invested in improving the quality of healthcare locally and globally.

Medical Bridges – A leader in global health equity
In the heart of San Antonio, our operation has been a steadfast pillar of our organization's success over the past year. The key to Medical Bridges’ thriving presence in this vibrant community lies in our commitment to collaboration and strategic partnerships.

**Building Strong Foundations:** Our journey in San Antonio has been marked by a spirit of cooperation. Through collaborative efforts, Medical Bridges has established strong foundations, enabling us to navigate challenges and capitalize on opportunities. Together with local businesses, community leaders, and organizations, we've forged connections that extend beyond mere transactions, creating lasting relationships that contribute to our shared success.

**Strategic Partnerships:** Partnerships are the bedrock of our success. Medical Bridges has cultivated strategic alliances that amplify our capabilities. These partnerships have not only expanded our reach but have also brought diverse perspectives to the table.

In the coming year, we remain committed to fostering collaboration and building even stronger partnerships. It is through these connections that we believe we can continue to thrive and contribute meaningfully to bridging the global healthcare gap.
Many thanks to the esteemed members of the Medical Bridges - San Antonio Advisory Council. Your invaluable insights, wise counsel, and steadfast support have played a pivotal role in helping bridge the healthcare gap worldwide.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR
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EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO OUR PARTNERS

Medical Bridges extends aid to individuals and communities facing challenges. Our contributions are guided by the needs of our global health collaborators, and we allocate resources where they are needed most. Your support enables us to not only save lives but also to uplift individuals, fostering a path towards health equity. In 2023, our collective efforts resulted in the delivery of 265 tons of crucial medical equipment and supplies to nations experiencing crises and those in the process of development across Africa, Asia, the Americas, and Eastern Europe, including Ukraine.

Together, we are shaping a more promising future for healthcare.
EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO OUR SPONSORS

Your philanthropic and humanitarian support has been instrumental in our life-saving endeavors. Thanks to your generosity, Medical Bridges achieved unprecedented success in 2023, surpassing the accomplishments of previous years. Your continued support is saving lives in some of the most challenging regions globally, including a women's and children's hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan and hospitals and clinics in war-torn Ukraine.

In 2023, Medical Bridges staged and shipped equipment with a total value of $12.6 million to nations in crisis and across developing regions in Africa, Asia, and the Americas. Your dedication is making a significant impact.
EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO OUR HOSPITAL DONORS

Every year, medical supplies valued in billions of dollars find their way into landfills in the United States, even as individuals worldwide face fatalities due to the lack of access to these critical resources.

Medical Bridges expresses gratitude to Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities for their support in our medical mission. The surplus medical equipment and supplies donated by these institutions play a vital role in saving lives daily, particularly in countries experiencing crises across Africa, Asia, and the Americas.
EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

At the core of Medical Bridges beats the heart of our dedicated volunteers. We rely on individuals like you, driven by a sense of purpose and compassion, to bring about positive change in the lives of others. Embracing volunteers from diverse backgrounds, ranging from seasoned medical professionals to enthusiastic young professionals, students, and retirees, adds a delightful richness to our community. These volunteers provide the support needed in realizing our mission. The collective impact of their donated time, talents, and skills is truly immeasurable. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to those who contribute their invaluable resources, enabling us to fulfill our noble purpose.
Many thanks to the sponsors, volunteers, donors, and partners who have woven their essence into the fabric of our success. Together, you have not only supported our endeavors but also enriched the very soul of our collective achievements, turning them into a masterpiece of shared dedication and collaboration.
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EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Your unwavering commitment, guidance, and enduring support have been instrumental in our achievements. Throughout the year, the Board of Directors has been the guiding force, steering and nurturing Medical Bridges' global health impact. In 2023, we witnessed remarkable progress in advancing our global humanitarian mission. This success is a testament to the strategic planning, meticulous oversight, and unwavering dedication exhibited by our Board of Directors.
Many thanks to the esteemed members of the Board of Directors. Your visionary leadership, unwavering commitment, and strategic guidance have been instrumental in bridging the healthcare gap worldwide.

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President & CEO, Walter Ulrich, Ex Officio
Many thanks to the esteemed members of the Medical Bridges - Houston Advisory Council. Your invaluable insights, wise counsel, and steadfast support have played a pivotal role in helping bridge the healthcare gap worldwide.

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We owe our financial fitness to great partnerships, generous philanthropy and a successful Gala.
WAYS TO GIVE

Medical Bridges gratefully accepts:

**01. Cash Donations**

Thanks to the donated medical items, every $1.00 generated nearly $15.00 of donated medical supplies for those in need.

**02. Stocks**

Get the full value of the security as a tax-deductible donation and avoid capital gains on the increase in value of highly appreciated securities.

**03. Donor Advised Funds.**

Donations from Donor Advised Funds.

**04. Cryptocurrency.**

Similar to stocks, get the full value of the tax-deductible donation from tradable cryptocurrency.

**05. Physical Assets**

Physical assets in good condition including property, cash producing leases, vehicles, and more so long as there is a market for it.

**06. IRA Funds**

For donors 73 and older, Medical Bridges accepts Charitable Qualified Donations eliminating the tax when making Required Minimum Deductions.

And more including **life insurance, bequests, and charitable remainder trusts.**

In all cases, check with your tax advisors.
BRIDGING BORDERS, CHANGING LIVES
BRIDGING THE HEALTHCARE GAP WORLDWIDE

2023
HOW YOU CAN HELP

VOLUNTEER

Caring people like you make a difference. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to:
Bonnie Oggero
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713-766-6576

DONATE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Please help by allowing Medical Bridges to pick up your surplus medical equipment and supplies. To donate, please reach out to:
Marcel Benavides
Procurement Manager
mbenavides@medicalbridges.org
713-766-6554

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If you share our passion for improving access to healthcare, please like, follow, and share our stories on social media.

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