



# Annual REPORT

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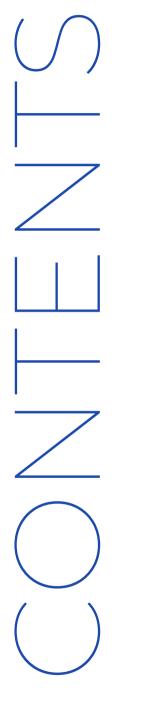
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#### **OUR PURPOSE**

Medical Bridges is a 501(c) (3) Houston-based nonprofit organization with an international humanitarian reach. For 26 years, Medical Bridges has reallocated excess medical supplies and equipment from hospitals and clinics in Texas and distributed it to underserved healthcare facilities across the world. Medical Bridges serves and supplies healthcare heroes around the world.

#### **OUR PROMISE**

Medical Bridges is mission-oriented and dedicated to providing assistance to healthcare facilities and medical professionals regardless of religion, political affiliation, or race. Medical Bridges is committed to providing quality medical resources to hospitals and clinics in need.



#### **OUR PEOPLE**

Medical Bridges sustains its impact with the generosity of individuals, foundations, corporations, and organizations whose vision aligns to improve healthcare accessibility worldwide.



The data everywhere is bleak.

5.7 million people die in low-income countries from poor quality healthcare. Half the world's population cannot obtain essential health services. These findings from Lancet and from WHO & The World Bank are staggering by themselves. And this was before the COVID pandemic hit.

More recently, The World Bank reported "The world economy continues to suffer from a series of destabilizing shocks. After more than two years of pandemic, the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine and its global effects on commodity markets, supply chains, inflation, and financial conditions have steepened the slowdown in global growth."

Healthcare is in crisis throughout the developing world and in countries is crisis. Martin Luther King, Jr has said, "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and inhuman."

Global DEI matters. Global Health Equity, serving Diverse populations, and Inclusion of those in the most impoverished countries matter. It is sickness or health. It is life or death. It is hope or hopelessness.

Thank you, our donors, sponsors, volunteers, partners, and friends. Because of you, Medical Bridges has served 91 countries and is a leader in Global Health Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Thanks to you, every day people are restored to health to be able to work, and raise their families, and children can get an education.

Global health equity matters. We could not do it without you.

As we go to press, over 36,000 people have died in Syria and Turkey. Medical Bridges is staging medical supplies and equipment for shipment to the region. Quality medical equipment and supplies are desperately needed now.

With our gratitude,

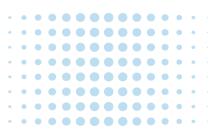
Walter Ulrich, President & CEC



### CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF CLOSING THE HEALTHCARE GAP

Medical Bridges celebrated our 25th anniversary on December 1, 2022. Medical Bridges was founded 25 years ago when Dr. Patricia Brock, Dr. Peggy Goetz, and Hayne Blakely collected donations from the Texas Medical Center. At first, they collected donations in a big truck and sorted them in their garages. Today, Medical Bridges has a 30,000 sq ft facility and has provided more than 1,000 pallets of desperately needed medical supplies around the world in 2022.

Thank you to our sponsors, donors, champions, founders, volunteers, and the chairs Debbie Ayers and Elizabeth Kanaly, and event manager Gidget Swift for a record-breaking Silver Anniversary **One People One World** gala.





### 2022 IMPACT REPORT

### A YEAR WITH UNIQUE CHALLENGES

The needs in 2022 were greater than ever. Medical Bridges provided nearly \$10 million of desperately needed medical supplies & equipment for 33 countries including Ukraine, Afghanistan, Haiti, and developing countries in Africa, Asia, and the Americas. The gift of health & the gift of life is a direct result of encouragement, support, and friendship of our partners, donors, volunteers, and friends.

Many thanks to Texas A&M University BUILD team for a great partnership.



# **IMPACT SNAPSHOT**

\$10M

We have shipped nearly \$10M worth of medical supplies and equipment.



Countries served

# 200 tons

Medical supplies and equipment

### 2022 IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS



### SUDAN

Two Texas Aggie Medical Clinics arrived in Sudan from Medical Bridges in 2022. This surplus was met with great celebration. The generosity of hospitals, doctors, and dentists saves the lives of the poorest around the world.





It's such an honor to partner with healthcare heroes in Ukraine. Special thanks to ZDOROVI agency and Nova Ukraine as they continue to 'maintain the treatment of cancer patients at a high level'. Thanks also to DAAR and the Bleyzer family for their valued partnership for Ukraine.





### ECUADOR

There was dancing in the streets to welcome a Medical Bridges container in Ecuador.

Mayor of Bahia de Caraquez, Ingrid Zambrono and President of Futuro in Ecuador, Fernado Navarro lead the celebration.





Although the majority of our medical supplies and equipment are donated overseas, we recognize that there is need here at home as well. Since 2020, our Serving Texas Initiative has donated more than \$600,000 of medical supplies to charitable health clinics around Texas, and to individuals referred to us by local healthcare facilities.





"On October 17, 2022, Care Connection Aging and Disability Resource Center, received a call from Mr. Juan Nunez. Mr. Nunez is a person with limited mobility and was in need of a wheelchair.......

With the help of one of our caring ADRC staff members, who collaborated with an organization called Medical Bridges, Mr. Nunez was able to receive a wheelchair. The wheelchair was delivered to him successfully.... He is grateful for the medical equipment he received and the caring staff at Care Connection."

# 2022 AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



- G7 AWARDS GLOBAL IMPACT AWARD - PRESENTED BY HOUSTON INTERNATIONAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
- HALLIBURTON GOLF TOURNAMENT -MEDICAL BRIDGES WAS HONORED TO BE SELECTED AS ONE OF THE CHARITIES TO BE HONORED AT THE TOURNAMENT
- CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION-PRESENTED BY CONGRESSWOMAN SHEILA JACKSON LEE
- CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION -PRESENTED BY CONGRESSMAN AL GREEN
- ASTROS FOUNDATION CHARITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR











## Priority SDGs Focused on 4 global goals

In 2015, Medical Bridges adopted the United Nations global goals to frame its global health progress and hone into four interlinked global goals - SDG3, SDG10, SDG12, & SDG17.



#### **ENSURING HEALTHY LIVES AND WELL-BEING FOR ALL**

This year, Medical Bridges has distributed and staged nearly \$10M 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.



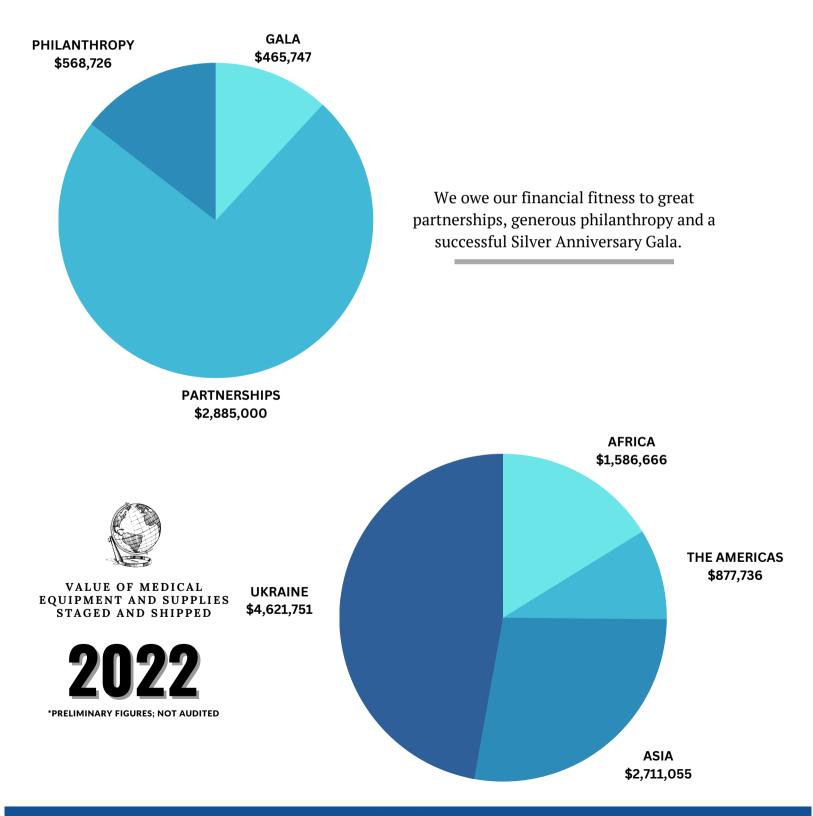
#### STRENGTHENING AND REVITALIZING PARTNERSHIPS

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

# FINANCIAL UPDATE





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"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller



### TO ALL OUR PARTNERS - THANK YOU!

Medical Bridges provides assistance to people and communities in need. How and where we contribute is based on the needs of our trusted global health partners.

We use your support to save lives and empower individuals to live a prosperous life.

In 2022, together, we were able to provide nearly 200 tons of lifesaving medical equipment and supplies to countries in crises and developing countries throughout Africa, Asia, the Americas, and Eastern Europe including Ukraine.

Together the future of healthcare looks brighter.



**SRI LANKA** 

GHANA

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To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded. Ralph Waldo Emerson

Special thanks to the Rotary International District 5890 for their generous support in Ukraine.





## TO ALL OUR SPONSORS - THANK YOU!

We couldn't have done it without your philanthropic and humanitarian lifegiving support. Thanks to your support, Medical Bridges accomplished much more in 2022 than in previous years.

Your support will save lives in some of the most desperate places in the world: a women's & children's hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan; hospitals and clinics in embattled Ukraine; a poverty-stricken hospital in Haiti; and in South Sudan, one of the poorest countries in the world.

In 2022, Medical Bridges prepared, staged, and shipped equipment valued at nearly \$10 million to countries in crisis and throughout the developing countries in Africa, Asia and the Americas.





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"The results of philanthropy are always beyond calculation."

Miriam Beard

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## **TO ALL OUR HOSPITAL DONORS - THANK YOU!**

Each year, billions of dollars' worth of medical supplies end up in landfills in the United States while people around the world are dying because they don't have access to these supplies.

Medical Bridges thanks Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities for supporting our medical mission. The donations of surplus medical equipment and supplies from hospitals and healthcare institutions are saving lives every day in countries in crisis throughout Africa, Asia, and the Americas.







"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention." Oscar Wilde



Volunteers reach across the seas touching healthcare workers saving lives!



## **TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS - THANK YOU!**

The heart of Medical Bridges is our volunteers. We depend on missioncentered and caring people like you to make a difference in the lives of others. It's wonderful to welcome and meet volunteers from all walks of life, from medical professionals to young professionals, students, and retirees. Volunteers give vital assistance in fulfilling our mission and we couldn't do what we do without the help of those who donate their time, talents, and skills.





"Small changes and small steps can create massive impact."

Melissa McCreery

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### TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS - THANK YOU!

We couldn't have done it without your commitment, guidance and continued support.

Our board of directors have guided and sustained Medical Bridges' global health impact throughout the year. In 2022 we made significant strides in advancing our global humanitarian mission; our success is the result of strategic planning, diligent oversight and unflagging commitment by our board of directors.



2022: \$10M worth of medical supplies to 33 countries



"Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together."

James Cash Penney

#### To our new Friends: Thank you!

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Sarah Echandy Managing Director San Antonio 210-415-7379 sechandy@medicalbridges.org



## WE ARE EXPANDING TO SAN ANTONIO!

We are excited that Sarah Echandy has agreed to serve as the Managing Director in San Antonio.

Her role as Managing Director is to broaden our search for lifesaving medical supplies and equipment in the San Antonio and South Texas areas, targeting local hospitals and clinics for their medical surplus. In addition to securing financial support, Sarah will recruit advocates of Medical Bridges' unique global humanitarian mission.



Many thanks to Carl Stutts, Kim David, and John Zipprich in Houston for their support of our San Antonio program.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP



### VOLUNTEER

Caring people like you make a difference. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to:

Bonnie Oggero Volunteer Coordinator boggero@medicalbridges.org 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





### LIKE FOLLOW SHARE

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



#### **FINANCIAL DONATION**

Donations are graciously accepted by check to Medical Bridges and through <u>PayPal</u>. Medical Bridges, Inc. 2706 Magnet St. Houston, TX 77054 <u>www.medicalbridges.org</u>

# **OTHER WAYS TO GIVE**

Medical Bridges gratefully accepts:



### **01. Cash Donations**

Thanks to the donated medical items, every \$1.00 generated nearly \$10.00 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.

# WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOUR GENEROUS **SUPPORT.**



Bridging the healthcare gap worldwide

# **THANK YOU**





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