

ANNUAL REPORT

2023



PARTNERS FOR
Andean Community Health



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COMMUNITY HEALTH



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

2023 proved to be another impactful year for PACH as we continued to support Hospital FIBUSPAM and the medical care of thousands of Ecuadorians throughout the Chimborazo Province. During the year we provided tens of thousands of medical consultations and procedures, distributed thousands of glasses, completed hundreds of surgeries, and changed the lives of countless patients and volunteers.

This year also marked new beginnings as we launched Project Prosperity, teaching income generating skills, health education, and providing free medical care to teenage mothers and granted our first nursing scholarship to a Quichua-speaking young woman from the Chimborazo Province who will be studying to be a nursing assistant.

During 2023 our leaders and staff were recognized for their dedication: Paul Martel and David Guacho were recognized by Ecuador's National Assembly with the Vicente Rocafuerte Medal. Paul was also awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from Invest in Others for his unique ability to turn his entrepreneurial success into a sustainable means to support the medical care of others. Paul honored the staff of FIBUSPAM during his trek in Nepal.

The motivation for all of us continues to be the patients we serve. Without the support of our donors and our international partnerships, many of the patients we serve would not have the opportunity to receive the care they need. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sarah Marjane
Executive Director
Partners for Andean Community Health
(PACH)



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

RESTORING SIGHT TO 20 PATIENTS

In July, long-time PACH supporter and oculoplastic surgeon Parag Gandhi and his team traveled to Hospital FIBUSPAM to complete a one-week oculoplastics mission; his third mission with PACH. For five years, Dr. Gandhi has maintained close relationships with PACH, Hospital FIBUSPAM's director, and local surgeons which has proven essential in providing ongoing patient care, professional development and in planning multiple successful missions. The mission included orbit and facial reconstructive surgeries of upper and lower eyelids, tear ducts, and tumor resections. The team restored sight to over 20 patients! The success of the recent mission was due to the diverse team who came from all over the USA, bringing their unique expertise and other additional team members from their communities.

SUCCESSFUL PROJECT NIDO 2023

In July, PACH hosted a group from long-time partner, Nested for their annual Project Nido medical mission. It is a unique mission in that anyone, regardless of medical background, Spanish-language skills or age can participate. Volunteers not only provide medical services but also offer companionship and other support to the people they serve.

Health educators from Nested worked with women in indigenous communities in Ecuador to identify their greatest health needs and provided them with education and products to address some of the issues raised including prolapsed uteri, painful menstrual cycles, and menopause.

The group also visited a home for elderly people and people with disabilities where the team spent the day playing bingo, and wheelchair basketball.



MORE HIGHLIGHTS

SUPPORTING TEEN MOMS

This year we launched Project Prosperity, a collaboration between PACH and FIBUSPAM that engages with teenage mothers to help build their future by teaching income generating skills, health education, and providing free medical care. Our first cohort of 22 young mothers graduated this summer and our second cohort began in October.

Travelers from Project Nido provided the teen moms general medical, pediatric, and gynecological care for themselves and their babies. The teen volunteers taught computer literacy and spent time with the mothers exchanging stories.

PAUL WINS LIFETIME AWARD

PACH and FIBUSPAM's Founder Paul Martel received the Lifetime

Achievement Award from Invest in Others for his commitment to humanitarian work in Central and South America during his career in finance. The recognition included a \$100,000 grant to support our work.

NURSING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTED

We granted our first nursing scholarship to a Quichua-speaking young woman from the Chimborazo Province who will study to be a nursing assistant to financially support her family all while contributing to her community and increasing the number of Quichua-speaking medical professionals.

BRIDGE PROGRAM CONTINUES

The program facilitated care for one child at Shriners Hospital in Boston and finalized plans for a second child to receive care at Shriners Ohio in March 2024. We have pending petitions for two additional children and are exploring new partnerships to further diversify our network of care providers.



\$60,000

IN DIRECT SUPPORT
given to FIBUSPAM by PACH.

>16,000

PATIENTS
were treated at FIBUSPAM.

28

SPECIALISTS
practice at
Hospital
FIBUSPAM.

5

INTERNS
supported
PACH's
programs.

5

MISSIONS
from the United
States.

387

SURGERIES
were completed
at FIBUSPAM.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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REVENUE

Board & Founder Sponsorships	\$79,911.21
Grants	\$127,000.00
Individual Donations	\$94,627.98
Medical Missions	\$135,251.63
Corporations (incl. Amazon Smile)	\$19,946.76
Scholarship Program	\$20,040.00
Total Revenue	\$476,777.58

EXPENSES

US-Based Staff and Consultants	\$57,611.53
Support for FIBUSPAM, Ecuador	\$60,000.00
Medical Missions and Immersion Programs	\$223,628.84
Medical Supplies	\$15,549.16
Other Direct Costs	\$41,661.39
Total Expenses	\$398,450.92



THANK YOU

This year we send a special thanks to Nidhi Reva and her team at Project Nido as well as Dr. Parag Gandhi and his surgical team. Their commitment to volunteering and their expertise has left an indelible mark on the lives of so many individuals. Their compassion, and tireless efforts have not only improved the health of those they served but also offered a beacon of hope for children and families most in need.

The impact of their volunteer work extends far beyond the operating room and medical caravans: It inspires our staff and our community to believe in the power of altruism and to recognize the immense value of giving back. Their generosity serves as a shining example of what it means to be a compassionate human being.

It's often said that volunteers are ordinary people with extraordinary hearts, and they epitomize this sentiment in every sense.

Many thanks to them and all of PACH's volunteers and supporters.

THANK YOU TO OUR TOP SUPPORTERS!

2023

\$50,000+

Paul Martel
Invest in Others Charitable Foundation

\$10,000-\$49,999

Zubin Bamboat
Jean Axelrod Memorial Foundation
Cheryl & Elwin Schwartz Charitable Fund

\$5,000-\$9,999

AMB Foundation
Parijat Gandhi
Shaun and Kathy Mathews
Nancy Goroff

\$1,000-\$4,999

Brenda & Bob Roggeveen
Clare Flanagan Brady
Dr. Elwin G. & Cheryl Schwartz
Hollace and Thomas Lorc
Luskind/Taxel Family Charitable Fund
Margaret Naro Filloramo Fund
Michael W. Mauser
The Gratitude Fund
The Perez Family Charitable Fund
Rebecca Zeng
Parag Gandhi
Mark & M. Lynn Ierardi
Rotary Club of Simsbury Granby
Anjali Gupta
Robyn Pashby

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\$1,000-\$4,999

Paloma Moscardó
Pam Rutan Dillmuth
Kelly F. Polanco
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald R. Robinson
Shawana Mufti
Sarah Marjane
Yasuko Tanaka
Kenneth Nickerson & Katherine Deyst
Lance Siegel
Kristine Bernardo Fletcher

\$500-\$999

Diane Bennett
Evelyn L. Dillmuth
Jason Craig
Kirsten Wegner
Scott Levy
Lori A. Kocher
Megan Kocher
Juana A. Ochoa