A little boy needed the best care
You made it possible

Meet Axel, a spirited six-year-old boy from Guatemala who loves kindergarten and coloring.

One day, after returning home from school, his life took a dramatic turn. His mother, Lourdes, recalls the heart-wrenching moment:

“We were in the kitchen, and he had taken a seat at the table. As I turned around, he suddenly stood up, and I’m not sure if he slipped or bumped into something, but then I heard his painful scream.”

Tears fill Lourdes’ eyes as she remembers what happened. It was a terrifying moment for both mother and son, as Axel suffered severe second and third-degree burns.

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Burn unit nurses trained in Guatemala and Colombia
Possible thanks to you!

This spring, Physicians for Peace held two burn nurse trainings, in Bogotá and Guatemala City, to train nurses in the initial management of burn patients, basic wound care, pain, agitation, and delirium management. We want you to hear directly from the nurses trained, thanks to kind people like you!

HEAR FROM THE NURSES WHO TOOK PART IN THIS TRAINING

Samara Bravo,
Burn Unit nursing manager, Colombia

I am very grateful for the course offered by PFP. It allowed me to deepen my knowledge about the management of pediatric burn patients, as well as share and exchange knowledge with nurses from other countries.

Nurse Jessica Murillo,
Hospital Nacional de Niños, Costa Rica

These educational efforts are very important to train new personnel who don’t have knowledge in the initial management of pediatric burn care. The training helps improve the care of these children, avoiding further complications in their conditions.

Nurse Mayda Pilia,
Hospital Bloom, El Salvador

Thank you PFP for organizing this training, enabling nurses to stay at the forefront of knowledge. Knowledge empowers us to provide better care to our young burn patients each day.

How your generosity is at work in Malawi

Malawi has a population of 19 million. So does New York State.

But while New York has more than 4,400 surgeons and anesthesiologists (each) to serve its population, Malawi has only 65 surgeons and 7 anesthesiologists in the country.

The answer to this problem is training. The answer to this problem is you.

Thanks to you, Physicians for Peace provides scholarships to train anesthesia and surgical residents at Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital, Malawi’s largest teaching hospital.

So please, read on to see just a little of what your support is doing in Malawi.

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Naomi Kafumbu, Physicians for Peace Scholar

“My scholarship with Physicians for Peace has impacted my life, but it goes beyond me. Through my education, I’m giving more help to the people of my country. Physicians for Peace is supporting not only me, but the entire community of Malawi.

My interest in medicine goes back to when I was 5 years old. My father was involved in a traffic accident, which rendered him paralyzed. He was assisted very well by the doctors that were seeing him back then. That is what gave me the interest to study medicine, and surgery in particular.”

Life-saving surgery is now possible in Malawi, thanks to you

Dr. Lesley Hunt, a UK-based colorectal surgeon, shared her time and skills as one of our International Medical Educators at Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital in Malawi from January to March, training surgical residents, clinical officers, and students. She returned a few months later to provide a focused workshop on anastomosis techniques.

Anastomosis, the surgical connection of two structures like blood vessels or intestinal loops, is crucial for treating common bowel disorders. Failed anastomosis procedures can lead to severe complications and even fatalities.

The impact of the training for the surgeons completing the course extends well beyond saving 14 lives during a 5-day training workshop. With their improved skills, local surgeons are able to offer both healing and hope to patients seeking life-changing surgeries.

Dr. Hunt’s work in Malawi is a fantastic example of Physicians for Peace’s collaborative approach. One by one, these global partnerships are moving us closer to health equity around the world.

Your generosity is behind all our important work. Because of you, amazing volunteers like Dr. Hunt can expand the skills of physicians and other medical professionals in countries where those skills are urgently needed.
Firefighters rushed them to Antigua Guatemala Hospital, and from there, they were transferred to Hospital Roosevelt. Axel’s journey to recovery was marked by pain, medical procedures, and moments of despair. But there was hope.

Amparo, an occupational therapist trained by PFP, was a ray of sunshine in Axel’s life. She recalls, “Axel had his tough moments, but eventually, he started eating and his mood improved. And when we uncovered his little face, he found solace, as being bandaged and unable to see was challenging.”

Lourdes reflects on their journey: “With the help of medical treatments, the uplifting visits and therapy sessions from Miss Amparito, and the unwavering support from everyone, we have come a long way. I am immensely grateful. My son is in excellent hands, receiving the best care possible.”

This story might have had a very different ending. But because you care, the right care was available for Axel. Thank you!

How your compassion continues to heal

When you support Physicians for Peace, your influence extends beyond our own training events.

Meet Amparo Hidalgo, a burn physical therapist who, after receiving training from PFP, has now become a trainer herself to share her expertise and knowledge with others. This spring, Amparo traveled to Mexico to train local physical therapists and students on burn scars and scar management.

“There is a great need to continue training more people because this is the only way we will benefit many more burn patients. People have a great desire to learn, but there are few trainers. I have been very lucky to be trained by you, and now, I am sharing the knowledge that I have learned over the years.”
— Amparo Hidalgo, PT

WE TEACH, because we believe in the power of training and education to build skills and knowledge.

WE COLLABORATE with partners, work with volunteers, and engage with donors to grow healthcare capacity and improve best practices.

WE SUSTAIN and help our partners maintain and enhance their medical capabilities to build healthier, self-sustaining communities.

MORE THAN 600 HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS received PFP training during the last fiscal year.

26 TRAINING COURSES covering more than 120 topics

WE COLLABORATE

4,490 HOURS GIVEN by 29 healthcare volunteers during this last fiscal year.

7,500+ BURN PATIENTS A YEAR in Latin America, benefit by trained healthcare providers.

1,200 PATIENTS A YEAR in Malawi, receive direct clinical care from PFP volunteers and scholars.

WE SUSTAIN
CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS
- Cash and Investments $72,177
- Other assets $272,660
Total Assets $444,837

Total Liabilities $54,448

NET ASSETS
- Unrestricted $313,849
- Temporarily Restricted $76,540
Total Net Assets $390,389

Total Liabilities and Net Assets $444,837

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE
- In-kind contributions $401,786
- Contributions and grants $667,983
Total Public Support and Revenue $1,069,769

EXPENSES
- Program services $845,171
- Fundraising $228,531
- Management and general $132,077
Total Expenses $1,206,125

Change in Net Assets $-527,598
Net assets July 1, 2022 $917,987
Net Assets June 30, 2023 $390,389

EXPENDITURES

- Program Services 70%
- Fundraising 19%
- Management & General 11%

HOW WE PUT YOUR GIFTS TO WORK

WHERE WE PUT YOUR GIFTS TO WORK

TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES
- Surgical Care 77.6% $656,119
- Critical Care 9.3% $78,245
- Burn Care 5.8% $49,417
- Anesthesia 7.3% $61,736

TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES BY REGION
- Central America & Caribbean (CAC) 4.2% $35,441
- South America (SAM) 1.7% $13,977
- Africa & Middle East (SSA) 94.1% $796,100