

# YOUR IMPACT REPORT

FALL 2023



## 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

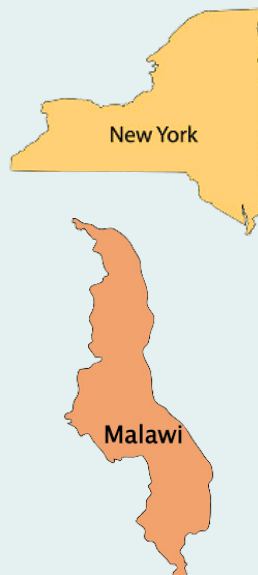
Malawi has a population of 19 million. So does New York State.

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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# YOUR IMPACT, BY THE NUMBERS

# 47

Nurses trained  
in Colombia and  
Guatemala

Average mark before  
in-person training:

58%

Average after  
in-person training:

84%

26%  
BETTER!

## 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."*



"The great force of Physicians for Peace is they keep the people they support within their environments & make sure that within those possibilities, they flourish."—Daniel Aronson, MD, volunteer educator, in Malawi with surgical resident and Physicians for Peace scholar Naomi Kafumbu, MD.



## 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.**

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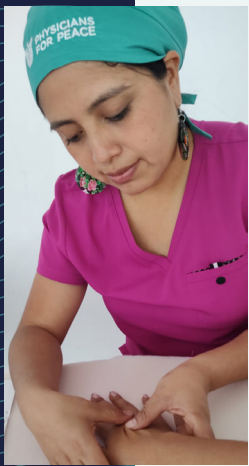
Firefighters rushed them to Antigua Guatemala Hospital, and from there, they were transferred to Hospital Roosevelt. Axel's journey to recovery was marked by pain, medical procedures, and moments of despair. But there was hope.

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 able 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.

MORE THAN **600** HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

received PFP training during the last fiscal year.

**26** TRAINING COURSES

covering more than 120 topics



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



**4,490** HOURS GIVEN

by 29 healthcare volunteers during this last fiscal year.



**PHYSICIANS FOR PEACE**

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

**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.





# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

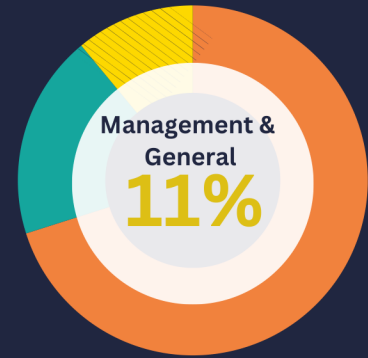
## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	
Cash and Investments	\$ 72,177
Other assets	\$ 272,660
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 444,837</b>
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Total Liabilities	\$ 54,448
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NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	\$ 313,849
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 76,540
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 390,389</b>
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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
<b>Total Public Support and Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,069,769</b>
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EXPENSES	
Program services	\$ 845,517
Fundraising	\$ 228,531
Management and general	\$ 132,077
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,206,125</b>
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Change in Net Assets	\$ (527,598)
Net assets July 1, 2022	\$ 917,987
<b>Net Assets June 30, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 390,389</b>

## EXPENDITURES



### 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