

### PWH's Puerto Rico Response Provides Supplies and a Valuable Internship Experience



As reports of Hurricane Maria revealed the extent of the devastation in Puerto Rico, the PWH team diligently sought a local partner to accept a shipment of medical supplies. Dr. Jesus Santiago Alvelo, a pediatrician at HIMA San Pablo Bayamón, a hospital on the outskirts of San Juan, accepted the offer. Douglas Beahm, who embarked on a four-month internship during a break from his biomedical engineering studies at Dartmouth, played a pivotal role in orchestrating the shipments. His unwavering work ethic, combined with efforts of an enthusiastic PWH volunteer team and logistics support from Volk Packaging, Radford Transportation and Jet Blue, got the supplies delivered.

### Experience Mission visits PWH



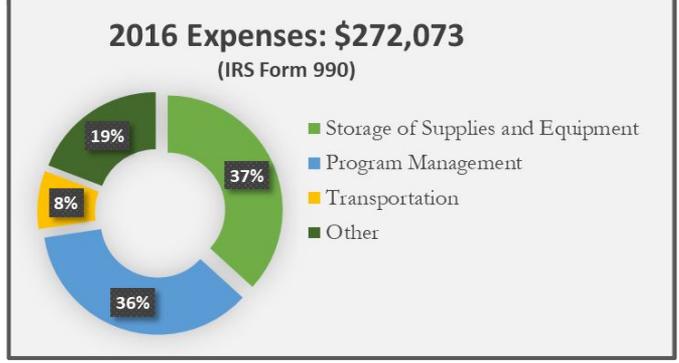
*"Bruce and I were so amazed and impressed by the commitment you and all of your volunteers have to such meaningful work. You are an excellent example how using simple, great ideas can make a truly meaningful difference to so many. We are avid supporters and I was thrilled to see my company provide a cash match for my volunteer time during the Experience Mission."*  
~ Virginia Rose, Volunteer, New York City



**The Power of Us**  
*Message from Elizabeth McLellan*

2017 was a hallmark year for Partners for World Health (PWH) marked by physical expansion, new partnerships, additional medical missions, and administrative changes to ensure that PWH grows efficiently and effectively. We started the year with a move into two new spaces here in Portland—a larger storage warehouse and a professional headquarters—effectively doubling our staging areas for supplies. On the management side, PWH's Board of Directors added a new Director of Operations position. In this role, Julie Nelson Forsyth brings a wealth of experience and energy, which will facilitate effective and strategic operations in the future. Fueling PWH's remarkable growth are dozens of steadfast volunteers who take the lead in specific areas, hundreds of service groups who pitch in to do the heavy lifting, and legions of donors who provide encouragement through their in-kind and financial donations. **Each plays a vital role without which we would not succeed. Thank you for dedicating your time, connections and financial commitment to support our mission.**

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## A Multi-faceted Mission to Uganda



PWH's Medical Mission program went to Uganda in August 2017 with a dual mission to continue primary care education efforts at Mulago Hospital and to work intensively with the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit(NICU). Overall, the mission provided training to 92 medical professionals in Kampala, in addition to the delivery of over 1,000 pounds of medical supplies.

**Volunteer Ann Carroll, RN, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (pictured below, said, "In Uganda, the public hospitals are woefully understaffed and minimally supplied. In the NICU, there are often over 75 infants needing intensive care, with only two nurses on staff.**

**We were able to provide invaluable support to the nurses at Mulago Hospital, expose the mission participants to the realities of medical care in developing countries, and deliver hands-on care to the infants."**



The Uganda mission ventured out to the remote village of Gulu and provided education and birthing kits to pregnant mothers as part of the ongoing Project 10,000 maternal health initiative. The group toured nearby psychiatric facilities and assisted with a local Rotary Club initiative to plant trees on the Mulago hospital grounds.

## Volunteer Energy Over the Past Year

- Over 19,478 volunteer hours, including support from groups of developmentally delayed individuals receiving supportive and engaging community experiences.
- 865 people organized by 82 community service groups focused on sorting supplies at headquarters.
- 102 students organized into 11 PWH chapters throughout New England, orchestrating the collection of medical supplies in their local communities.
- Nine interns from Middlebury, Vassar, Bates, Bowdoin, and Dartmouth Colleges.

## Breaker to Breaker 5K was a Success!

The Breaker to Breaker 5K race, last run in the 1970's,was reinvigorated with the participation of 280 registered runners from across New England, as well as Texas, Indiana and California, Quebec and Ontario Canada and Sweden (the country). A 64 year old runner, who'd participated in the original race, finished 10th just ahead of the female winner who was 20 years old. The race, with the talented coordination of Race Director Linda Issacson and the technical support of George Towle at USM, raised \$10,000 for PWH programs.

*Former PWH Volunteer Coordinator and Race Director Linda Issacson share a celebratory moment at the end of the Breaker to Breaker 5K race in August.*



## Medical Supply Program: Meeting the Needs Here in Maine

The Medical Supply Program provides medical supplies to qualified organizations and businesses in exchange for a donation that supports PWH's management and overhead expenses. Our extensive inventory is available to health-profession training programs across New England, organizations that provide care to animals, businesses, and people seeking items to care for family members, and those embarking on medical missions or other service trips. PWH also donates walkers, wheelchairs and other mobility items to families who are referred from social service organizations and to the organizations themselves. The Medical Supply Program provides support for many people who want to reduce waste and contribute to PWH's mission. Marie Keller, RN has a key role in uncovering the goods for people seeking items. She says, "The best part of my job is talking to people who have a need, and finding the right item in our inventory to improve their daily life or support others in that goal."

Partners for World Health (PWH), based in Portland, Maine, collects unused medical supplies from New England medical facilities and re-distributes them to organizations in need, orchestrates medical missions in developing countries to deliver supplies and services while also training local medical professionals, provides quality engagement for elderly and special needs individuals, and educates the region's citizens about global health issues.

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