

Believing in Something Greater

Message from Elizabeth McLellan, Founder and President of PWH



As many of you know, PWH started in my basement over a decade ago. Today we continue to have a strong impact on the local and global environment and health care communities we serve. PWH is able to make a difference because of YOU. From our local volunteers, who collect, sort, and fund our work, to our global partners who support container shipments, and our medical teams who lead our missions, we thank you. Reflecting back on the years, I am

still struck by everyone's continued commitment to the PWH cause. People at PWH believe in something bigger than themselves; something beyond their own self interests and that is what makes the big difference here. We are able to do this work because of your support and dedication..

I am overflowing with gratitude because of your selflessness. To be socially conscious requires kindness and sacrifice and I am humbled to be connected with those who share these values within our community. Thank you to all who donate, who volunteer their time, and who support our network. Together we are improving the quality of life for individuals worldwide.

WE HAVE BEEN BUSY IN 2018 check out these accomplishments	2018	2017
Diverting More Medical Supplies From Landfill	250,273 lbs	223,265 lbs
Delivering More Medical Supplies Locally and Internationally	300,128 lbs	205,180 lbs
Building Staffing Infrastructure	5 Full Time	2 Full Time
Increasing Volunteers, Giving More Hours	22,483 Hours	19,478 Hours
Shipping More Medical Containers	11 Shipped	8 Shipped
Expanding Project 10,000	874 Kits	611 Kits
Helping Local Art Programs with Supplies	48 Classrooms	0
Expanding Personal Care Bag Donations To Homeless Within ME and VT	750 Care Bags	100 Care Bags

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Now more than ever we need your support to...

DELIVER
medical supplies
to those in need

DIVERT
valuable materials
from landfills

DIRECT
the work of volunteers
to make a difference

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Local Priest From Cameroon Helps PWH SEND A CONTAINER HOME

Connections are essential to the work that we do. Our connection to Cameroon was developed by our volunteers Lois Lefebvre, RN and Mary Floyd, RN who hosted the PWH Earth Day table at Maine Medical Center in April 2018. They had the pleasure of meeting Fr. Athanasius Wirsiy, the Chaplain at MMC, who was born in Cameroon on Africa's west coast.

Fr. Athanasius put Elizabeth in touch with Fr. Eugen Nkardzedze in Nkar, Cameroon. Fr. Eugen has been working closely with the recently completed Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. Unfortunately, this new hospital is in dire need of supplies. PWH formed a partnership with the Catholic Diocese of Kumbo Cameroon and sent a container full of needed medical supplies in July to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. PWH had a special treat when Fr. Eugen and Bishop George stopped by during a trip to Maine.

The container with over 15,000 pounds of medical supplies arrived and is currently awaiting transfer to the hospital! "Without these medical supplies and equipment the hospital cannot get off the ground. We have the structures but they are empty. It is like having food which is uncooked. We are so pleased to be in partnership with PWH", said Fr. Eugen. This new hospital brings hope and healing to families who previously had to walk as far as 10 miles for access to health care.



Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Cameroon



Father Eugen, Bishop George, Father Athanasius



Volunteers after loading the container bound for Cameroon

Before the Medicine: Teaching Self Breast Examinations in Bangladesh in Memory of Nupur

Worldwide, 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and it is the leading cause of death for women in Bangladesh. A diagnosis of cancer in the developing world creates an unfair burden on the family, the society, and the country as a whole. Families living in poverty struggle to pull together funds for treatments, such as surgery, chemo, and radiation. With this in mind, PWH has made a commitment to Early Detection Saves Lives by providing education on screening for cancer and options for treatment.

PWH has been traveling on medical missions to Bangladesh since 2012, providing needed surgery and primary health care, as well as education and training to local health care workers. In 2018 PWH, in partnership with the Rotary Club of the Dhaka Mavericks, organized the 2nd medical mission to the National Institute for Cancer and



Woman in Bangladesh being taught self-examinations with the breast model



Elizabeth is teaching nurses how to use the lymphedema machine, donated by PWH

Research Hospital, focused on the Care of the Cancer Patient. This year, the mission was in honor of Nupur, a 21-year-old college student Elizabeth met on a previous trip, who passed away from metastatic breast cancer. Surgery and consultation were provided for patients suffering from breast and GI cancers. In addition, an educational program with a clinical component was presented to over 100 nurses and educational expertise was shared on radiation oncology. The PWH team educated Bangladesh nurses on screening for breast cancer and taught over 500 women how to do self breast exams with our unique breast models crafted by volunteer Paul Farren. Our hope is that, as more women learn about screening for breast cancer they will not suffer the same fate as Nupur.

Volunteer Spotlight: Meet Doug Dransfield, MD.

Our network of volunteers are essential to making PWH successful, from sorting and organizing medical supplies, to supporting our events, to helping us develop more partnerships, and so much more!



Doug Dransfield is one of these essential volunteers. He started volunteering with us at our Broadway location and has dedicated countless hours since. His background demonstrates his commitment, passion, and concern for something larger than himself. For 25 years, Doug was a member of the Pediatric Department and a neonatologist in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit at Maine Medical Center. Over the years Doug has been a key volunteer, sorting at the Marco Table, inputting volunteer data, and assisting with events. His lasting volunteer legacy, however, may very well be the connection he made between PWH and eSuture, a medical supply purchase partner. As a husband, father and retired physician, Doug understands the devastating impact a lack of medical supplies and equipment has on a family, community, and eventually, an entire country. He is resolute in his desire to help PWH continue its mission. When asked what he likes best about PWH he replied, "What can be more perfect than using unused medical supplies and equipment to save lives – PWH does just that!"

Returning May 16, 2019



LIVE BAND
COCKTAIL RECEPTION
FASHION SHOW
TOP DESIGNERS

Out of the Hospital and Into Artists' Hands:

*PWH gets creative
with medical supplies*

Who knew that reclaimed medical items could make amazing art play projects... Sharon Morgenstein, cofounder of Art Play Nursery School, did! Foam sponges used for skin prep in surgery make great paintbrushes. And unused plastic surgical drapes are great table coverings for budding artists. Unused



little red boxes to count needles now hold special treasures collected by children. With art budgets all but nonexistent, teachers are overjoyed to find a huge "selection" of free items for creative minds to enjoy. Spread the word so Sharon can help more programs!

PWH Medical Supplies Program helping in our local community



Dale Harris, from Hollis, ME lights up our warehouse with his smile! He is one of many community members who receives donations of home care supplies from PWH. Our Medical Supply Program reaches individuals, clinics, organizations, schools, simulation centers, and more!

Partners for World Health (PWH), based at 40 Walch Drive, Portland, Maine, collects unused medical supplies and gently used equipment and re-distributes them to organizations in need locally and internationally. Founder and President, Elizabeth McLellan, RN, MSN, MPH. PWH's 501c3 designation number is 32-0276903.

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