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2021 WINTER NEWSLETTER

MAKING A LOCAL & GLOBAL IMPACT



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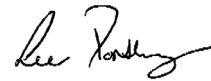
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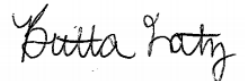
As we reflect on MedWish International's successes in 2021, we are moved by the continued support and generosity of committed stakeholders like you who have made our accomplishments possible. Whether your contribution was in the form of volunteer hours, supply donations, or donated funds, we thank you. So far this year, MedWish has diverted over 580,000 lbs. of donated medical supplies and equipment from landfills and shipped over 405,000 lbs. of vital supplies and equipment locally and internationally to those who need it most. MedWish has impacted countless lives through our efforts.

If you are inspired by the work of MedWish, please consider supporting our year-end campaign and continued efforts as we move into 2022. Our mission is more critical now than ever in this current health environment, and every dollar goes a long way! Your generosity means so much to MedWish and, most importantly, to our recipients around the world.

With much appreciation,



Lee Ponsky
**MedWish Founder
& Board President**



Britta Latz
Executive Director

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

After six years of spectacular work, Carolina Masri has decided to step down from her role as the Executive Director of MedWish International. She and her husband welcomed a beautiful baby boy this past summer, and Carolina has decided to spend much-needed time with her family. We wish Carolina the best in this next chapter of her life! She will be truly missed!



With change comes exciting opportunities. The Board unanimously agreed that MedWish had the perfect candidate within our own organization - Britta Latz. Britta has been with MedWish for over 6 years and knows the organization inside and out.



We are thrilled to have Britta as our new Executive Director and to put MedWish in her capable hands. Congratulations, Britta!

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

MedWish's Local & Domestic Giving Program was established to reduce health disparities of those who are underserved and unable to gain access to the medical supplies and equipment they need to maintain their health and wellbeing due to economic hardship. Since the start of the pandemic, MedWish has also served those on the front lines and social service agencies by distributing PPE, respiratory, and other critically needed supplies to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Thanks to grant funding and the generosity of our community, we have been able to operate this program fee-free since March 2021, and we plan to continue to pursue funding to make this possible in the long term. We estimate that over 75,000 people have been served by this program this year alone. Thank you to all of our supporters who have made this possible!

LOCAL RECIPIENT HIGHLIGHT

In 2021, MedWish began partnering with the Cleveland YWCA in their efforts to support women and families in our community. In August, a group from the YWCA came to MedWish to pick up hygiene items to give to the families they serve. They also received items from our Alternative Recycling Program* to be used for art therapy.

These supplies will support Independence Place, a permanent supportive housing location for young women and families; Norma Herr, Cleveland's emergency shelter for women; and Cogswell Hall, a permanent supportive housing location for older adults. Overall, MedWish provided the YWCA 1,000 lbs. of materials to support their work at these locations. MedWish is excited to be able to provide these recipients with the PPE they need to stay safe and healthy, in addition to supplies used for art therapy and other programs!

**Through our Alternative Recycling Program, we distribute repurposed supplies that are no longer sterile and/or expired, and therefore cannot be distributed for medical use, to be used for alternative purposes such as art projects and teaching tools.*



MAKING A DIFFERENCE AROUND THE WORLD

So far in 2021, MedWish has shipped supplies to Albania, Chad, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Kenya, Lebanon, Lesotho, Mali, Mexico, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Sierra Leone, St. Vincent & The Grenadines, Tanzania, Uganda, Ukraine, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe.

This has included 15 containers, 54 hand carries and 18 pallets full of lifesaving supplies and equipment. We estimate that this work has impacted nearly 2 million people so far this year!

INDIA: COVID-19 RECOVERY



This past spring, MedWish worked with local healthcare systems and Indian agencies* to respond to immediate needs arising from the COVID-19 surge and distribute oxygen concentrators, PPE and other medical supplies to healthcare facilities in New Delhi. Funds raised were used to support MedWish's efforts to prepare shipments and purchase critically needed supplies from the recipients' wishlists.

With your support, our team deployed over 20 oxygen concentrators to Hamari Udaan in New Delhi, India where they were distributed to Community Health Centers in Behror, Panipat, and Gwalior and immediately put to use saving lives.

"By the grace of God, the situation seems to have stabilized now. These concentrators will continue to be used as essential equipment in the future as well."

- Sanjay Dodrajka, Trustee, Hamari Udaan

*Partner agencies included: Association of Indian Physicians of Northern Ohio (AIPNO), Association of Physicians of Pakistani descent in North America - Ohio Chapter (AAPNA), Hamari Udaan, Maulana Azad Medical College Alumni Association of North America (MAMCOAANA), and Sewa International Cleveland Chapter.

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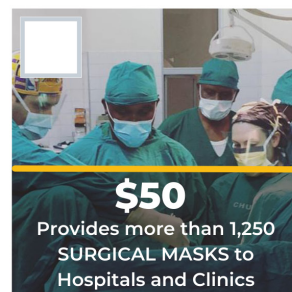
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My gift is:

☐ In Memory of

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These are representative services and supplies that are part of the different programs we offer. The cost of each item or service is an approximation and will vary based on actual costs incurred and needed. Your donation will be used for the general operating needs of MedWish International.



\$50

Provides more than 1,250
SURGICAL MASKS to
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Delivers two
pallets of
MEDICAL SUPPLIES



\$2,500

Covers 1/2 the cost of a 20FT
CONTAINER OF SUPPLIES
AND EQUIPMENT

HIGHLIGHTS & SHOUT OUTS

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

MedWish would like to give a big shout out to our BioMed Volunteers for their hard work this year! These individuals, including many incredible students from Case Western Reserve University, have devoted countless hours to help us test and vet equipment so that they can be included in our shipments. Thank you to these volunteers who have donated a grand total of over 500 hours of service this year alone!

EMPOWERMENT CHURCH



The Empowerment Church of East Cleveland has been helping local kids stay safe at school with hygiene kits that include masks and hand sanitizer. MedWish has been proud to work with the Empowerment Church on this program and has provided almost 500 lbs. of hygiene and PPE supplies for these kits since the start of the school year. What an amazing initiative!

AIDING KENYA



MedWish shipped two containers with Coptic Mission Africa to Kenya at the end of October, and we are projected to ship two more by year's end. These containers were filled with items such as hospital beds, an ultrasound machine, an infant warmer, gurneys, IV poles, and much more. The first container in October weighed over 17,000 lbs. and the second weighed 19,813 lbs., making it one of the heaviest containers we have shipped!

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DIFFERENCE!**

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build upon the
progress we have
made and
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exciting goals
we are pursuing.**



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