



CHRONICLE OF AUGUST 2026 CARING

AUGUST COMPASSION IN ACTION

Every shipment tells a story, but this month, we're celebrating the people, partnerships, and shared commitment that bring those stories to life.

From standing with Ukraine and supporting healthcare efforts in Venezuela to strengthening global partnerships and bringing healthcare professionals together in service, this edition highlights the many ways compassion becomes action. Across borders and communities, our donors, volunteers, partners, and friends continue to help build a healthier, more connected world.

BRIDGING THE HEALTHCARE GAP

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS EDITION:

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AUGUST SHIPMENTS



VENEZUELA

Medical Bridges loaded medical supplies and equipment bound for Venezuela, marking the first of many shipments to come.

We are deeply grateful to our partners at **Good Neighbors USA** for helping turn compassion into action. This shipment represents more than medical supplies; it represents partnership, possibility, and a shared commitment to strengthening healthcare for communities in need. And we're just getting started.

DJIBOUTI

Two shipments of medical supplies and equipment are on their way to Djibouti, helping bring essential resources to healthcare professionals and communities in need.

We are grateful to **Helping Hand for Relief and Development** for their partnership in making these shipments possible. Together, we're strengthening healthcare access and extending care across borders.



STANDING WITH UKRAINE: TWO MORE CONTAINERS ON THEIR WAY



Medical Bridges was honored to welcome **Vitalii Moshkivskyi**, Consul General of Ukraine in Houston, as two more containers of donated medical equipment and supplies began their journey to Ukraine.

Joined by dedicated supporters of this humanitarian effort, we marked the occasion with a ceremony celebrating the power of collective action. These shipments carry more than essential medical resources; they carry solidarity, compassion, and a reminder that Ukraine is not standing alone.



GLOBAL HEALTH IMPACT



CARE AND COMPASSION REACH UKRAINE

It is deeply meaningful to see medical supplies from Medical Bridges reaching the **Chernihiv Medical Center for Modern Oncology** in Ukraine. These vital resources are helping healthcare professionals continue caring for patients with greater safety, dignity, and compassion.

We are grateful to **Help-UA** for carrying this support forward and ensuring that donated medical resources reach those who need them most.



STRENGTHENING HEALTHCARE ACCESS IN VENEZUELA



Medical Bridges and **Chevron** are working together to prepare ten 40-foot containers of critically needed medical supplies and equipment for healthcare facilities across Venezuela. This significant effort will help deliver essential resources to healthcare professionals and communities facing urgent needs.

Beyond financial support, Chevron employees are contributing their time and expertise at Medical Bridges, helping sort, prepare, and ready these resources for shipment while supporting ongoing recovery efforts.

We are deeply grateful for this partnership and for Chevron's shared commitment to strengthening access to healthcare and making a meaningful difference for communities in Venezuela.

MEDICAL BRIDGES IN THE BERKSHIRES



As Ukraine marked its Independence Day, friends gathered in the Berkshires for an afternoon of solidarity, reflection, and meaningful action. Medical Bridges' President & CEO Walter Ulrich and Director of Global Health Dr. Tadia Diallo shared how donated medical supplies and equipment are transformed into lifesaving support.

Medical Bridges Honorary Advisory Council member **Sebastian Blachno** also shared his inspiring journey of humanitarian action. In 2022, his compassion for Ukraine moved him to mobilize his Houston community and raise enough support to send a container of medical supplies. His story is a powerful reminder that courage has no age requirement, and that one person inspired to act can move an entire community.

The gathering was beautifully accompanied by Ukrainian song and poetry performed by contralto **Vira Slywotzky** and pianist **David Sytkowski**, honoring memory, homeland, sorrow, and hope. Their music reflected an important truth: humanitarian work protects not only lives, but also culture, dignity, and the possibility of a future.

We are deeply grateful for the gracious hospitality that made this gathering possible and for every friend who came together to stand with Ukraine. Some acts of generosity are quiet, but their impact travels far.

BEYOND AID: SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS

A COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSION ON GLOBAL HEALTHCARE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

BIOBRIDGE GLOBAL - DONOR PAVILION

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Medical Bridges looks forward to **Beyond Aid: Sustainable Global Partnerships** forum in **San Antonio**, bringing together leaders with experience across global health, medicine, humanitarian response, and international development. This timely conversation offers an opportunity to explore how we can move beyond traditional aid models and build partnerships that are sustainable, collaborative, and responsive to the needs of communities around the world. We are grateful to our partners for creating space for meaningful dialogue, new connections, and shared ideas about the future of global health.

FREE TO ATTEND



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

ONE PEOPLE ONE WORLD GALA

JOIN US



Join us Thursday, October 15, 2026, at the **Hilton Post Oak** for the One People One World Gala, presented by **Chevron**. We will honor **Jeanna Bamburg, FACHE**, Chief Executive Officer of **The Woman's Hospital of Texas**, for her exceptional leadership and commitment to advancing healthcare. Your presence and generosity will help equip healthcare providers serving communities around the world.

This year's gala promises a few exciting surprises. With a more interactive and engaging experience than ever before, guests will have new opportunities to connect with Medical Bridges' mission, partners, and the lives they help change.

RESERVE YOUR SEAT



EXPLORE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



CARE BEYOND HOSPITAL WALLS

In the hands of a nurse, physician, or community health worker, each item can help dress a wound, protect a patient, prepare a clinic, and provide care with safety and dignity.

There is something meaningful about healthcare professionals coming together to support their fellow healthcare heroes. They understand firsthand what having the right supply at the right moment can mean for a patient.

We are grateful to **Houston Methodist Sugar Land** for extending its spirit of care beyond hospital walls.

Their time and teamwork will travel farther than they may ever see, and another healthcare provider will be better equipped because they chose to serve.

THE QUIET CONNECTIONS BEHIND CARE

We welcomed volunteers from **MD Anderson** to Medical Bridges. As they sorted, checked, and prepared medical supplies, they became part of a global connection that may reach a nurse, physician, technician, or community health worker thousands of miles away.



They may never meet the healthcare professional who uses what they prepared, but they are connected by a shared commitment to making care possible.

HOW YOU CAN HELP SAVE LIVES



DONATE EQUIPMENT - TURN SURPLUS INTO LIFESAVING CARE

Please help by allowing Medical Bridges to pick up your surplus medical equipment and supplies. To donate, please reach out to:
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713-766-6554

VOLUNTEER - HELP PREPARE SHIPMENTS THAT REACH HOSPITALS WORLDWIDE

Caring people like you make a difference. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to:
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PARTNER WITH US - CONNECT YOUR ORGANIZATION TO GLOBAL IMPACT

Corporations, hospitals, and foundations can collaborate with Medical Bridges to equip healthcare providers in underserved communities around the world.



SPREAD THE WORD



If you share our passion for improving access to healthcare, please like, follow, and share our stories on social media.



FINANCIAL DONATION

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