

Bridging the healthcare gap worldwide

CHRONICLE OF CARING

OCTOBER 2026

CARE MOVES FORWARD

This October, generosity took many forms: a gathering that brought our mission to life, nurses sharing their expertise, equipment collected for Texans, and shipments prepared for communities overseas.

Our commitment to healthier communities also reminds us of the importance of civic participation. The world is on fire. Whatever your political affiliation, your vote shapes programs and policies at home and America's role around the world. Thank you if you have voted already. If not, please have your voice heard.

Walter Ulrich

BRIDGING THE HEALTHCARE GAP

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OCTOBER SHIPMENTS



RWANDA

Resources for the Work Ahead

Medical Bridges loaded a container of medical supplies bound for Rwanda, supporting healthcare professionals with resources for the communities they serve.

We thank the Gaudy Foundation for helping make this shipment possible and for its commitment to the well-being of women and children.

THE GAMBIA

Partnership That Reaches Further

A shipment of medical supplies and equipment departed our Houston warehouse bound for The Gambia. Behind its preparation was a shared effort to connect available resources with healthcare needs.

Our thanks to Helping Hand for Relief and Development for helping make this shipment possible.



ONE PEOPLE ONE WORLD

AN EVENING INSIDE THE MISSION







At the October 15 One People One World Gala, presented by Chevron, we honored Jeanna Bamburg, FACHE, Chief Executive Officer of The Woman's Hospital of Texas, for her leadership and commitment to advancing healthcare.

A fireside conversation between Jeanna and Walter Ulrich brought a personal dimension to the evening. Nearby, a recreated sort room and staged clinic experiences invited guests to follow the journey from donated resources to the settings where healthcare professionals put them to use.

To our honoree, sponsors, guests, volunteers, and partners: thank you for bringing your generosity and curiosity to an evening celebrating what we can accomplish together.

Explore the gala highlights: **medicalbridges.org/onepeopleoneworldgala**

CARE TRAVELS FAR

A FAMILIAR SIGHT IN WAJIR, KENYA



During a hospital visit in Wajir, Kenya, one of our partners recognized something familiar: Medical Bridges boxes. They photographed the moment and shared it with us.

Approximately 8,780 miles separate Houston and Wajir in a straight line. Seeing those boxes in a hospital setting made that distance feel personal: a connection between the hands that prepared them here and the healthcare teams working there.

Sometimes, a familiar label tells a much larger story.



NURSING EXPERTISE, SHARED BEYOND THE BEDSIDE



This October, nurses from Texas Children's Hospital brought their clinical knowledge, energy, and teamwork to the Medical Bridges warehouse, helping process donated medical supplies for future shipments.

Their visit highlights the value of sharing professional skills through service. The expertise they bring to patient care also contributes to the preparation happening behind the scenes.

To this generous team: thank you for spending part of your time with us and for putting your knowledge to work in another meaningful way.

Bring your team to volunteer:
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CELEBRATING JOHNNY DUONG

EXPERTISE BEHIND THE EQUIPMENT







Before medical equipment can support a healthcare team, careful inspection and testing help ensure it functions as intended. Biomedical Technician Johnny Duong brings that attention and dedication to Medical Bridges.

We're proud to celebrate Johnny as a finalist for Humanitarian of the Year in TechNation's Tech Choice Awards, a recognition of the people whose contributions often happen behind the scenes.

Help us recognize his service.

VOTE FOR JOHNNY

Visit the voting page or scan the QR code and select Johnny Duong, Biomedical Technician, Medical Bridges.

Voting closes January 4, 2027

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: PROJECT MEND

COMING TOGETHER FOR MOBILITY



Houston showed up for Gear Up for Mobility, bringing donated medical equipment and a spirit of generosity to October's collection drive.

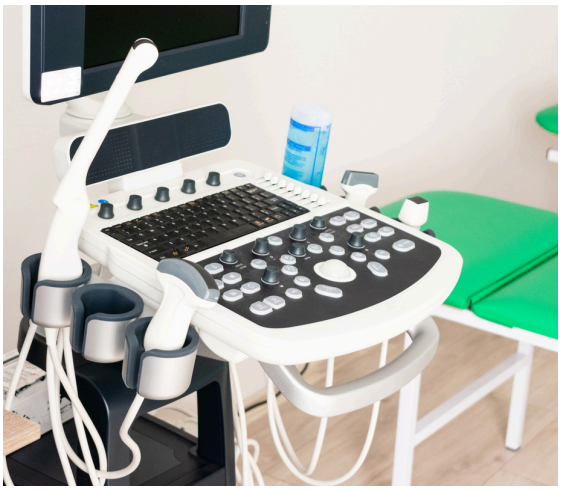


Equipment collection continues at our Houston warehouse.

The collaboration continues beyond the event. At our Houston warehouse, Medical Bridges collects equipment in partnership with Project MEND, supporting access to resources that help Texans move through daily life with greater independence.

Thank you to everyone who contributed equipment and to the teams keeping this effort moving. Together, we're creating more opportunities for useful equipment to serve again.

HOW YOU CAN HELP SAVE LIVES



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

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