

ANNUAL REPORT

2024

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HOW YOU CAN HELP



Medical Bridges has shipped nearly \$12 million of medical supplies and equipment again in 2024, and with your help, we expect to exceed that mark in 2025.

When you see in the news about countries in peril or about the poverty in the developing world, Medical Bridges is there. With your support, we go where it is hard, places where hospitals and clinics are attacked, places where medical gloves are a luxury and things we take for granted don't exist, places where Medical Bridges is the difference between sickness and health, and between life and death.

Somewhere in the world today, someone who was dying was returned to health and to their family because a healthcare hero received essential equipment and critical supplies through your generosity to Medical Bridges. Thank you.

We could not do this without your support,

Walter Ulrich



IMPACT REPORT

	2024	2023-2024
TOTAL VALUE	\$11,932,763	\$24,516,228
TOTAL WEIGHT	479,393 lbs	1,011,370 lbs
TONS	240	505
CONTAINER COUNT	58	119





FROM GENEROSITY TO CARE

MORE THAN 96 CENTS OF EVERY DOLLAR ENTRUSTED TO US FUELS OUR MISSION TO BRIDGE THE HEALTHCARE GAP WORLDWIDE

From 2018 to 2024, we achieved remarkable growth. The total value of shipments increased from \$5,346,766 in 2018 to \$11,932,763 in 2024 - an extraordinary 122% increase over six years. This growth demonstrates the power of collaboration and the efficiency of Medical Bridges' operations.



IMPACT SNAPSHOT

\$1

Every \$1 donated in 2024 provided \$15 worth of medical supplies to healthcare heroes and supported 3 treatments that would otherwise be unavailable

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In 2024 Medical Bridges enabled 2,320,000 treatments through 58 containers of medical supplies. MEDICAL BRIDGES 2024

2024 AT A GLANCE





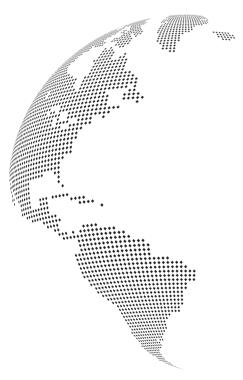
\$11.9M







COUNTRIES SERVED





ANGOLA
CHAD
DJIBOUTI
ETHIOPIA
GABON
GHANA
GUATEMALA
IRAQ
IVORY COAST
JORDAN
KENYA





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COUNTRIES

MALAWI
NEPAL
NIGERIA
PAKISTAN
PANAMA
PHILLIPINES
SIERRA LEONE
UKRAINE
UGANDA
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ZAMBIA

2024 HIGHLIGHTS



Through impactful partnerships,
Medical Bridges continues to ensure
vital support reaches communities in
need in Ghana.

According to the World Health Organization, Ghana faces a doctor-to-patient ratio of 1:8,000 in rural areas, highlighting the urgent need for our efforts.





Through the dedicated efforts of Gisèle
Ntsoure in partnership with the
International Solidarity Association of
Women (ONG ASOIF), Medical Bridges
shipped essential medical supplies to
the University Hospital Center of
Libreville (CHUL)

In Gabon, where there are only 0.3 doctors per 1,000 people, resources like these are critical.



2024 HIGHLIGHTS



Medical Bridges' recent efforts have delivered life-saving medical devices to strengthen ICU, emergency, and surgical care while advancing early breast cancer detection.

In Ethiopia, where there are only 3 hospital beds per 10,000 people and over 75% of breast cancer cases are diagnosed at late stages, the need for these resources is critical.





Thanks to HHRD, Medical Bridges shipped more containers to Djibouti These containers, filled with essential supplies and equipment, are helping healthcare workers treat more patients, reduce wait times, and improve overall health outcomes.

In Djibouti there are about 18 doctors per 100,000 individuals.



2024 HIGHLIGHTS



Since the beginning of the conflict
Medical Bridges has shipped over \$17M
worth of medical supplies thanks to our
dedicated partners.

In Ukraine, the ongoing conflict has severely impacted the healthcare system, with the World Health Organization recording 2,093 attacks on healthcare facilities from February 2022 to October 2024.





Medical Bridges is honored to collaborate with exceptional partners to bolster healthcare in Pakistan.

In 2024, Pakistan faced significant health challenges, including a rise in polio cases, with 50 new cases reported, up from six in 2023.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



Medical Bridges received the Winner of Distinction Award from the Better Business Bureau! This honor recognizes our commitment to excellence and service in the Greater Houston area. We were one of 277 organizations celebrated at the BBB Awards of Excellence on October 8, 2024. Thank you to our amazing team, partners, and supporters who help make our mission possible.

Grateful to Stevens Institute Alumni for this article, highlighting Medical Bridges' vital role in bridging healthcare disparities. From aiding wartorn Ukraine to innovative collaborations with Texas A&M, Medical Bridges is a champion of a healthier, more equitable world!





We are thrilled to share the incredible SIGMA Nursing story of our CEO, Walter Ulrich, who was honored with honorary membership in 2024

Medical Bridges was selected as one of the nonprofits honored at the Halliburton Charity Golf Tournament this year! We enjoyed being onsite to meet with industry leaders and other nonprofits



These awards are not just symbols of recognition; they are a testament to the commitment, passion, and excellence demonstrated by the Medical Bridges team, partners, sponsors and volunteers. Each acknowledgment is an inspiration to reach new heights and continue making a positive impact. Many thanks to all who have supported and celebrated our achievements. Together, we strive for even greater success in 2025.

2024 SPECIAL EVENTS

MEDICAL BRIDGES GALA



A heartfelt thank you for our unforgettable gala night! Your presence, sponsorship, volunteerism, and donations made it truly magical. Together, we're shaping a brighter future. Grateful for our amazing community!

UKRAINE COMMEMORATIVE EVENT



By October 2024, Medical Bridges had successfully delivered medical equipment and supplies to Ukraine, marking a significant milestone with a total value of over \$17 million. To commemorate this achievement, an informal ceremony took place at Medical Bridges, featuring brief remarks from Consul General Vitalii Tarasiuk.

2024 SPECIAL EVENTS

ANGOLA INDEPENDENCE DAY



Medical Bridges' Director of Marketing Akinyi Adoyo and Director of Global Health, Dr. Tadia Diallo, had the honor of attending Angola's Independence Day celebration! We are proud to support Angola's healthcare system through our mission to bridge the healthcare gap and strengthen partnerships.

CHEVRON AT MEDICAL BRIDGES



Medical Bridges had the pleasure of welcoming Chevron volunteers. Together, we worked to prepare shipments of lifesaving medical supplies for communities around the world.

As Mamadou Beye, General Manager of Corporate Affairs at Chevron International Exploration and Production, shared, "Chevron is proud to continue its partnership with Medical Bridges, furthering our efforts to support communities in countries in critical need of medical supplies where we operate."

2024 SPECIAL EVENTS

SUPPORT EFFORTS FOR PAKISTAN



Medical Bridges had the honor of welcoming Pakistan's Ambassador, Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, for a send-off ceremony of medical supplies and equipment destined for Pakistan. This event, organized by humanitarian Muhammad Saeed Sheikh in collaboration with the Houston Karachi Sister Cities Association, Helping Hand for Relief & Development, and the Alliance for Disaster Relief, highlighted our shared commitment to unity and compassion.

2024 RUTH VINN HENDLER LACK LECTURE



The Ruth Vinn Hendler Lack Memorial Lecture featured an inspiring keynote by Walter Ulrich, CEO of Medical Bridges, who highlighted the importance of global health and collaboration in underserved communities.

Meaningful discussions touched on how working together can lead to a healthier future for all. A big thank you to the Holocaust Museum Houston for hosting and to everyone who joined us.



PRIORITY SDGS

In 2015, Medical Bridges adopted the United Nations global goals to frame its global health progress and hone into four interlinked global goals - SDG3, SDG10, SDG12, & SDG17.



ENSURING HEALTHY LIVES AND WELL-BEING FOR ALL

In 2024, Medical Bridges distributed and staged nearly \$12M in medical resources to supply dedicated healthcare professionals serving vulnerable patients living in extreme poverty.



REDUCING INEQUALITY WITHIN AND AMONG COUNTRIES

Medical Bridges is improving access and quality of healthcare to ensure that every person has the opportunity to thrive regardless of income, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, race, class, ethnicity, or religion.



ENSURING SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION PATTERNS

Medical Bridges offers a solution that enables sustainable consumption and efficient supply chain in the healthcare industry to leave a positive environmental and social impact. Medical Bridges has kept nearly 500 tons of medical material from landfills in the last two years.



STRENGTHENING AND REVITALIZING PARTNERSHIPS

Medical Bridges' mission continues humming thanks to the support and contribution from stakeholders invested in improving the quality of healthcare locally and globally.

Medical Bridges - A leader in global health equity

SAN ANTONIO



A GAME-CHANGING PARTNERSHIP: METHODIST HEALTH SYSTEM

One of the most notable developments has been our partnership with Methodist Health System. As part of the HCA hospital network, Methodist Health System operates under the supply chain management of HealthTrust. Their collaboration has been instrumental in expanding our ability to receive medical surplus efficiently and effectively.



EXTENDING OUR REACH: PROJECT MEND

Project MEND has long been an incredible partner for us in San Antonio. Together, we have extended our outreach to include not only individual residents but also larger healthcare organizations within the community.

This partnership has granted us credibility and trust as an official partner, enhancing our ability to serve both locally and globally. Project MEND's tireless efforts have also created opportunities for us to tap into new donor bases and strengthen relationships with local stakeholders.



A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

Both Methodist Health System and Project MEND exemplify the power of partnerships in creating meaningful change. Their support allows us to continue delivering vital medical resources where they are needed most.

We are excited to build on these collaborations in the coming years and explore new ways to bridge the global healthcare gap.



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Heartfelt thanks to our incredible donors in San Antonio. Your unwavering support has become an integral part of our success, strengthening our mission and amplifying our impact. Together, you have transformed our efforts into a remarkable testament to shared commitment and collaboration.

Women's Center at Westover Hills

IN THEIR WORDS

CELEBRATING COLLABORATION

On behalf of Islamic Relief Canada, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your invaluable partnership and continued support. Your contributions have played a significant role in helping us deliver impactful programs and provide critical aid to those in need. We are truly honored to work alongside such a dedicated and supportive partner. We look forward to continuing this collaboration and achieving even greater milestones together.

KHALED KAMAL – PROGRAMS SPECIALIST, ISLAMIC RELIEF CANADA

The extraordinary team at Medical Bridges is changing lives -- even saving them -- every day and in nearly every corner of the globe. The opportunity to support such a mission is an inspiring and deeply fulfilling privilege.

NIEL GOLIGHTLY - MEDICAL BRIDGES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Together MB and HHRD are bridging the health care gap worldwide, and we bring "Smiles Across the Miles" through medical In-kind gifts.

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Bridging the healthcare gap worldwide

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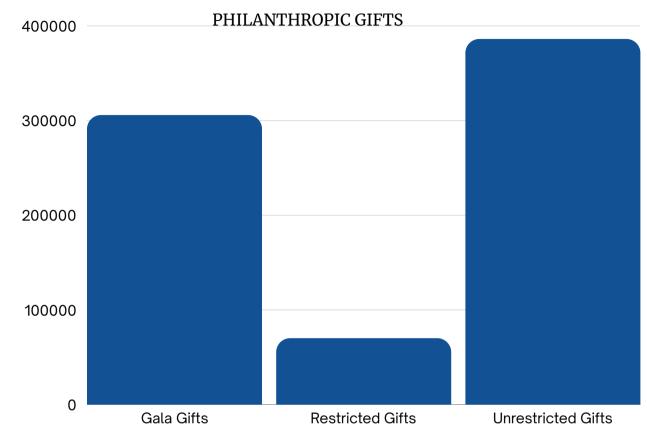
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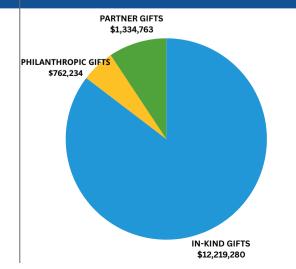
FINANCIAL UPDATE



We owe our financial fitness to great partnerships, generous philanthropy and a successful Gala.

\$11.9M







In 2024, every dollar provided \$15.00 of medical materials to a healthcare hero to support 3 treatments, treatments that might otherwise be unavailable.

WAYS TO GIVE

Medical Bridges gratefully accepts:



CASH DONATIONS

Thanks to the donated medical items, every \$1.00 generated nearly \$15.00 of donated medical supplies for those in need.



CRYPTOCURRENCY

Similar to stocks, get the full value of the tax-deductible donation from tradable cryptocurrency.



STOCKS

Get the full value of the security as a tax-deductible donation and avoid capital gains on the increase in value of highly appreciated securities.



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BRIDGING THE HEALTHCARE GAP WORLDWIDE















HOW YOU CAN HELP



DONATE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

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