

2024 Global Brigades Annual Report



CELEBRATING
20 YEARS
ONE MILLION EMPOWERED
ONE GLOBAL MISSION



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Celebrating 20 Years with Gratitude and Purpose

Dear Global Brigades Community,

Looking back on 2024, we are filled with gratitude for the volunteers, partners, donors, and communities who made it a year of growth and impact. This gratitude feels even more significant as we enter our 20th year in 2025, carrying forward the momentum of programs that reflect the best of our holistic model. From the launch of Montemar in Honduras to the resurgence of Global Medical Brigades, the energy of Squads Abroad students, and new strides in sustainability, 2024 laid the foundation for an exciting year ahead.

This past year marked an exciting new chapter in our mission with the launch of **Montemar**, an innovative housing initiative in Honduras. What began as a bold idea to address the intersection of health, housing, and economic opportunity is now a growing reality. Montemar exemplifies the power of our holistic model in action—providing dignified homes, creating jobs, and building stronger, more resilient communities.

We also saw the continued resurgence of **Global Medical Brigades**, which reached pre-pandemic momentum thanks to the trust and engagement of our international volunteers and the tireless efforts of our local teams. With clinics operating year-round and hundreds of Community Health Entrepreneurs now serving as vital access points to care, we've reinforced the principle that access to healthcare shouldn't depend on geography or income.

Our **Squads Abroad** program has emerged as a vibrant engine for impact and intergenerational change. Over 1,000 high school students joined us this year, building infrastructure in schools and co-developing projects that serve thousands. Their enthusiasm and dedication give us hope for a future where youth aren't just participants—they're changemakers.



Celebrating 20 Years with Gratitude and Purpose

We also continued to advance our commitment to environmental sustainability through our **carbon offsetting program**, partnering with rural farmers in Honduras to plant over 11,000 trees. This initiative not only sequesters carbon from volunteer travel, but also provides long-term income opportunities for local families and helps combat deforestation.

All of this was made possible through the incredible generosity of our supporters. Because of you, thousands of families now have access to clean water, public health infrastructure, and sustainable economic opportunities. Your contributions enable our programs to continue long after volunteers return home, making the biggest impact in the quiet, everyday moments like a family having a working bathroom, a child drinking clean water, and a mother earning income from her home business.

Together, we closed 2024 having reached nearly 375,000 individuals and more than 440 partner communities across Central America, West Africa, and Europe. Yet the real story is what lies ahead.

With our Empowered 1M campaign well underway, we are building the systems and partnerships to equip one million individuals with the tools to thrive. None of this would be possible without you — our volunteers, partners, donors, and community leaders who make this movement possible every day. Thank you for being part of the journey and for shaping the next chapter of Global Brigades.

With appreciation,



Dr. Shital Vora
Co-Founder & President



Steven Atamian
Co-Founder & Chief
Empowerment Officer

CELEBRATING 20 ONE MILLION EMPOWERED ONE GLOBAL MISSION YEARS



It has been 20 years since Global Brigades first planted its roots in the mountains of eastern Honduras. What began as a grassroots medical relief effort has grown into a trusted global health and development movement, powered by the dedication of more than 100,000 volunteers. Over two decades, our reach has expanded across Central America and into two additional continents, transforming lives in seven countries through a holistic model that integrates healthcare, economic opportunity, and water and sanitation solutions.

In 2009, we launched [our first clean water project in El Zurzular, Honduras](#)—our first Empowered Community where, together with local leadership, every program of the Holistic Model was implemented. By 2011, El Zurzular was officially inaugurated, paving the way for more than 50 partner communities worldwide to follow.

As our work deepened, we sought new ways to address systemic challenges. In 2015, we began laying the groundwork with what would become **Eskala**, a groundbreaking approach to economic empowerment that reimagines microfinance through community-owned banks and small business investment. Eskala has since expanded across Honduras, Panama, and Ghana proving that sustainable change requires both health and economic resilience.

We continued to grow with the launch of **Squads Abroad** in 2019, engaging high school students in meaningful global service, and **Kambia** in 2020, connecting university faculty and students through project-based international learning. Together with Eskala, these initiatives advance our **Empowered 1M** vision, supporting one million individuals to achieve improved, sustainable livelihoods.

Collaboration has been central to every milestone. Our impact has only been possible through the leadership of communities, the commitment of student and professional volunteers, and the partnership of organizations including the Merkel Family, World Bank, UNDP, Kiva, UNICEF, Inter-American Development Bank, Rotary International, and many others.

As we celebrate 20 years of friendship, innovation, and impact, we are grateful for the trust of our stakeholders and the resilience of our partner communities. Looking ahead, we remain committed to building sustainable, inclusive change for decades to come.

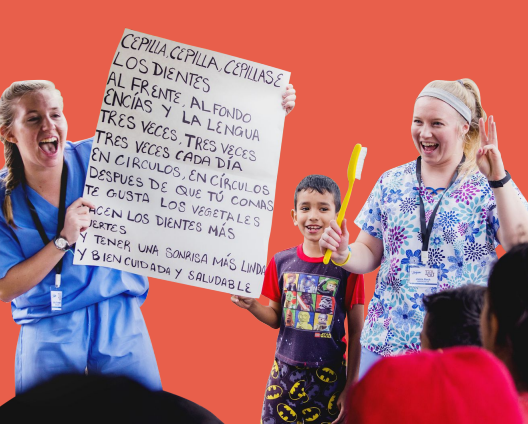


CELEBRATING
20
YEARS

20 YEARS OF IMPACT



7	Programming Countries
1,090+	Partner Communities
1,680,000+	Patient Consultations
229,700+	Dental Treatments
75,900+	Vision Screenings
760+	Community Health Workers Trained
61,500+	People with Improved Access to Clean Water
4,400+	Families with Improved In-home Public Health Infrastructure
2,000+	Small Business Consultations
32,000+	Low Interest Loans Disbursed
\$11,100,000+	Invested in Community Banks and Businesses
106,000+	Total Volunteer Engagements



Global Brigades is an international health and economic development organization recognized for its unique, integrated community development model, innovative financially sustainable programming, and network of thousands of volunteers that empower its partner communities.

Our Mission

Inspire, mobilize, and collaborate with communities to achieve their own health and economic goals.

Our Vision

Millions of empowered community members with the resources and capacity to thrive.

Our Values



Empowerment

Creating an infrastructure that propels passion to meaningful results



Holistic Approach

Implementing programming at all levels through a multi-disciplinary model



Scalability

Perpetuating positive impact



Sustainability

Creating replicable systems that maximize impact



Financial Transparency

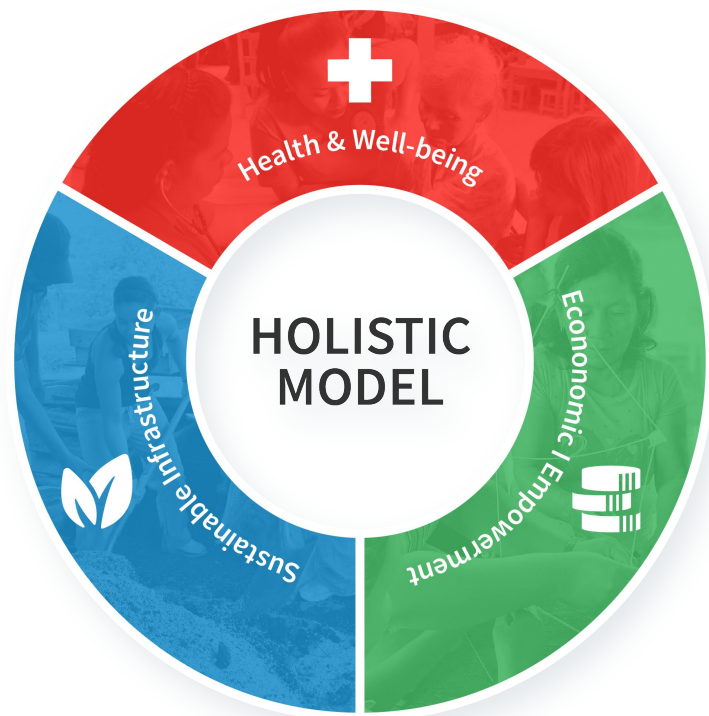
Demonstrating efficient resource usage



Collaboration

Facilitating a “partnership” approach that makes any act of “service” empowering

Our Holistic Model



Global Brigades' Holistic Model remained the cornerstone of our impact in 2024. Developed and refined over the past twenty years, this comprehensive, community-driven approach addresses interconnected challenges in health, water and sanitation, and economic development. To mitigate healthcare disparities, we operate both mobile and permanent clinics while equipping Community Health Entrepreneurs to provide sustained access to essential medical services.

Our WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) initiatives expand clean water infrastructure, strengthen safe sanitation systems, and promote hygiene practices that support preventative healthcare. Concurrently, our economic development programs, focused on investing in Community Banks and consulting small businesses, enhance financial inclusion and foster sustainable livelihoods. Through this integrated three-pronged approach, Global Brigades advances long-term resilience and empowers communities to direct their own pathways toward sustainable development.

Global Brigades and the UN Sustainable Development Goals

The United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is comprised of 17 widely arching Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). These goals are global calls to action for countries and organizations alike to partner in ending poverty and creating peace and prosperity for all.

Global Brigades' development model actively advances several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their targets in our programming countries. Guided by this global framework, GB continues to drive scalable and sustainable impact, empowering partner communities to create lasting change.

Global Brigades contributes to:



GB's sustainable healthcare programming contributes to:



Good Health & Well-Being

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

Global Brigades contributes to SDG3 by delivering high-quality, sustainable healthcare programs to our partner communities. We continued to refine our mobile clinic model to expand access and adapt to the evolving health needs of patients. Through the training and equipping of Community Health Entrepreneurs and the operation of Urban Clinics, we provided regular, affordable healthcare services across diverse populations. These efforts directly support SDG 3 targets by strengthening primary healthcare, reducing disparities in access, and promoting healthier, more resilient communities.

In 2024:

231

Medical & Dental Groups

4,159

Medical & Dental Volunteers

47,062

Medical Patient Consultations

592

Pap Smears Performed

8,218

Vision Screenings

28,477

Dental Treatments

773

Community Health Entrepreneurs trained to date



GB's water, sanitation, and hygiene programming contributes to:



Clean Water & Sanitation

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

Global Brigades contributes to SDG6 by improving access to sufficient, affordable, and clean water, and improved sanitation, in our partner communities. In collaboration with community members, we designed and constructed sustainable water systems and in-home sanitation solutions, supported by affordable financing mechanisms, local partnerships, and donor investment. Engineering, Water, and Public Health Brigade volunteers played a central role by working directly with communities to assess public health challenges, develop Community Health Action Plans, and provide education on water, sanitation, and hygiene best practices. This integrated approach not only delivered essential infrastructure but also strengthened local knowledge and leadership, ensuring long-term impact and healthier, more resilient communities.



In 2024:

53 Engineering, Water, & Public Health Groups

765 Engineering, Water, & Public Health Volunteers

7 Clean Water Systems Designed

18 Clean Water Systems Constructed

10,469 People with Improved Access to Clean Water

65 Families benefited with in-home public health or home-improvement infrastructure

3 Community Health Action Plans completed

GB's water, sanitation, and hygiene programming contributes to:



No Poverty

End poverty in all its forms everywhere.



Zero Hunger

End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.



Decent Work and Economic Growth

Promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

Global Brigades contributes to SDGs 1, 2, and 8 by promoting financial inclusion, entrepreneurship, and community-owned economic development in our partner communities. Through Eskala and our Business Brigades program, we expanded access to affordable credit, micro-equity, business consulting, and sustainable agriculture initiatives, creating pathways for families to strengthen their livelihoods. By investing in and building the capacity of community-owned banks, we fostered local leadership and empowered communities to effectively manage financial resources, launch small businesses, and generate employment opportunities. These efforts not only stimulated local economies but also cultivated resilience, ownership, and long-term economic sustainability.



In 2024:

36 Business Groups

570 Business Volunteers

3437 Loans Disbursed

217 Community Bank Partners

5296 Community Bank Members

91 Small Business Consultations

\$2,368,100+ Invested in Community Banks & Businesses

GB's water, sanitation, and hygiene programming contributes to:



Quality Education

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.



Reduce Inequalities

Reduce inequality within and among countries.



Gender Equality

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

All Global Brigades programs integrate capacity building and skills development, with a strong focus on empowering women. By expanding access to education, credit, and leadership opportunities, women and girls gain the tools to challenge traditional gender roles, pursue income-generating activities, and strengthen their influence within households and communities. Improved access to water and sanitation further reduces the burden of water collection and supports menstrual hygiene management, enabling more consistent school attendance and well-being for girls. Our economic initiatives prioritize women leaders and entrepreneurs, fostering greater independence and resilience. In Central America, we collaborate with indigenous leaders to address persistent inequalities, while in Greece we extend affordable healthcare, financial education, and business support to refugees and asylum seekers.



In 2024:

34,100	Educational workshops participants
58%	of Community Bank Members are women
87%	of Community Health Entrepreneurs are women
52%	of WASH Committee Members are women
67%	of owners of businesses consulted are women
130+	Indigenous partner communities in Central America
99.5%	of 2024 partner communities were rural
~50%	of clinic patients in Greece are asylum seekers

GB also contributes to:



Sustainable Cities & Communities

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

In 2024, GB grew its new affordable housing initiative in southern Honduras, Montemar. Montemar is dedicated to ensuring access to safe, adequate, and affordable housing in partner communities, recognizing that secure housing is a foundation for broader sustainable development. By providing families with stable living environments, Montemar enabled greater investment in education, healthcare, and economic opportunities, while also contributing to improved physical and mental health outcomes. Beyond individual households, the initiative aims to support local economic growth by creating demand for jobs and services, and promoting sustainability through housing designs that reduce energy use, conserve resources, and minimize environmental impact.



Life on Land

Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

GB continues to advance its commitment to environmental sustainability by striving to offset emissions from volunteer travel and move toward carbon neutrality through our Carbon Offsetting Program. This initiative partners with local farmers to promote reforestation and sustainable land management practices that restore ecosystems and capture carbon. We also work alongside community leaders to safeguard water resources and provide education on conservation best practices, ensuring long-term stewardship of vital natural assets. In addition, sustainable and organic farming remain central to Eskala and our broader economic development programming, fostering environmentally responsible livelihoods that strengthen both communities and ecosystems.



Climate Action

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts



Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Our Legal Empowerment program provides legal education and financial resources for vulnerable families to resolve legal challenges. We focus our work with women in remote, rural, and under-resourced communities who would otherwise have limited to no access to legal resources, and with refugee and migrant populations seeking asylum and integration.



Partnerships for the Goals

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

Global Brigades aims to foster collaboration among volunteers, local communities, government institutions, NGOs, donors, and impact investors. These strategic partnerships mobilize financial resources, facilitate the exchange of best practices, and support knowledge transfer to strengthen sustainable development outcomes in partner countries.



The Empowered



Since the launch of the Empowered 100 (E100) in 2017, Global Brigades has worked alongside community members, volunteers, donors, and local partners to implement our Holistic Model with the shared goal of building sustainable livelihoods. A livelihood encompasses the means by which individuals and households secure the essentials of life, including income, food, shelter, and basic services. Sustainable livelihoods, defined by their resilience, long-term viability, and the dignity and opportunity they provide, are central to sustainable development. They offer pathways out of poverty, promote responsible resource use, create opportunities for marginalized groups, and contribute directly to advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals. In 2024, Global Brigades continued to build on decades of community development work through our Empowered 1M initiative, which aims to empower one million people worldwide to achieve improved and more sustainable livelihoods.

The Empowered 1M GOALS:

Overall Goal: 316,500+ of 1M people empowered to attain improved and more sustainable livelihoods.



Goal #1

Healthcare Access: Regular, affordable access to a healthcare professional, medicine, and a trained Community Health Entrepreneur.

- 148,600+ people have accessed health & dental care
- 1,684,503 medical & dental patient consultations
- 766 Community Health Entrepreneurs Trained



Goal #2

Access to sufficient, clean water: Improved access to engineering solutions, clean and water infrastructure, supported by a trained community Water Committee.

- 61,500+ people with improved access to clean water infrastructure
- 89 Communities with improved access to clean water infrastructure
- 47,219 people benefited by a clean water infrastructure design



Goal #3

Access to housing and public health designs and infrastructure, with affordable financing opportunities, and community health assessments & action plans.

- 20,700+ people with improved access to housing and public health infrastructure
- 4,411 Families benefited with in-home public health infrastructure
- 17,858 beneficiaries of a Community Health Action Plan



Goal #4

Economic Opportunity: Economic growth realized through increased access to sufficient, affordable credit and savings through a Community-owned Bank

- 5,500+ people who are Community Bank Members
- 1876 small business consultations
- \$11.1M invested in Community Banks and businesses



Goal #5

Volunteer Movement: Inspire, mobilize, and educate international volunteers to empower partner communities to achieve sustainable livelihoods now and in the future.

- 80,100+ volunteers mobilized



WHERE WE WORK

Guatemala

Belize

Honduras

Panama

Greece

Ghana

In 2024

Global Brigades worked in 446 partner communities in Belize, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, and Panama, while impacting many more nearby communities with access to sustainable programs. In addition, GB operated Urban Clinics, serving vulnerable populations of Tegucigalpa and Athens.



Partner Communities

Estimated Impacted Population

Honduras	210	134,900+
Panama	158	105,700
Ghana	33	63,400+
Guatemala	28	43,800+
Belize	16	22,500+
Greece	1	1,900+
Total	446	372,200+

HONDURAS

Global Brigades was established in 2003 in Honduras, where the organization launched its first basic medical brigades in the partner communities of El Paraíso and Francisco Morazán. Since these humble roots, Honduras has since remained integral to the development of our mission, strategy, and methodology as an organization. Today, all Global Brigades programs are implemented in the country, with operations expanded to eight departments, reflecting our continued commitment to broadening impact and strengthening community partnerships.



HONDURAS



Healthcare Program:

In 2024, over 1,250 volunteers participated in in-person and virtual Medical and Dental programs in Honduras, providing affordable access to a range of healthcare services, including dental, optometry, OBGYN, and other specialties. The local team strengthened relationships with authorities and partner communities in our newest region of influence, La Paz.

We trained and equipped 40 new Community Health Entrepreneurs (CHEs) and conducted follow-up visits to ensure they could effectively provide daily access to affordable medications within their communities. By year's end, an additional CHE training had been initiated in La Paz. The urban clinic in Tegucigalpa operated throughout 2024, providing healthcare over 7,000 healthcare consultations to members of the city's vulnerable population.

12,879	Medical Patient Consultations
386	Pap Smears Performed
3,674	Vision Screenings
10,896	Dental Treatments
719	Health & Dental Education Workshops
639	Community Health Entrepreneurs trained to date

Healthcare Community Member Testimonial

HONDURAS

Giselle Paola Rivera

Community Volunteer
Araulí, El Paraiso

“We thank God for the blessing of this brigade to our community, Arauli. **We are more than satisfied with the care provided, we thank the GB staff for their amiability and kindness toward us, to the community volunteers and the patients.** We would like to thank the student volunteers who made this act of love possible.

Thank you for the care shown to our children! We hope that Global Brigades will return to our community soon. This was a successful brigade, treating more than 200 patients in two days with highly competent doctors. Thank you; words are insufficient to express our gratitude. We only wish you all professional success and God's blessings for each and every one of you.”



HONDURAS



Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Program:

In 2024, the WASH program in Honduras continued to have a significant impact by expanding access to clean water in rural partner communities. The team advanced work on the Pueblo Nuevo water project in southern Honduras, the largest initiative to date, and constructed additional clean water systems in Tierras Morenas and Jorge Álvarez. In 4 additional communities, community leaders and partner organizations brought engineering designs, developed by GB staff and volunteers, to life, completing construction in 2024.

Engineering volunteers also developed water system designs for 7 new communities who can now pursue similar outcomes. Public Health volunteers collaborated with local technicians and community members to assess health needs, deliver Community Health Action Plans in three communities, and construct 48 sanitation units and nine eco-stoves for families.

- 7 Clean Water Systems Designed
- 6 Water Systems Delivered to partner communities
- 1,861 People with improved access to clean water
- 57 Families benefited with in-home public health infrastructure
- 3 Community Health Action Plans completed

HONDURAS



Economic Development Program:

In 2024, the Eskala Honduras team, in collaboration with SEMPRENDE and its network of Community Banks, established partnerships with banks in rural communities across Yoro, Olancho, and La Paz. The team piloted the use of Starlink satellite internet technology in select community banks to enhance connectivity, enabling the implementation of Eskala's online portfolio management software and expanding internet access for local communities.

Eskala also began shifting its focus from loans to micro-equity investments in Community Banks, with technicians dedicating the latter part of the year to introducing and socializing this new strategy with bank leaders. Additionally, Virtual Business Brigade volunteers provided consulting services to small businesses in 26 partner communities throughout Honduras.

3,012

Loans disbursed

2,011

Total Community Bank members

57

Small Business Consultations

\$1,349,800+

Invested in community banks
& businesses

Econ. Dev. Community Member Testimonial

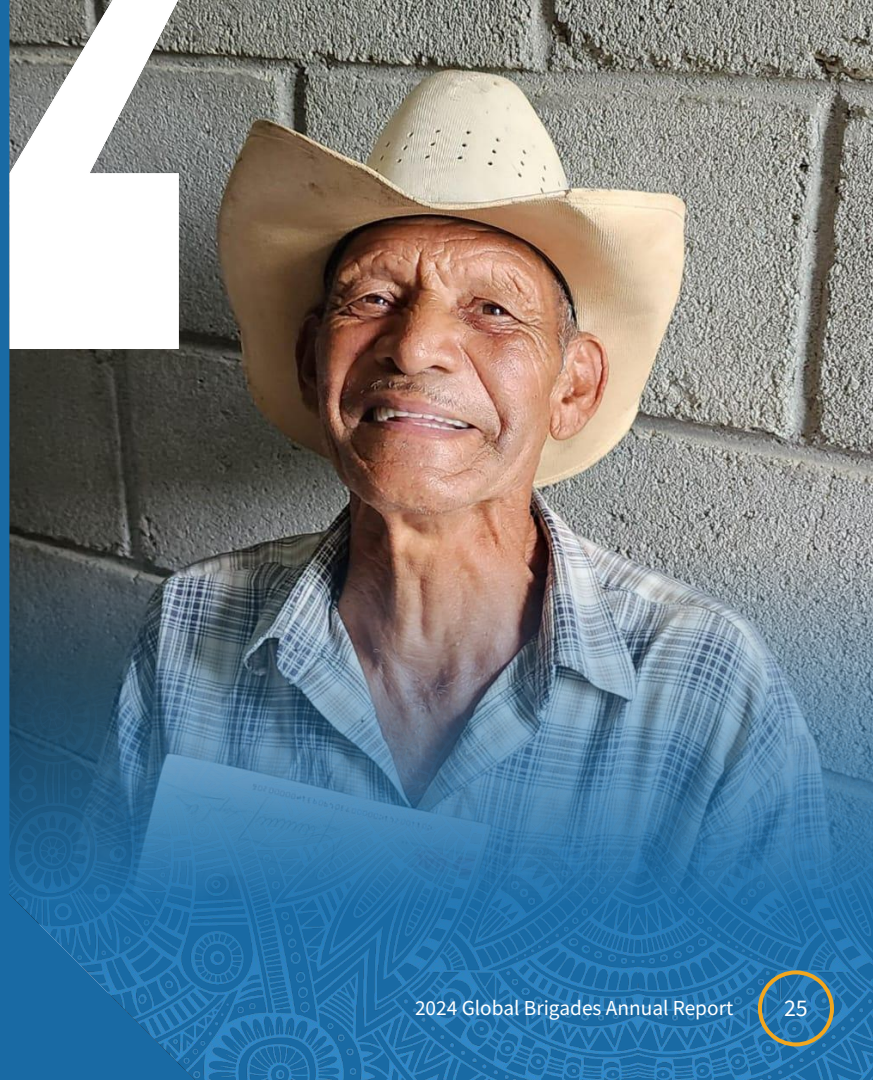
HONDURAS

Cristobal Artica

Community Bank Member
El Porvenir, El Paraiso

“Cristobal Artica, member of El Porvenir Community Bank in Honduras is excited to receive a loan that will help him provide for his family. He expressed, **"This is going to help me more than you can imagine! I will be able to buy seeds to have a good harvest. You are a blessing"** El Porvenir community bank has a loan portfolio of \$8,097.

From that Don Cristobal received \$850 to purchase good quality seeds and fertilizer to maximize his crops and earnings for the next harvest season. Don Cristobal was impressed with the time and attention he received from Eskala. Cristobal can't read, and the Eskala Honduras team took time to explain the process, contract, and repayment plan. He said, "When people recommend [Eskala], they say they are good and I see that you are very good!"



PANAMA

Global Brigades expanded to Panama in 2008, beginning with initiatives to increase access to financial services for some of the country's most isolated and vulnerable indigenous communities in the east. In subsequent years, healthcare and WASH programs were introduced, rounding out the implementation of the holistic model in Panama. Today, Eskala Panama stands as one of the leading microfinance institutions in rural areas and has been recognized by the United Nations Development Programme as a model for economic development. Over time, GB Panama has broadened its reach, now implementing development programming across seven provinces and three indigenous comarcas: Emberá-Wounaan, Guna Yala, and Ngäbe-Buglé.



PANAMA



WASH Program:

In 2024, the Panama Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) team, together with student volunteers, reached more communities than ever before. Construction projects on clean drinking water systems initiated in 2023 were completed, while new infrastructure improvements began in additional partner communities.

Across 10 rural communities, staff, volunteers, and community members collaborated to enhance access to clean water, ultimately benefiting nearly 8,000 community members. Public Health volunteers also addressed hygiene and sanitation challenges in Toro Bravo and Guacuco Guna, constructing upgraded sanitation facilities in the primary school and cultural center, respectively.

In collaboration with UNICEF, in 2024 GB Panama continued to deliver essential water and sanitation infrastructure at migrant reception stations in rural communities in the Darien region, improving hygiene conditions for thousands of vulnerable migrant families arriving in the area.

- 10** communities with Water System improvements
- 7,951** People with improved Access to Clean Water
- 1** School and **1** Cultural Center with Improved Public Health Infrastructure benefitting **45** people

WASH Community Member Testimonial

PANAMA

Vasco Guerrero

Water Committee
Guacuco Guna, Panama Este

“I want to thank Global Brigades because they always consider us within their projects to our community Guacuco Guna, with their help we were able to connect with pipes from the community to 10 families who did not have water and for that we are very grateful. Global's contribution has been significant, as well as the students who with great solidarity helped these families, the community is very grateful.

This water project helps us significantly with the time we used to spend collecting water, which will allow us to take care of other important tasks such as taking care of our children and assisting our family. Before, our time was quite limited because we always had to collect water. Having water in the house for these families is definitely life changing in every way.”



PANAMA



Healthcare Program:

2024 was a year of enormous growth and impact for healthcare programming in Panama. GB Panama hosted over 90 brigade groups, comprising 1,470+ volunteers, both records in the 16 year history of operations in the country. The health team graduated a new group of 21 Community Health Workers in March, and in the second half of the year started training for a new group of 20 CHEs, expected to complete training in 2025.

In addition work was continued on the expansion and strengthening of the network of Community Health Entrepreneurs in rural Panamanian partner communities. These CHEs, known as “Botiquines del Pueblo” in Panama are government certified to sell affordable over the counter medication in their communities.

As a result of GB Panama’s successful WASH collaboration with UNICEF, the partnership expanded in 2024 to deliver critical healthcare services to migrant populations in the Darién region and strengthen Community Health Entrepreneurs in surrounding communities.

15,259	Medical Patient Consultations
7,512	Dental Treatments
2,577	Health & Dental Education Workshops
77	Community Health Entrepreneurs trained to date

PANAMA



Economic Development Program:

In 2024, Mi Solución Financiera (MSF Eskala), continued as a leader of microfinance in the rural areas of the country, demonstrating its commitment to growing local economies in partner communities. MSF Eskala grew its investment portfolio to well over a million dollars, reaching a portfolio size of over \$1.7 million by the end of 2024. In 2024 alone MSF Eskala in Panama disbursed over \$1 million in low interest loans to the most vulnerable populations in rural and indigenous communities.

MSF Eskala was a key participant in 3 of the 5 economic development projects that the Inter-American Development Bank implemented in Panama. In addition to MSF Eskala's impact, Business Brigades volunteers provided business consulting services to 25 small businesses in 13 partner communities in Panama. Those entrepreneurs are now better prepared and engaged in growing their businesses and accessing financial support.

373+

Loans disbursed

95

Community Bank Partners

2,247

Total Community Bank members

\$1,006,200+

Invested in community banks
& businesses

2

Small Business Consultations

Econ. Dev. Community Member Testimonial

PANAMA

Victoria Wong

Community Bank Treasurer
La Candelaria, Cocolé

“My name is Victoria Wong, I am 46 years old. I live in the community of La Candelaria, Taobré, Penonomé district, Cocolé Province. I started working in the family business at a very young age and a few years ago I started a small business that has been growing little by little. I am an entrepreneurial woman and I had the idea of starting a chicken business, but I didn't know how to start until now.

Thanks to the Brigade, who have supported me in making the coop, logos, business cards and how to make the budget. I am living my dream come true.

I am very happy and very grateful to the Brigade and the entire group. God bless you. Thanks with all my heart.”



GHANA

Global Brigades established its first community partnerships in Ghana's Central Region in 2011. As we expanded to a new continent and country, our initial focus was on building strong relationships with the Ghana Water Company, the Ghana Health Service, and local community leadership structures. Over time, these collaborations have positioned Global Brigades as a leader in community development in the region. The more densely populated partner communities in Ghana, compared to those in Central America, present unique challenges and opportunities, which have shaped the development of distinct program methodologies tailored to the local context.



GHANA



Healthcare Program:

2024 was a year of continued growth and innovation for healthcare programming in Ghana. The team strengthened its partnership with the Vibrant Village Foundation, expanding grant funding, and implemented mobile clinics in six partner communities in the extremely underserved three northern regions, providing care to 2,860 patients.

Late in the year, work began on renovating the health renovating health center in Ankaful and the construction of a new centre in Ntereso. Additionally, 13 in-person and virtual volunteer groups, comprising over 250 volunteers, supported healthcare access across partner communities, including the expansion of dental services following a successful pilot in 2023.

11,780 Medical Patient Consultations

2,930 Vision Screenings

819 Dental Treatments

116 Health & Dental Education Workshops

Healthcare Community Member Testimonial

GHANA

Marthar Essel

Community Health Volunteer
Old Ebu, Central Region

“Today, the work that has been done by Global Medical Brigades is much appreciated. We are happy! Sometimes, community members visit our clinic and it is difficult for them to raise money to visit the hospital, due to that, most of the community members are living with their sickness. **Global Brigades has done a great job for the Old Ebu community. The services provided by Global Medical Brigades in Old Ebu include ophthalmology, dental, medical consultations, and medication all for free.** They have also registered our children and the elderly who are 70 years and above for free.

The work that they have done and the attention they give to the patient is highly recommendable. We hope that the volunteers, together with Global Brigades, visit us every month to support us! We are pleading with Global Medical Brigades that, whatever ever left for us, they should bring. We never anticipated this. We thank you so much, may the good God bless you all and the good work that you are doing.”



GHANA



Economic Developmental Program:

In 2022, GB Ghana invested \$70,000 in rural communities through partnerships with local credit unions, providing access to affordable credit for rural community members in the regions that we work. In 2024, we began implementing a strategy to launch Eskala in Ghana, alongside an additional \$15,000 investment in local credit unions. Eskala Ghana was recognized as the largest shareholder in both of our credit union partners. In addition, the Ghana team hosted a financial literacy workshop for 33 local business owners from our partner communities.

WASH Program:

In 2024, the Ghana Water, Sanitation and Hygiene team collaborated with the Ghana Water Company to install new standpipes and 10,000 liter water storage tanks to benefit over 320 people in Brenyi, and another 330 in Nyamebekyere. The team also drilled 2 new boreholes in Ntereso, our first water project in northern Ghana, that will eventually provide improved access to drinking water for over 1,700 community members, with one borehole serving the health center that is under construction. Lastly GB staff and Public Health brigade volunteers combined to construct toilets and biodigesters for a total of 8 families in four partner communities in rural Ghana improving their access to safe, in-home sanitation infrastructure.

8 Families benefited with in-home public health infrastructure

2 Communities with clean water standpipes installed

657 People with improved access to Clean Water

WASH Community Member Testimonial

GHANA

Maxwell Biney

Community Member
Ekumfi Ekumpoano, Central Region

“When we learned that the Global Public Health Brigade was coming to our community, we were thrilled. We had heard about the positive impact you had made in Ekumpoano regarding community sanitation and the benefits that followed. The initial beneficiaries spoke highly of the project, and we urge you to continue your work here in Ekumpoano. Before your intervention, finding a suitable place for sanitation was challenging for us.

We often resorted to using the bushes or the beach, especially during rainy seasons when the conditions were particularly difficult. However, since the construction of your project, we have had access to a reliable toilet facility right in our community. This has significantly improved our sanitation situation, especially during adverse weather conditions. **We are sincerely grateful for all the efforts and contributions made by Global Brigades in Ekumpoano.** We hope to see your continued presence and support in our community. May you be blessed abundantly for the work you do. Thank you very much.”



GUATEMALA

Global Brigades expanded its operations to Guatemala in 2020, beginning with close collaboration with the indigenous leadership and local government in the municipality of Tecpán, Chimaltenango, to better understand community needs and establish strong partnerships in rural areas. Since then, programming has grown to include healthcare and WASH initiatives, each adapted to the local context to maximize impact. Today, GB Guatemala plays a vital role in advancing our mission to reduce inequalities across programming countries, with a particular focus on supporting indigenous communities, especially the Kaqchikel and K'iche' peoples.



GUATEMALA



Healthcare & WASH Programs:

In 2024, over 490 volunteers across 26 Medical and Dental brigade groups implemented mobile clinics in partner communities throughout Guatemala. Global Brigades' healthcare programming focuses on providing high-quality medical and dental care to the particularly vulnerable Maya populations in mountainous, rural areas. The local team has carefully cultivated relationships with indigenous leadership to deliver services in a manner that respects cultural traditions and community governance structures. Dental care programming experienced significant growth in 2024, nearly doubling the number of patients and treatments from the previous year. Additionally, WASH programming was launched, with volunteers constructing public health infrastructure—including eco-stoves and sanitation units—at schools in 8 partner communities.

2,842	Medical Patient Consultations
64	Pap Smears Performed
863	Vision Screenings
4,981	Dental Treatments
564	Health & Dental Education Workshops
8	Schools and 2900+ children benefited with improved Public Health Infrastructure

Healthcare Community Member Testimonial

GUATEMALA

Maria Luisa Simón

School Secretary
San Jose Poaquil, Chimaltenango

“I am very grateful for the incredible work done by Global Brigades during the medical brigade in our community of Caserio Centro, San Jose Poquil. The overall medical care provided was of excellent quality and attention from the professionals was very good. In addition, the dental station was a great help to many of us who do not have access to dental care. Global Brigades also provided us with medicines and vitamins. I am sure these medicines and vitamins will be of great benefit to our community health. Thank you Global Brigades for caring about our community and for providing us with help and support. Thank you for your generosity!”



GREECE

In 2018, at the invitation of the UN International Organization for Migration and in partnership with the Greek Health Department, Global Brigades began addressing critical gaps in healthcare services for asylum seekers and vulnerable local populations. Working closely with government agencies and NGOs, we initially focused on improving access to healthcare within Long-Term Accommodation sites managed by the IOM. Through this model, we established trust with community members and gained valuable insights, enabling us to adapt and refine our approach to meet the unique needs of refugees and asylum seekers striving for integration, and ultimately open our own full time clinic in Athens.



GREECE



Healthcare Program:

In 2024, the GB Greece Polyclinic in Athens advanced its mission of delivering consistent, comprehensive healthcare to the city's most vulnerable populations, including refugees and asylum seekers. Over the course of the year, our team welcomed more than 300 volunteers—both in person and virtually—who played a vital role in supporting patient care and advancing educational programming in collaboration with partner organizations. Together, we facilitated 28 educational workshops, with a particular focus on reaching shelters for unaccompanied minors. In 2024, a new triage station was introduced, giving volunteers the chance to engage more directly with patients and gain valuable clinical experience. The dental program also expanded significantly through a partnership with the NGO *Seeds of Humanity*, helping to meet the growing demand for dental care among the refugee community. Toward the end of the year, the team strengthened services further by adding access to a general practitioner through a local partnership, complementing the specialty care already offered at the clinic.

1,795	Medical Patient Consultations
137	Pap Smears Performed
575	Vision Screenings
217	Dental Treatments

GREECE



Economic Development Program:

Greece Economic Development Program: Many refugees living in Greece face significant economic barriers. To help address these challenges, Global Brigades Greece's Business Program works to empower refugee and migrant populations in Athens through financial education and tailored support for their micro-enterprises. With guidance from mentors and local staff, business volunteers—both virtual and in-person—provide pro-bono consulting services designed to meet the unique needs of each entrepreneur. The program also helps businesses adopt new technologies and navigate access to financial resources. In 2024, 45 volunteers from five Business Brigades supported a diverse group of small businesses, including Persian and Moroccan grocery stores, an African hair salon, a Palestinian restaurant, and a Syrian dessert shop, strengthening the economic resilience in the community.

373+ Small Business Consultations

Legal Empowerment Program:

The GB Greece Legal Empowerment Program explores the complex legal challenges faced by refugees in Greece, with a focus on asylum procedures, refugee and migration law and human rights advocacy. Volunteers examine the structural barriers to justice that asylum seekers and refugees encounter, particularly in contexts where access to legal resources is limited or nonexistent. Through analysis of case studies and collaboration frameworks with organizations such as the Greek Council for Refugees, the program highlights legal and ethical considerations involved in safeguarding the rights of refugees within the broader European and international legal systems. Special attention is given to unaccompanied refugee minors, who benefit from legal guidance and human rights education. In 2024, 45 volunteers from five Legal Empowerment Brigades partnered with local organizations to deliver educational workshops to unaccompanied refugee minors, strengthening protections and opportunities for refugee communities in Greece.

85 Legal Education Workshop Participants

Econ. Dev. Community Member Testimonial

GREECE

Emma Raibaut

Community Member
Athens, Greece

“We are very grateful to have volunteers who profoundly align with our missions and our values. I have dreamed of becoming a librarian and opening a multilingual community space in Athens. I feel a deep connection with the venue’s visitors, especially young teens. I try to be the person I would’ve wanted around at that age. We Need Books has created a supportive community that helps people overcome academic obstacles and build confidence, especially to the youngest ones. It was an interesting experience to share with very enthusiastic and motivated young people from Global Brigades that understood quickly and very precisely our needs. Very effective with good communication and we are very satisfied with the results.”



BELIZE

Following a thorough assessment of potential partner communities in 2023, Global Brigades officially began hosting volunteers and implementing programs in Belize in 2024. Our work focuses on improving healthcare access for the country's small but vulnerable rural populations, with emphasis on general medicine and expanding dental and optometry services. Belize's partner communities are culturally and linguistically diverse—including Latino, Garifuna, and Mayan populations speaking English, Spanish, Creole, and indigenous languages—which informs GB's approach to ensure programs are locally relevant and inclusive.



BELIZE



Healthcare Program:

In 2024, Global Brigades began providing healthcare services in rural partner communities in Belize. In its first year of operations, the program hosted 25 volunteer groups, engaging over 500 participants. Programming focused on the southern districts of Stann Creek and Toledo, home to some of the country's most vulnerable populations in terms of healthcare access. With support from the Honduras GB team, the local Belize team expanded throughout the year, strengthening relationships with local healthcare providers and laying the foundation for continued growth in 2025.

2,507	Medical Patient Consultations
176	Vision Screenings
4,052	Dental Treatments
197	Health & Dental Education Workshops

Community Member Testimonial

BELIZE

Dominga Ical

Community Member
Bella Vista, Toledo

“Thanks to Global Brigades for coming to the community. During my time assisting the group, I had a wonderful time. The team did an awesome job. They contributed to our country in such ways that we are very thankful. Having the team here doing dental cleanings was very helpful. It was an opportunity for us to have you all here. We truly appreciate everything you all have done. To all the doctors, we are very glad for the service given to all the patients. To the entire group, you are all very welcoming and friendly! Thank you for your patience and time.”





Carbon Offsetting Program

In 2024, Global Brigades advanced its Carbon Offsetting Program, reinforcing our commitment to environmental sustainability and climate action. By partnering with local farmers, the program supported reforestation and sustainable land management practices that restore ecosystems, capture carbon, and protect biodiversity. Community leaders and members were also engaged in training on water conservation and resource stewardship, ensuring that climate solutions are community-driven and long-lasting. In 2024 alone, in partnership with the Villa Santa Agroforestry Cooperative, the program planted more than 11,270 trees, improving soil health, supporting sustainable farmer livelihoods, and building climate resilience in partner communities.



In 2024, Squads Abroad empowered over 1,000 high school students to contribute to sustainable development through immersive service-learning programs. Working alongside Global Brigades staff and community partners, students supported education, health, and infrastructure projects that strengthened local schools and improved learning environments. Volunteers also participated in cultural exchange activities, language learning, and leadership development, creating a meaningful two-way impact.

Students gained a deeper understanding of global citizenship while communities benefited from tangible improvements and long-term support. In 2024, Squads Abroad volunteers supported communities in Honduras, Panama, Guatemala, Belize, Ghana, and Greece, channeling resources and energy into projects that directly aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

1,404 Medical, Dental, and Vision Patient Consultations

300+ Hours of construction, benefiting **4,100+** community members

14 Small Business Consultations

1,400+ Community members benefited by a water system design



Kambia partners with university faculty to integrate Global Brigades' sustainable development work directly into academic curricula through impactful, project-based international learning. By collaborating with our local teams and community partners abroad, faculty and their students contribute meaningfully to our Empowered 1M objectives while enriching their own classroom experience. Beyond enhancing university and college courses, Kambia expands access to global education by forming new partnerships with community colleges and state schools. In 2024, 34 Kambia groups—engaging more than 590 students—helped generate impact across 37 partner communities in Honduras, Panama, Belize, and Greece.

- 1,232** Medical Patient Consultations
- 330** Dental Treatments
- 145** Health Education Workshops
- 1** Community Health Action Plan Delivered
- 48** Small Business Consultations



MONTEMAR

Hogar y Futuro, por Global Brigades

Montemar is redefining housing in Honduras through sustainable design and community-driven financing. Using eco-block construction, innovative master site plans, and local supply chains, Montemar builds neighborhoods centered on dignity, climate resilience, and quality of life. Led by Master Architect James Mary O'Connor and Canadian builder Bruce White, the team advances a new model of community design that harmonizes affordability, sustainability, and the human experience. In 2024, Montemar finalized Tres Arroyos' site plans, submitted environmental licenses, and sold out its first 100 lots within one month—strengthening both families and local economies.





Financial Transparency

Global Brigades is committed to financial transparency, and sharing budgets openly with donors and volunteers. In 2024, funds were strategically invested to expand our Holistic Model to more communities and strengthen program sustainability, with a continued focus on ensuring every investment delivers lasting impact.

Fund Raised

In 2024, Global Brigades raised over \$12.7 million to implement our global health and sustainable development programs. Global Brigades, Inc. (a U.S. 501(c)(3) nonprofit) and each of its international affiliates in Honduras, Panama, Guatemala, Ghana, Greece, Belize, as well as Global Brigades Sustainable Development (Canada) and Global Brigades UK, undergo independent financial audits to ensure accountability and transparency. The financial figures presented below represent the consolidated results for Global Brigades, Inc. and its affiliates, including Canada and the UK, for the period January 1 to December 31, 2024.

\$12,710,248

Total Raised in 2024

\$11,864,935

Raised by Global Brigades Inc.

\$774,898

Raised by Global Brigades Canada

\$70,411

Raised by Global Brigades UK

\$12,318,711

Total Expenses in 2024

\$11,822,814

Programs and Operations

\$495,896

Fundraising

Allocation of Program Expenses



Funds from the US, Canada and UK are granted to our affiliate entities in Honduras, Panama,, Greece, Ghana, Guatemala, and Belize to execute initiatives in healthcare, WASH, and economic development. In addition, our program impact also includes the global leadership development of thousands of student volunteers.

\$9,408,452

Granted to Honduras, Panama, Nicaragua, Greece, Ghana, and Guatemala

\$760,612

Volunteer Travel to Support Programs

\$762,259

Students & Program Impact Support

Allocation of Operating Expenses & Allocation of Fundraising Expenses

Operating Expenses

We have adopted a strategy of identifying and empowering strong local teams in our granting countries to not only implement programs, but also lead various international administrative and leadership roles. Based on this model, we are able to forgo needing a costly headquarters based in North America or Europe and provide more high level employment opportunities in the developing world.

\$363,551	Operating Staff Salaries
\$119,419	Professional Fees
\$57,210	Travel Expenses
\$351,307	Operating Expenses

121

Number of full time employees in North America & Program Countries

492

Number of part time employees in North America & Program Countries

Fundraising Expenses

The majority of Global Brigades' fundraising is driven by our university chapters. To support their efforts, we invest primarily in tools and online platforms that enable students to effectively mobilize resources while engaging deeply with international development. While many of these expenses could be classified as program costs, we conservatively report them as fundraising to ensure transparency and accountability.

\$187,895	Fundraising & Marketing Salaries
\$108,080	Fundraising Website Maintenance
\$144,101	Credit Card Fees
\$29,870	Marketing
\$25,948	Fundraising Travel Expenses



SUPPORTERS



DONOR SPOTLIGHTS

The Merkel Family

In 2024, the Merkel Family continued their extraordinary commitment to Global Brigades by contributing nearly a half a million to advance our mission of health and sustainable development. Their generosity directly supported the expansion of access to healthcare in Honduras and Greece through the operation and growth of Urban Clinics; training and resources for Community Health Entrepreneurs in Honduras and Panama, and critical infrastructure improvement for health centers in Ghana.

In addition, the Merkel family contributed to the construction of water and sanitation infrastructure in our partner communities in Panama, and Ghana, and supported reforestation initiatives through the Carbon Offsetting Program in Honduras. To ensure the successful implementation and reporting of all of our programs, a portion of the contribution was allocated to strengthening GB's international monitoring and evaluation systems. The impact of the Merkel Family's steadfast support reaches far beyond immediate outcomes: empowering families, transforming communities, and fostering generational change. We are deeply grateful for their trust and partnership in driving this mission forward.



DONOR SPOTLIGHTS

Birgit T. Priest & Family

We are deeply grateful to Birgit Priest for her incredible generosity in supporting our water projects in Honduras, which are transforming the daily lives of hundreds of families across multiple communities. In Tierras Morenas, her support made it possible to complete a brand-new water system that now delivers clean, reliable water to over 160 community members, along with the construction of hygiene stations that directly benefit 22 families, 88 individuals who can now practice healthier sanitation in their homes.

In Jorge Alvarez, Birgit's funding enabled the completion of a much-needed water system serving more than 440 community members, ensuring safe drinking water for generations to come. And in Estacones, her commitment has already led to the successful drilling of a drinking water well in 2024, the first step in a full water system that will eventually bring clean water access to over 640 people. These projects are more than infrastructure. They represent health, dignity, and opportunity for entire communities, and none of this would have been possible without Birgit's vision and compassion.



Chapter Lists & Volunteer Testimonials

2024 Universities, Campus Chairpersons (note: not all universities have a campus chairperson), Chapters, and number of 2024 volunteers per chapter.

USA

Total Volunteers: 818

Baruch College CUNY
Kambia - 16

Bellevue College
Kambia - 7

Bridgewater State University
Water Brigades - 15

California State University Monterey Bay
Kambia - 102

Carnegie Mellon
Business Brigades - 6

Clarkson University
Kambia - 19

Coastal Carolina University
Kambia - 17

Concordia College
Kambia - 10

Culver-Stockton College
Kambia - 19

CUNY Baruch College
Business TeleBrigades - 23

Cuyahoga Community College
Kambia - 26

Global Brigades USA
Kambia - 51

Governors State University
Kambia - 14

Greensboro Collegiate Group
Engineering Brigades - 18

Greensboro Collegiate Group
Legal Empowerment Brigades - 8

Lake Superior State University
Kambia Virtual - 12

Louisiana State University
Water Brigades - 7

Marion Technical College
Kambia - 8

Marion Technical College
Kambia Virtual - 10

Marquette University
Business Brigades - 10

Marquette University
Legal Empowerment Brigades - 7

Marquette University
Kambia Virtual - 9

McMurry University
Kambia - 7

Medline Brigades
Business Brigades - 2

Merrimack College
Engineering Brigades - 12

Moravian University
Kambia Virtual - 37

Northeastern University
Kambia Virtual - 43

Northern Arizona University
Kambia - 9

Northern Michigan University
Kambia Virtual - 12

Nova Southeastern University
Kambia - 17

Ohio Northern University
Kambia - 9

Pennsylvania State University
Business Brigades - 10

Pennsylvania State University
Legal Empowerment Brigades - 25

St. Ambrose University
Kambia - 10

St. Ambrose University
Kambia Virtual - 32

SUNY Farmingdale State College
Kambia Virtual - 7

Texas A&M University
Engineering Brigades - 10

Texas A&M University
Kambia - 13

Texas State University
Kambia - 28

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Kambia - 18

University of Central Florida
Legal Empowerment Brigades - 7

University of Florida
Legal Empowerment TeleBrigades - 14

University of Massachusetts Lowell
Kambia - 12

University of New Hampshire
Kambia - 13

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
Business Brigades - 6

University of Southern California
Business Brigades - 10

University of Texas Dallas
Kambia Virtual - 41

Volunteer Testimonial

Eliette Crenshaw

North Carolina State
University Medical Brigade,
May 2024, Guatemala

“My time with Global Brigades in Guatemala was one of the most impactful experiences I have had in my college career. From the amazing staff to the welcoming community members, I immediately felt a deep connection with the residents of Guatemala. Volunteering in triage allowed me to reinforce my skills taking vital signs and practice Spanish as I worked with the translator to document patient history. The one-on-one conversations I had with the patients were very eye-opening; I formed connections that I will never forget. Shadowing Dr. Kevyn in consultation was also an incredible learning experience, as he walked me through physical examination, diagnosis, and treatment selection step-by-step.

He was always open to questions and encouraged student involvement. Similarly, in the dental station I was able to comfort patients through their experience and connect with them on a deeper level. Finally, Charla acted as an amazing opportunity to form relationships with the kids in the community and gain insight into their lives. I am confident that my experience on a medical brigade in Guatemala is one that I will continue to look back on with immense gratitude for years to come.”



Chapter Lists & Volunteer Testimonials

GMB

Total Volunteers: 3,159

Albion College

Medical Brigades - 11

Arizona State University

Medical Brigades - 16

Auburn University

Medical Brigades - 17

Brandeis University

Medical Brigades - 14

Brigham Young University

Medical Brigades - 30

Buffalo Area

Medical Brigades - 6

Cal Poly Pomona

Medical Brigades - 21

Carnegie Mellon

Medical Brigades - 24

Carroll University

Medical Brigades - 14

Case Western Reserve University

Medical Brigades - 35

Claremont Colleges

Medical Brigades - 17

College of William and Mary

Medical Brigades - 14

Colorado State University

Medical Brigades - 18

CUNY Brooklyn College

Medical Brigades - 16

Dartmouth College

Medical Brigades - 10

Duke University

Medical Brigades - 4

East Tennessee State University

Medical Brigades - 16

Emory University

Medical Brigades - 16

Florida A&M University

Medical Brigades - 68

Florida Gulf Coast University

Medical Brigades - 43

Florida International University

Medical Brigades - 11

Florida State University

Dental Brigades - 45

Nicole Zavala

Florida State University

Medical Brigades - 62

Nicole Zavala

Florida State University Minorities on a Mission

Medical Brigades - 12

Nicole Zavala

Foothill College

Medical Brigades - 16

Georgia Institute of Technology

Medical Brigades - 12

Global Brigades USA

Medical Brigades - 1

Greensboro Collegiate Group

Medical Brigades - 41

Hofstra University

Medical Brigades - 4

Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine

Medical Brigades - 3

Illinois State University

Medical Brigades - 3

Indiana University

Dental Brigades - 14

James Madison University

Dental Brigades - 8

James Madison University

Medical Brigades - 41

Johns Hopkins University

Medical Brigades - 1

Kennesaw State University

Medical Brigades - 11

Kennesaw State University

Medical TeleBrigades - 20

Louisiana State University

Medical Brigades - 26

Katy Knecht

Chapter Lists & Volunteer Testimonials

Marquette University

Dental Brigades - 21
Gwyneth Medlock

Marquette University

Medical Brigades - 49
Gwyneth Medlock

Marquette University

Public Health Tele Brigades - 20
Gwyneth Medlock

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Medical Brigades - 18

MedSchoolCoach

Medical Brigades - 5

Methodist College

Medical Brigades - 16

Miami University of Ohio

Medical Brigades - 13

Michigan State University

Medical Brigades - 52

Milwaukee School of Engineering

Medical Brigades - 21
Brienz Ottman & Therese Carlson

Milwaukee School of Engineering

Public Health Brigades - 12
Brienz Ottman & Therese Carlson

Montana Area

Medical Brigades - 15

Montclair State University

Medical Brigades - 17

New Jersey Area

Medical Brigades - 9

New York University

Dental Brigades - 15

New York University

Medical Brigades - 13

North Carolina State University

Medical Brigades - 14

Northeastern University

Dental Brigades - 14
Morgan Wong

Northeastern University

Medical Brigades - 31
Morgan Wong

Northern Arizona University

Medical Brigades - 18

NYVT Nurses Unite

Medical Brigades - 24

Occidental College

Medical Brigades - 18

Ohio State University

Medical Brigades - 18

Oklahoma State University

Medical Brigades - 10
Aidaly Ramos

Old Dominion University

Medical Brigades - 22

Oregon State University

Medical Brigades - 19

Pace University

Medical Brigades - 8

Painesville Physician Assistants

Medical Brigades - 16

Pennsylvania State University

Medical Brigades - 30
Aayod Kaul

Pennsylvania State University

Public Health Brigades - 18
Aayod Kaul

Philadelphia Osteopathic

Medical Students

Medical Brigades - 18

Regis University

Medical Brigades - 12

Rutgers University Newark

Medical Brigades - 4

Saginaw Valley State University

Medical Brigades - 6

Saint Louis University

Medical Brigades - 21
Kylee Corbin

San Diego State University

Public Health Brigades - 22

Seton Hall University

Medical Brigades - 9

Smith College

Medical Brigades - 19

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Medical Brigades - 17

Chapter Lists & Volunteer Testimonials

St. George's University School of Medicine

Medical Brigades - 19

Student National Medical Association

Medical Brigades - 13

Students of Philadelphia

Medical Brigades - 21

SUNY Stony Brook

Medical Brigades - 9

Syracuse University

Medical Brigades - 10

Tennessee State University

Medical Brigades - 6

Texas A&M University

Dental Brigades - 24

Edward Eiche

Texas A&M University

Medical Brigades - 52

Edward Eiche

Texas Tech University

Medical Brigades - 20

The University of Tulsa

Medical Brigades - 17

The University of Tulsa

Medical Brigades - 17

Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine at Middleton

Medical Brigades - 16

Touro University Nevada

Medical Brigades - 23

Tufts University

Medical Brigades - 16

University of Arizona

Medical Brigades - 17

University of Arkansas

Medical Brigades - 46

Touro University Nevada

Medical Brigades - 23

Tufts University

Medical Brigades - 16

University of Arizona

Medical Brigades - 17

University of Arkansas

Medical Brigades - 46

University of California Davis

Medical Brigades - 20

University of California Irvine

Medical TeleBrigades - 34

Olivia Cooper

University of California Los Angeles

Dental Brigades - 24

Maggie Clark

University of California Los Angeles

Medical Brigades - 10

Maggie Clark

University of California Riverside

Medical Brigades - 28

Mia Victoria Estudillo

University of California San Diego

Medical Brigades - 21

University of California Santa Barbara

Dental Brigades - 20

University of California Santa Barbara

Medical Brigades - 10

University of Central Florida

Medical Brigades - 46

University of Colorado Boulder

Medical Brigades - 30

Sudikshya Bhatta

University of Colorado Colorado Springs

Medical Brigades - 29

University of Florida

Medical Brigades - 18

Julia DeMott

University of Georgia

Dental Brigades - 81

University of Georgia

Medical Brigades - 17

University of Houston

Medical Brigades - 3

Danah Shuaeb

University of Illinois at Chicago

Medical Brigades - 34

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Medical Brigades - 23

University of Kentucky

Medical Brigades - 18

University of Mary Washington

Medical Brigades - 18

Chapter Lists & Volunteer Testimonials

University of Maryland

Dental Brigades - 23

University of Maryland

Medical Brigades - 26

University of Mississippi

Dental Brigades - 23

University of Mississippi

Medical Brigades - 38

University of Houston

Medical Brigades - 3

Danah Shuaeb

University of Illinois at Chicago

Medical Brigades - 34

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Medical Brigades - 23

University of Kentucky

Medical Brigades - 18

University of Mary Washington

Medical Brigades - 18

University of Maryland

Dental Brigades - 23

University of Maryland

Medical Brigades - 26

University of Mississippi

Dental Brigades - 23

University of Mississippi

Medical Brigades - 38

University of Missouri

Medical Brigades - 77

Mehrab Jubara & Debora Paez Perez

University of Missouri - Kansas City

Medical Brigades - 10

University of Nebraska Lincoln

Medical TeleBrigades - 12

University of Nevada Las Vegas

Medical Brigades - 13

University of New Hampshire

Medical Brigades - 20

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Medical Brigades - 14

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Dental Brigades - 20

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Medical Brigades - 25

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Dental Brigades - 20

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Medical Brigades - 25

University of Notre Dame

Medical Brigades - 41

University of Oklahoma

Dental Brigades - 16

Dave Gandhi and Emily Lynch

University of Oklahoma

Medical Brigades - 37

Dave Gandhi and Emily Lynch

University of Pennsylvania

Medical Brigades - 10

University of Pittsburgh

Dental Brigades - 23

University of Pittsburgh

Medical Brigades - 27

University of San Diego

Medical Brigades - 25

University of South Florida

Medical Brigades - 27

University of Pittsburgh

Medical Brigades - 27

University of San Diego

Medical Brigades - 25

University of South Florida

Medical Brigades - 27

University of Southern California

Medical Brigades - 33

University of Tennessee

Medical Brigades - 15

University of Texas Austin

Medical Brigades - 29

University of Texas Austin

Medical TeleBrigades - 32

University of Texas Austin

Public Health TeleBrigades - 20

University of Texas Dallas

Medical Brigades - 14

University of Texas San Antonio

Medical TeleBrigades - 13

University of the Pacific

Medical Brigades - 9

Chapter Lists & Volunteer Testimonials

University of Toledo

Medical Brigades - 22

University of Washington

Medical Brigades - 26

University of Wisconsin - Madison

Dental Brigades - 28

University of Wisconsin - Madison

Medical TeleBrigades - 18

Utah Valley University

Medical TeleBrigades - 11

Vanderbilt University

Medical Brigades - 20

Akhil Nair

Villanova University

Medical Brigades - 20

Virginia Tech

Dental Brigades - 16

Virginia Tech

Medical Brigades - 28

Wake Forest University

Medical Brigades - 15

West Virginia University

Medical Brigades - 66

Vanessa Mueller

Western Kentucky University

Medical Brigades - 18

Xavier University of Louisiana

Medical Brigades - 4

Louisiana State University

Water Brigades - 15

Bridgewater Area

Water Brigades - 7

Connecting Hearts Abroad Eli Lilly

Panama (Sept.) Medical Brigade - 14

Greece (Sept.) Medical Brigade - 19

Belize (Oct.) Medical Brigade - 16

Guatemala (Oct.) Medical Brigade - 19

Honduras (Oct.) Medical Brigade - 16

Guatemala (Nov.) Medical Brigade - 18

Honduras (Nov.) Medical Brigade - 15

Panama (Nov.) Medical Brigade - 16



Volunteer Testimonial

Jade Laibly

Marquette University
Dental Brigade,
January 2024, Panama

“Being on brigade in Panama not only exposed me to the field of dentistry, but it opened my eyes to the importance of trust, leadership, and provider to patient interactions. Going into brigade, I was unaware of the impact this trip would have on my life. Seeing the world from a different point of view from the one I have seen, watching dentists work with the bare minimum in non ideal conditions, and communicating with individuals that speak other languages truly allowed me to learn the importance of trust.

Trust is not something that can be learned, but it has to be earned. Being in Panama I was able to practice this skill and learn how I want to apply it to my career in the future.”



Chapter Lists & Volunteer Testimonials

CANADA

Total Volunteers: 434

CEGEP Marianopolis

Medical Brigades - 25

Chapter of Waterloo

Business TeleBrigades - 23

Nefise Akcikir

Chapter of Waterloo

Medical Brigades - 4

Nefise Akcikir

Dalhousie University

Engineering Brigades - 15

Anna Morris and Julia Saad Hossne

Dalhousie University

Medical Brigades - 21

Anna Morris and Julia Saad Hossne

Dalhousie University

Public Health Brigades - 24

Anna Morris and Julia Saad Hossne

McMaster University

Medical Brigades - 6

Memorial University of Newfoundland

Medical Brigades - 22

Mount Allison University

Medical Brigades - 16

Queen's University

Medical Brigades - 23

Amin Hasheminia

Queen's University

Public Health TeleBrigades - 22

Saint John (NB, Canada) Area

Medical Brigades - 14

St. Thomas University

Business Brigades - 8

University of Alberta

Business Brigades - 9

Mark Wong

University of Alberta

Dental Brigades - 15

Mark Wong

University of Alberta

Medical Brigades - 24

Mark Wong

University of British Columbia

Engineering Brigades - 3

University of Guelph

Medical Brigades - 29

Onome Adese

University of Manitoba

Engineering Brigades - 14

University of Prince Edward Island

Engineering Brigades - 23

University of Prince Edward Island

Medical Brigades - 29

University of Toronto

Dental Brigades - 10

University of Toronto

Medical Brigades - 21

Yoorim Lee

University of Victoria

Business Brigades - 11

University of Victoria

Medical Brigades - 10

University of Windsor

Dental Brigades - 13

UK

Total Volunteers: 68

Global Brigades Events

Legal Empowerment Brigades - 2

GB UK Leadership Internship

Medical Brigades - 8

Kent and Medway Medical School

Medical Brigades - 21

Kings College London

Medical Brigades - 15

University of Birmingham

Engineering Brigades - 5

University of Edinburgh

Legal Empowerment Brigades - 3

Jessica Thackeray

University of Edinburgh

Medical Brigades - 6

Jessica Thackeray

University of Oxford

Legal Empowerment Brigades - 8

Ellie Stubbley

Volunteer Testimonial

Kameron Gardner

UCLA
Medical Brigade,
July 2024, Belize

“My experience with Global Brigades was amazing, working alongside eager and likeminded individuals and providing foundational medical and dental support to the Red Bank community in Belize was a fulfilling and inspirational experience. My heart is full of love and support for the Red Bank community and I can’t wait to see how they will grow and thrive as a self-sustainable community. In our clinic days, we were able to see over 190 patients both in our office clinic and via home visits.

The receptiveness of the community and their welcoming nature allowed me to learn a lot from their community, the healthcare disparities that they face and the support they need the most. These interactions helped us as brigadiers to have a better understanding of the community needs and provide useful reflections for future brigades to the Red Bank Community. Overall, my experience through Global Brigades was phenomenal and will leave a lasting impact on me as I pursue a healthcare career and go on future brigades.”



Volunteer Testimonial

Debbie Gaspard

Ghana Ambassador
Public Health Brigade,
June 2024, Ghana

“I think the work Global Brigades is doing is impactful and sustainable. No matter how much or how little you are able to accomplish in your time with the communities, it is reassuring to know that the work will continue and that you can return to a project you helped implement.

I have a lot of respect for the holistic approach because it allows participants to feel like their presence is a part of something that directly impacts the people you meet and their entire communities in the long run.”



Chapter Lists & Volunteer Testimonials

SQUADS ABROAD

Total Volunteers: 1,223

Amador Valley High School

Global STEM Squads - 16

Ambassador Program for Educators

Ambassador Trips - 26

Andrew P. Hill High School-Medical Magnet Program

Global Health TeleSquads - 28

Athens Drive Magnet High School

Global Health TeleSquads - 45

Bay Area Medical Squad

Global Health Squads - 3

Boulder High School

Global Impact Squads - 12

Branham High School

Global STEM TeleSquads - 28

Bullitt East HS (KY) Global Medical Squads

Global Medical Squads - 3

Catholic Central HS

Global STEM TeleSquads - 6

Cedarcrest HS

Global Impact Squads - 12

Chaminade College Preparatory School

Global Health Squads - 20

Clayton High School

Global STEM Squads - 13

Clayton High School

Global STEM TeleSquads - 11

Coginchaug Regional High School

Global Health Squads - 11

Coginchaug Regional High School

Global Health TeleSquads - 8

Cupertino High School

Global Business Squads - 30

Dana Hills High School

Global Health TeleSquads - 98

Daniel Boone High School

Global Business Squads - 12

Durango High School

Global Medical Squads - 8

El Camino Real Charter High School

Global Impact Squads - 10

Everett High School

Global STEM TeleSquads - 24

Evergreen Country Day

Global Impact Squads - 16

Freedom HS

Global Impact Squads - 12

Grant High School STEM Chapter (OR)

Global STEM Squads - 8

Great Neck NY

Global Impact Squads - 7

Hononegah High School

Global Business Squads - 9

Illinois HOSA Chapter

Global Health Squads - 5

JH Rose HS

Global Medical Squads - 30

Kids Love Greece

Global Impact Squads - 8

Kingsway Regional School District

Global Health TeleSquads - 43

Kinnenlon High School

Global Health TeleSquads - 9

Leman Manhattan Preparatory School

Global Impact Squads - 21

Lindbergh High School

Global Business Squads - 13

Marina High School

Global Health TeleSquads - 42

Mayfield Senior School

Global Education Squads - 3

Midlothian ISD

Global STEM TeleSquads - 12

Minnechaug Regional High School

Global Business Squads - 17

Monarch High School

Global Health Squads - 24

Montgomery (AL) Chapter

Global Health Squads - 1

Montgomery Bell Academy

Global Impact Squads - 60

Muncy HS

Global Impact Squads - 10

Pascack Valley HS

Global Impact Squads - 10

Pembroke Pines Charter HS

Global Health Squads - 3

River Valley High School

Global Health Squads - 14

Roosevelt HS

Global Health Squads - 31

Roosevelt HS

Global STEM TeleSquads - 24

Chapter Lists & Volunteer Testimonials

Si Panama

Global Impact Squads - 20

Smith Academy

Global Impact Squads - 25

St. Joseph's Academy

Global Business Squads - 6

St. Paul High School

Global Business Squads - 10

STEMCivics

Global Impact Squads - 15

Sunset Region Chapter

Global Health Squads - 4

Taft School

Global STEM TeleSquads - 16

The Global Impact Academy Squads

Global Impact Squads - 1

The Global Medical Academy

Global Medical Squads - 9

Turning Winds Academy

Global Impact Squads - 16

West Preparatory Academy

Global Education Squads - 10

Whitfield School

Global Impact Squads - 22

Windsor Plainsboro High School

Global Health TeleSquads - 163

Wolcott Prep

Global Impact Squads - 35

Zionsville CHS

Global Impact Squads - 15



Volunteer Testimonial

Gabriela Ibarra

Dalhousie University
Engineering Brigade,
April 2024, Honduras

"This year was the second time I was able to join our engineering brigade chapter at Dalhousie University. As president of the chapter I was much more involved in the process of the brigades and was given much more responsibility. Although being president was challenging at times especially during exams seasons it was so well worth it to see how much my volunteers loved Honduras. We were assigned to many of the same team as last years brigade including our translator, our coordinator and one of our engineers. This was very special as the returning volunteers had established strong connections with them - we feel like family. Everyone in the community received us with open arms and much generosity and gratitude. We were tasked with the job of designing a water distribution system for the community of Las Marias. This included us surveying the land and taking GPS points of each existing pila and measuring its distance to the main pipeline. Then we made points and put down stakes to mark where the main pipes would be laid.

After taking all of this data we were able to use programs like EPAnet and MapSource to design the water system itself with the help of our engineers. We then created a presentation including the map of the water system, the budget and the water quality test that we took. We then created a speech to present and translated into Spanish. We presented to the community on the final day in spanish and then had space for questions. Afterwards the local dance group had a show for us and we danced with them as well. During the time not at the community, we stayed in a very nice hotel space which had so much land for us to explore. Had tables for cards at night, a pool to cool down, hammocks to read in and a field where we played soccer every night. It was such an incredible experience to be a part of. It is very rare for engineering students to gain such valuable hands-on experience during their undergrad. I know it affected the entire group deeply and teaches us why we love the profession so much."



Volunteer Testimonial

Jessica Jean-Baptiste

Kennesaw State University
Medical Brigade,
March 2024, Greece

“I decided to start this chapter on campus because I wanted to organize and be apart of something that made a difference. As my first trip abroad I was hesitant to board the plane, but I am glad I did because it was the best decision of my life. For Spring Break I had the honor and opportunity to not only travel to Greece but to also lead the Kennesaw State University Medical Brigade. As a pre-med student I thought we would be in the clinic all day however this wonderful program allowed us to become fully immersed in the communities we volunteered to serve.

Learning about the Holistic model the organization strives to uphold was inspiring. However, going on walks and actually interacting with individuals who have received aid, made the mission and goal even more personal. Every day I was pushed to be patient with my peers, change my way of thinking and even relate social, economical and medical issues to the ones we face in our own country. Overall this organization is changing more lives than they can chart. I would willingly volunteer to participate in this once in lifetime experience again. You truly have to visit to fathom the devotion and kindness of the staff, coordinators and community.”



Volunteer Testimonial

Kenneth Langston

Marquette University
Business Brigade,
January 2024, Panama

“At no point in my academic career has my work or the results of it felt so impactful. Until now, academic and charitable pursuits have been completely separate avenues of my life. I've always participated in service organizations, but they were never related to my coursework/career. The Business Brigade allowed me the opportunity to use what I've learned in the classroom to make a tangible difference in the lives of those born with less. We did not simply come in and regurgitate lesson material from previous classes.

We took time to learn about the unique economy, lifestyle, and goals of a foreign community, finding the best ways to apply our own expertise to their operations. It made for an experience that was just as intellectually challenging as it was fulfilling. There was no greater feeling than receiving a tearful goodbye from the community leaders. They expressed genuine surprise & gratitude for the strategies we helped create. I'm confident that our group left a positive, sustainable impact on the communities we spoke with.



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