



## 2017 Annual Report



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## Letter From the President

Over the past year, Operation Medical (OpMed) has remained true to its mission and did so with the strong support of its board members, mission volunteers and hosts, community partners, and generous supporters.

True to life, the year brought both opportunities and challenges. We conducted a successful and rewarding trip to Valsad, Gujarat, India, in January 2017, and experienced the deep appreciation of those we served. Planning was well underway for two additional missions last fall when circumstances required that we postpone them. We previously reported that our September 2016 mission to Kenya, was put on the back burner when the Republic of Kenya suspended all medical camps organized by foreign doctors. Additionally, a trip to Haiti last October was postponed when key medical volunteers encountered their own challenges and were unable to participate. Because barriers can be commonplace in the mission world and in the lives of those we serve, we know the importance of staying focused on our goals, even when there are delays. That said, we are back on track for a mission trip to Haiti in October 2017 and we plan to conduct a surgical camp in Africa when circumstances allow. We also have missions planned for Nepal in October 2017 and for India in January 2018. (Articles on these and other topics in my letter are included in the Annual Report.)

As you know, challenges can also be painful. In December, Operation Medical experienced the sudden and tragic death of our president elect, Diana Davidson, CRNA, who was also a founding member of OpMed. She was a tireless mission volunteer and avid promoter of our organization. Despite her loss, Diana's life remains evident in much of what we do and through the many volunteers, supporters and friends we gained through her. One such friend is EMS ConEd, which held a fundraising event last spring in Diana's memory in conjunction with its life support education renewal program for nurse anesthetists. It will be holding the fundraiser annually in Diana's memory.

We are fortunate to continue to have a skilled and committed Board of Directors. Last spring a Governance Committee was created to ensure that the right skill balance is maintained to best serve Operation Medical. As Board terms ended and started anew, we recognized five outgoing members for their valued service and welcomed five new members. The Board is actively planning OpMed's 2017-18 mission trips, fundraising events, and community partnerships. We look forward to having more details to report in the future. If you are interested in receiving periodic email updates and communications from us, please visit <http://operationmedical.org/subscribe>.

To get the word out about Operation Medical and its mission, we also exhibit at events and participate in speaking engagements. If there is an opportunity for us to speak at your community group or organizational meeting, I encourage you to contact us at [info@operationmedical.org](mailto:info@operationmedical.org) or (717) 685-9199.

We look forward to another successful year. Thank you for your support!



Sincerely,  
Dr. Mukul L. Parikh  
President

**“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is,  
What are you doing for others?”** *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

# Operation Medical Begins Its Fifth Year of Operation

Today most people think about global health in a restricted and one-dimensional perspective that focuses only on communicable diseases and basic health needs. It is true there are horrible diseases plaguing the world, both insect and water-borne. However, attention to these alone creates an inaccurate representation of the global health care landscape—a misperception that permeates not just in popular media but amongst health care professionals as well.

In the past few years, evidence has emerged showing a disparity that exists that there are five billion people worldwide who do not have access to much-needed safe and affordable surgical and anesthesia services. In addition, almost 19 million people die every year due to lack of surgical care, which is three times the combined number of deaths caused by HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

The world can no longer afford to neglect the importance of surgical services.

Over the last four years, Operation Medical has focused its efforts on providing medical and surgical care to our patients that would provide them with a better life than they would have otherwise had without the care. Our objective is to not only provide the medical services but to also provide training to local doctors and surgical staff to ensure sustainable quality care.

We could not have done this without the help of our talented volunteers and generous contributors. While our numbers are small, our hope is that we have been able to make some impact on the importance of the need for global surgical and anesthesia services.

Beginning our fifth year, we are even more committed to continuing our mission.

OPERATION MEDICAL FISCAL YEAR	HAITI	MALAWI	INDIA	TOTALS
<b>Surgical Procedures</b>				
2013 - 2014	39	0	216	255
2014 - 2015	40	59	114	213
2015 - 2016	55	0	225	280
2016 - 2017	0	0	211	211
<b>TOTAL SURGICAL PROCEDURES</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>959</b>
<b>Sonogram Studies</b>				
2013 - 2014	70	0	0	70
2014 - 2015	55	0	0	55
2015 - 2016	100	0	0	100
<b>TOTAL SONOGRAM STUDIES</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>225</b>
<b>Emergency Room Procedures</b>				
<b>2015 - 2016</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Breast Cancer Screenings</b>				
<b>2016 - 2017</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Dental Procedures</b>				
<b>2016 - 2017</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>OB/GYN and Surgery Clinic Cases</b>				
2013 - 2014	200	0	0	200
2014 - 2015	200	0	0	200
2015 - 2016	100	0	0	100
<b>TOTAL OB/GYN CLINIC CASES</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>TOTAL PATIENTS SERVED</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>1,994</b>
<b>OUR VOLUNTEERS</b>				
2013 - 2014	13	0	32	45
2014 - 2015	16	16	30	62
2015 - 2015	18	0	21	39
2016 - 2017	0	0	31	31
<b>TOTAL VOLUNTEERS</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>177</b>

# Operation Medical Pays Tribute to Our Colleague and Friend, Diana Davidson

Our dear friend and colleague, Diana Davidson, passed away tragically and unexpectedly on December 20, 2016. Diana was one of the founding members of the Board of Directors in 2013 and served as the President- Elect of Operation Medical since its inception. With her passing, Operation Medical lost a strong leader with insight and commitment for the future of our organization.

Diana was a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill and, in addition to being President-Elect of Operation Medical, was a member of the Board of Health Volunteers Overseas and a past president of the Pennsylvania Nurse Anesthetists. She established a Master's in Nursing Anesthesia Program at both Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia and University of Rwanda in Kigali, Rwanda, and became an honorary faculty member of the University of Rwanda. While with Operation Medical, Diana participated in three medical/surgical trips to India and one to Malawi, Africa. Prior to the formation of Operation Medical, Diana participated in over 13 medical missions, serving nations such as Thailand, the Philippines, Honduras, Ethiopia, and Rwanda.



## THANK YOU to the following supporters, who made contributions in Diana's memory:

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# Upcoming Medical Surgical Trips

## NEPAL – OCTOBER 1 - 7, 2017

A medical surgical trip is being planned for October 1 to October 7, 2017, to Chitwan Medical College Teaching Hospital in the City of Bharatpur, Nepal. We are planning to include general, plastic, gynecology, and ENT (head and neck) surgeries with a team of about 17 volunteers led by Dr. Mukul Parikh.

Chitwan Medical College is a multi-specialty teaching hospital with 750 beds and serves approximately a quarter of a million people a year from the District of Chitwan and surrounding areas including neighboring states of India. The City of Bharatpur has a population of over 500,000 people who are primarily peasant farmers cultivating mainly food and cash crops such as rice, maize, wheat, beans, lentils, mustard, and vegetables. Bharatpur is the major maize producing area of Nepal. The area is also known for its poultry industry.



## HAITI – OCTOBER 21 - NOVEMBER 4, 2017

After three prior surgical camps in Haiti, Operation Medical is planning to return to the Pierre Payen Hospital from October 21 to November 4, 2017, with approximately 20 volunteers. Pierre Payen is in the Haitian state of Artibonite. Haiti is the poorest country in the Americas. It is estimated that nearly 6 million of Haiti's 10.4 million population is living under the poverty line. Another 2.5 million live under the extreme poverty line. Team leader Dr. John Judson and co-leader Charmaine Garner, RN, have assembled a team that includes general, gynecology, and urology surgery specialists. There is a great need for urology surgery this time around. A PlasmaButton machine has been purchased to assist with transurethral prostatectomies, making it a less invasive procedure.



## INDIA – JANUARY 21 - 26, 2018

Operation Medical is planning its second medical surgical trip from January 21-26, 2018, to Panna Civil Hospital in Panna, India, in the state of Madhya Pradesh. The city of Panna has a population of 45,820 and is famous for its diamond mines. It also is the administrative center of the Panna District and has a tiger reserve, Panna National Park. Operation Medical is currently working with its host hospital to determine surgical areas with the greatest need.



**“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself  
in the service of others.”** *Mahatma Gandhi*

# Operation Medical Partners with Global Links

**In 2016, Operation Medical was approved to participate in the Global Links Suture Donation Program.** Global Links is a non-profit medical relief and development organization dedicated to supporting health improvement initiatives in resource-poor communities and promoting environmental stewardship in the U.S. healthcare system.

Since 1989, Global Links has been working to redirect still-useful materials away from U.S. landfills to support public health programs in targeted communities throughout the Western Hemisphere. "Respect for all people and our planet" guides their mission, and they believe health for all is a global good.

Our medical surgical trip to Kasturba Hospital in January 2017 benefited from sutures that we received from the Global Links Suture Donation Program. Prior to joining the Global Links Suture Donation Program, Operation Medical received sutures donated from local hospitals and, in some cases, sutures provided by the surgeons. Participation in the Suture Donation Program provided over 70% of the suture that was used during our week at Kasturba. The surgeons were pleased with the quality of the suture and impressed with the product that we got from Global Links.

One story related to the suture received from the Global Links Program that Operation Medical would like to share is from Dr. Jeffrey Segil.

"As a gynecologist, our work focused on patients that had no prior access to care in Valsad. No money – no assets translates = no care; even at the charity hospitals. Our mission was to care for these patients. Over the course of 6 days, my partner and I performed over 25 hysterectomies as well as almost 30 laparoscopies. We touched numerous patients and heard over and over again how we were making huge changes in their lives. Our average hysterectomy patient had been suffering from heavy bleeding/pain/prolapsed/pelvic masses, for several years prior to coming in for treatment. When you do not have access to care you tend to put off even significant medical issues. These women had been suffering for years.

Take S.J.S. (withholding patient name) as an example. She is a 41-year-old woman with a long history of painful fibroids and severe heavy bleeding inducing anemia. Her hysterectomy was literally life changing for her.

If it was not for the generous donation of suture material, we would not have been able to proceed with the cases that we performed. The sutures were of higher quality than what we had available for use from the local hospital. More importantly was the volume of material available. We took a hospital that normally does maybe 50 surgeries per week and increased that to 50 per day. Frankly they did not have the suture volume available to meet the needs of this surgery trip.

We as a group are most grateful for the donations we received which allowed us to perform our surgeries and take care our patients."

## India 2017 Surgical Trip to Kasturba Hospital

From January 22 to 27, 2017, during a medical surgical trip to Kasturba Hospital in Valsad, India, Operation Medical performed 211 free surgeries, 100 breast cancer screenings and 90 dental procedures, changing the lives of not only the patients served but also impacting the lives of Operation Medical volunteers and the staff of Kasturba Hospital, our sponsors and hosts.

Dr. Mukul Parikh, Operation Medical's President recently shared, "Our mission to Valsad in January 2017 was one of the most productive and rewarding trips from every perspective. Our hosts at Kasturba Hospital had done an outstanding job of prescreening the patients and having a very efficient/coordinated operating room staff for the high number of surgeries we could perform. Of course, their hospitality was superb as always. I cannot express enough gratitude to all the selfless volunteers of Operation Medical who contributed their valuable time, talent and resources towards this endeavor." Plans are underway to return to Kasturba Hospital in January 2019.



This was Operation Medical's second trip to Valsad, which is in the Western Indian state of Gujarat. It lies along the coast of the Arabian Sea and is 120 miles north of the Mumbai Airport, and per the 2011 census survey conducted by the Census Organization of India, Valsad had a population of 114,987.

Kasturba Hospital is the largest hospital in Valsad. The hospital does not receive help of any kind, nor financial aid from the government, and survives solely on donations. Much like Operation Medical, Kasturba Hospital is committed to promoting and providing high quality medical care and education to their community.

Upon arrival at Kasturba Hospital, the Operation Medical team worked to organize supplies at the hospital and to conduct patient screenings for procedures. Our gracious hosts and sponsors in Valsad held a welcome ceremony to signify the kickoff of the week as well as a closing ceremony on the last day.

The staff at Kasturba and our volunteers worked extremely well together like they had been together for years. Utilizing the four operation rooms/six operation stations, 211 procedures including 128 general, 55 gynecology and obstetrics and 28 plastic and maxillofacial were performed. Patients ages ranged from 7 to 75 years.

The Operation Medical team conducted training for the operating staff at Kasturba, teaching additional sterile techniques. Additionally, Dr. Nitin Tanna conducted training in breast screening mammography to assist in obtaining the best images as well as demonstrating and instructing the radiologists to perform ultrasound-guided needle biopsies.



## TYPES OF SURGERIES PERFORMED INCLUDED:

Breast Mass Excision/Mastectomy  
Burn Scar Revision  
Cholecystectomy  
Cleft Lip Repair  
Hernia Repair  
Hydrocele Excision  
Hysterectomy  
Hysteroscopy  
Gastrointestinal  
Thyroidectomy  
Tumor Excision

## THE TEAM INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

### SURGEONS:

NAME	LOCATION	SPECIALTY
Dr. Adnan Alseidi	Washington	General/Hepatobiliary/Endocrine
Dr. Kenneth Arthur	Pennsylvania	Plastic Surgery
Dr. Katherine Barton	Pennsylvania	Breast Surgeon
Dr. Paul Carmichael	Pennsylvania	General Surgery
Dr. Hadassah Anderson	Pennsylvania	3rd Year General Surgery Resident
Dr. Jessica Gorham	Washington	5th Year Surgery Resident (Chief)
Dr. Parul Krishnamurthy	Pennsylvania	Obstetrics/Gynecology
Dr. Colin Meghoo	Arkansas	General Surgery
Dr. David Northern	Florida	General Surgery
Dr. Kyle Packer	Pennsylvania	4th Year General Surgery Resident
Dr. Bipinchandra Patel	New York	General/Colorectal
Dr. Jeffrey Segil	New Hampshire	Gynecology

### ANESTHESIA:

Carol McNulty, CRNA	Pennsylvania
Suzanne Miller, CRNA	Pennsylvania
Dr. Theresa Northern	Florida
Dr. Uma Parekh	Pennsylvania
Dr. Mukul Parikh	Pennsylvania
Dr. Neelima Parikh	Pennsylvania

### OTHER DOCTORS (NON-SURGEONS):

Dr. Dineshkumar Bhavsar	Michigan	Dentist
Dr. Nicholas Gorham	Washington	Emergency Medicine
Dr. Nitin Tanna	Pennsylvania	Radiology

### NURSES/SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS:

Jen Tran	Pennsylvania	Surgical Technologist
Sara Tribioli	Pennsylvania	Surgical Technologist
Karmae Amsbaugh	Pennsylvania	Surgical Technologist
Jeremiah Middleton	Pennsylvania	Surgical Technologist
Bonnie Pepper, RN	Pennsylvania	
Sara Bayless, RN	Arkansas	

### ANCILLARY:

Noah Hinds	Pennsylvania
Pratima Patel	New York
Cheryl Peck	Pennsylvania
Benjamin Segil	New Hampshire

The medical/surgical trip would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors, volunteers and the local team at Kasturba Hospital. Over a year in the planning, transportation, accommodations, meals, patient screening, and more were executed flawlessly. The local accommodations and operational staff were phenomenal. A very special thank you to Mr. K.R. Sheker, Managing Director of Bayer in India, for their generous financial support which covered pre- and post-operative diagnostics such as lab and radiology screening, patient care and more.



## Local Operation Medical Activities



### Asian Indian Americans of Central Pennsylvania Association - "India Day - A Community Fair"

On Saturday, August 6, 2016, the Asian Indian Americans of Central Pennsylvania Association (AIACPA) held its Annual "India Day - A Community Fair" at Harrisburg Area Community College Harrisburg Campus. Operation Medical exhibited at this event and Diana Davidson, CRNA, and Sue Miller, CRNA, staffed the booth.

The AIACPA holds this annual event to celebrate India's Independence Day and to share the vibrant and diverse Asian Indian American cultures, traditions, histories, and stories with our local communities. The events drew over 15,000 attendees and included live entertainment, a variety of ethnic food, Indian apparel and jewelry vendors, a parade, and Indian dances.

### Operation Medical Appreciation Picnic

To honor our many supporters, including Operation Medical leaders, medical surgical trip participants, donors, and other volunteers, the Board of Directors of Operation Medical held an appreciation picnic on Sunday, August 21, 2016 at the home of Drs. Neelima and Mukul Parikh in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.



### Pennsylvania Medical Society "House of Delegates and Annual Education Conference"

On October 23 and 24, 2016, Operation Medical exhibited at the Pennsylvania Medical Society's (PAMED's) House of Delegates and Annual Education Conference held at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Exhibit volunteers included Dr. Ken Arthur, Diana Davidson, CRNA, Charmaine Garner, RN, Mike Gossert and Cheryl Peck.

The event's audience was primarily physician leaders representing PAMED, county medical societies and state specialty societies as well as Pennsylvania physicians seeking continuing medical education. During the weekend event, Dr. Baker Henson, an Operation Medical Advisory Committee member, was awarded PAMED's International Voluntary Service Award.

### United Way of the Capital Region Honors Drs. Neelima and Mukul Parikh

Drs. Neelima and Mukul Parikh, President of Operation Medical, were honored in November with the 2016 Humanitarian Award from the United Way of the Capital Region's Tocqueville Society for their outstanding commitment to improving lives through volunteerism.

The Humanitarian Award is presented annually to a local leader or leaders, who meet the following seven criteria:

- a commitment to voluntary systems of human services,
- creative in his or her approach to serving the community,
- outstanding in providing leadership and working with others,
- provides sustained service over a period of years;
- inspirational in encouraging others to serve,
- actions have had or will have a major impact on changing and saving lives, and
- produces results that are clearly visible and tangible.



## American Association of University Women

On March 28, 2017, Dr. Neelima Parikh and Carol McAnulty, CRNA, gave a presentation to over 40 members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) - Carlisle Chapter at the Holland Union Building at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Their presentation was about Operation Medical and its medical/surgical trips and other activities.

The AAUW is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.



## Asian Indian Americans of Central Pennsylvania Health & Wellness Expo

The AIACPA held its Health & Wellness Expo on Saturday, April 23, 2017, at the Harrisburg Area Community College's Harrisburg Campus. The event included health education seminars by local physicians, healthy cooking demonstrations, interactive yoga and meditative techniques, hands on exercise instruction by certified trainers, as well as health screenings.

Operation Medical exhibited at this event and our exhibit volunteers were Karmae and Laura Amsbaugh, Michele Gaiski, Meera Modi, and Dr. Mukul Parikh.



## EMS ConED ACLU-PALS-BLS Renewal Program

On April 1, 2017, the EMS ConED ACLU-PALS-BLS Renewal Program was attended by over 200 people and held as a fundraiser in memory of Operation Medical President Elect Diana Davidson, who helped coordinate the annual renewal program in years past.

Operation Medical had an exhibit at the event that was staffed by Carol Donahue, RN, Michele Gaiski, Charmaine Garner, RN, Carol McAnulty, CRNA and Dr. Mukul Parikh.

EMS ConEd presented Operation Medical President Dr. Mukul Parikh with a \$10,000 check during a memorial dinner for Diana and announced that they plan to continue the annual event as a fundraiser for Operation Medical in Diana's memory.

**“Remember that  
the happiest people  
are not those getting more,  
but those giving more.”**

***H. Jackson Brown Jr.***

# Welcome New Board Members

Operation Medical is pleased to announce the election of five new board members during this fiscal year. We welcome the following individuals to our organization.



**GEORGE GRODE** has been active in the healthcare and insurance fields professionally and as a volunteer in Pennsylvania for over 30 years. He served in the Administration of Governor Dick Thornburgh as Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning and as State Insurance Commissioner. He served Pennsylvania Blue Shield and its successor organization Highmark, in numerous capacities, retiring as Executive Vice President for Government Business and Corporate Affairs. George has been an active volunteer with a dozen health, education and human service organizations, including terms as Board Chairman for PinnacleHealth System, American Red Cross of the Susquehanna Valley, United Way of the Capital Region, and Drug Free PA. He lives in Wormleysburg, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Brigid.



**RACHEL JONES** is a physician recruiter for PinnacleHealth and recruits physicians and non-physician providers with a particular focus on inpatient services. She serves as a liaison between candidates and clinical and administrative leadership, manages job advertising for both internal and external job boards, assists with the overall marketing campaign and event coordination, and assists with on boarding and retention. In addition, Rachel's volunteer activities include Membership Chair, Board of the Human Resource Professionals of Central Pennsylvania; Spring Fundraising Chair, Junior League of Harrisburg; Volunteer Chair, Gala Committee Suits to Careers; Website Committee Chair, Mid Atlantic Physician Recruiter Alliance.



**STACI CRETU** is owner of Uncommon Works Marketing Group, with responsibility for developing compelling marketing programs that generate results for her clients. Prior to starting her own company, Staci worked for Westfalia Technologies, overseeing the strategic business marketing initiatives as well as serving in staff positions for the U.S Army.

With over 15 years' experience in integrated marketing communications, Staci helps brands find the story and medium that best fits their unique identity and objectives. Staci has lead successful strategic marketing programs with dynamic teams in a variety of industries and organizations during her career. Staci holds a Bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University and a Master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. She serves in various volunteer positions with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Summer Solstice Gala, and West Shore Young Professionals.



**EDWARD NIELSEN** has served as the Pennsylvania Chiropractic Association's Executive Vice President since 2010, and describes his role at PCA as multi-faceted. He functions as advocate, strategist, organizer, provocateur, writer, and also as a professional colleague to staff, leadership and members.

Nielsen describes his success and that of PCA as two-fold and embodied in the two pictures on his wall. The first is Harrisburg's Rockville Bridge, which is the longest stone masonry-arch railroad viaduct in the world, to which he relates helping PCA to build strong and lasting bridges with members, non-member doctors of chiropractic, health providers, and key decision-makers such as the PA General Assembly. The second picture is a one-of-a-kind photo of Muhammad Ali at his Deer Lake training camp in preparation for his 1977 match with Ernie Shavers, which reminds Ed of the hard work he does with PCA in continuously advocating and training-up for the good fight, whether in Pennsylvania's capitol building, with Governors' administrations, health insurers, an often ill-informed media, and any and all comers.

Nielsen has two grown daughters, who he describes as the center of his universe. He is a long-time private pilot with an instrument rating, an avid USTA tennis player, bicyclist, and hiker. Ed's favorite quote to live by is, *"The world is what YOU make it. It all starts with what you make of yourself."* – Fred Claus, 2007"



**PETER OSTROWSKI** is a career real estate professional working in the commercial real estate financing field for almost 40 years. Peter has been working with M&T Bank over the last 15 years where he serves as Vice President and Sr. Relationship Manager. Prior to coming to central PA in 2002, Peter spent the majority of his career in Philadelphia, where he embarked upon his profession after receiving his MBA from Drexel University. In his role at M&T he provides commercial real estate financing to the area's leading commercial real estate developers and investors. M&T encourages its employees to give back to the communities they live and work in. Accordingly, Peter also serves on several boards including The Salvation Army, Rotary, CBMC, Republican Committeemen, past Board Member of the Carlisle Family YMCA, First Night and the Carlisle Planning Commission. Of particular personal interest, Peter serves at the Salvation Army soup kitchen where he leads a weekly bible study for the less fortunate, and is also active in his local church. Peter resides in Carlisle with his wife of 35 years, Susan, and has two adult daughters, Eve and Maeve. In his spare time you may catch Peter riding on his Road King, working on his boat or just relaxing watching tennis.

## OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

In addition to welcoming our new board members, Operation Medical would like to give a special thanks to these individuals for their faithful service as a member of the Operation Medical team. Their contributions toward helping us meet our goals have been abundant and productive. We will miss their presence. Our outgoing board members are:

### Board of Directors

Carlyn Chulick  
Mike Gossert  
Sherri Matter, RN  
Cheryl Peck  
Lisa Torchia, MSN, RN, NEA-BC

### Advisory Board

Connie Corrigan, RN

# To our 2016-2017 Supporters:

Operation Medical is honored to have your support! Thank you for helping us support the residents and nurses that join our medical surgical trips and take personal time away from their families to share their medical expertise and experience with people in communities that do not have access to adequate medical care. Your support also helps us to purchase equipment, instruments, supplies and medicine that is not always available to our surgeons and surgical support staff at our medical surgical trip locations.

We genuinely appreciate your donations to Operation Medical. Without your support, our work would not be possible.

## Legacy Circle (\$5,001 and Up)

EMSCoEd

## Visionary (\$2,501 to \$5,000)

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Durla and Shobha Lathia  
Jeramiah R. Middleton  
Bonnie Pepper  
Rajendra and Ashwini Sathe  
Jen Tran  
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## Friend (Up to \$250)

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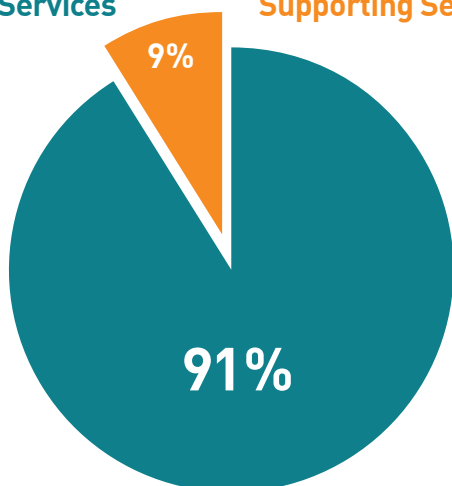
# 2016-2017 Financials

As in previous years, this year Operation Medical continues its commitment to transparency and is providing our financial statements to demonstrate its commitment. This year, 91 cents of every dollar went to our program services.

As a charitable organization exempt from income tax, we are required to file Internal Revenue Service Form 990 with the federal government. Operation Medical also receives a review report from its independent accountants.

The official registration and financial information of Operation Medical may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1.800.732.0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

## Program Services Supporting Services



**.91¢ of every dollar supports our program costs!**



## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (Unaudited)

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

### REVENUES AND IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions	\$ 99,633
In-kind contributed services	201,544
In-kind contributed warehouse and office space	8,481
Interest income	154
<b>Total Revenues and In-Kind Contributions</b>	<b><u>\$309,812</u></b>

### EXPENSES

#### PROGRAM SERVICES

Surgical Trips	\$205,526
Warehouse	3,933
Financial Assistance	8,153
Medical Supplies	1,121
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b><u>\$218,733</u></b>

#### SUPPORTING SERVICES

Office space	\$ 4,548
Strategic Planning	9,820
Insurance	1,967
Accounting services	1,803
Meetings/marketing	1,612
Website	350
Printing, postage, supplies, fees	2,670
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b><u>22,770</u></b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$241,503</u></b>

### NET ASSETS

Net Assets at beginning of year	\$132,058
Increase in Net Assets	69,309
<b>Net Assets at end of year</b>	<b><u>\$201,588</u></b>

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Unaudited)

### ASSETS

Cash	<u>\$200,367</u>
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### NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$175,367
Unrestricted board designated financial assistance	<u>\$ 25,000</u>

<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b><u>\$200,367</u></b>
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The financial statements above do not include donated gifts of supplies and equipment.

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# About Us

## Our Mission

Operation Medical is an organization of volunteers made up of trained medical professionals and other individuals committed to promoting and providing high quality medical care and education to communities that do not have adequate access to medical care.

## How Are We Different?

Our emphasis is on the medical needs of the community, with the safety of our patients and our volunteers our #1 priority. Our safety and quality protocols ensure our patients receive the best care possible. All trips are carefully coordinated with local hosts and their medical community in order to optimize the success of our visit and make certain our volunteers have a positive experience. We audit results and provide training for all of our partners.

## Why We Go

At Operation Medical, we carry our skills across borders to bring about true change and train local doctors to ensure sustainable quality care. During our trips, we strive to provide medical and surgical care to our patients that would provide them with a better life than they would have otherwise had without the care.

## Where We Go

Operation Medical does not have boundaries to the types of medical services we are willing to provide or places we will travel. Our team of doctors, nurses and other volunteers donate all services to patients at no charge. To ensure all donated money is used most efficiently to help people in need, most of the volunteers pay their own airfares to our mission sites. Operation Medical does like to provide scholarships to nurses attending missions.

## OPERATION MEDICAL - Board Members

### Officers:

Mukul L. Parikh, MD - President  
John P. Judson, MD - Vice President  
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Michele Gaiski

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Kiran Patel



**“The broadest, and maybe  
the most meaningful definition  
of volunteering:  
Doing more than you have to  
because you want to,  
in a cause you consider good.”**

*Ivan Scheier*

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# How You Can Help Us

## How to Donate

Conducting medical trips is expensive. Funds are needed to purchase, store and transport medical supplies, equipment and pharmaceuticals.

### Donations of Medical Supplies, Equipment and Pharmaceuticals

Operation Medical gratefully accepts donations of medical supplies, equipment and pharmaceuticals from hospitals, nursing homes, doctors' offices, medical suppliers and pharmaceutical companies. If you or your company would like to donate any of these items, please call **717-685-9199** or email [info@operationmedical.org](mailto:info@operationmedical.org) for further information.

#### Donate Online

[operationmedical.org/donate](http://operationmedical.org/donate)

#### Donate by Phone

To donate by phone, please call **717-685-9199**.

#### Donate by Mail

Download a printable form at [operationmedical.org/donate](http://operationmedical.org/donate)

Mail your form to:  
Operation Medical  
44 Hersha Drive  
Harrisburg, PA 17102

Checks should be made payable to Operation Medical.

#### AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile will automatically donate 0.5% of your purchases to the charity you select.

Learn more at [operationmedical.org/donate](http://operationmedical.org/donate)



#### More ways to Donate

- Planned Giving
- Tribute Giving
- Multiple Year Initiative
- Matching Gifts

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## Volunteer

There are opportunities for volunteers to participate in a variety of ways, from serving on a committee to participating in a mission trip. We invite you to contact us at [info@operationmedical.org](mailto:info@operationmedical.org) to find out more.

## Join A Mission Trip

Operation Medical always needs doctors, nurses, technicians and volunteers to make each mission trip a success. If you are interested in being part of a medical trip or have questions regarding this volunteer opportunity, please call **717-685-9199** or email [info@operationmedical.org](mailto:info@operationmedical.org).

## Learn More

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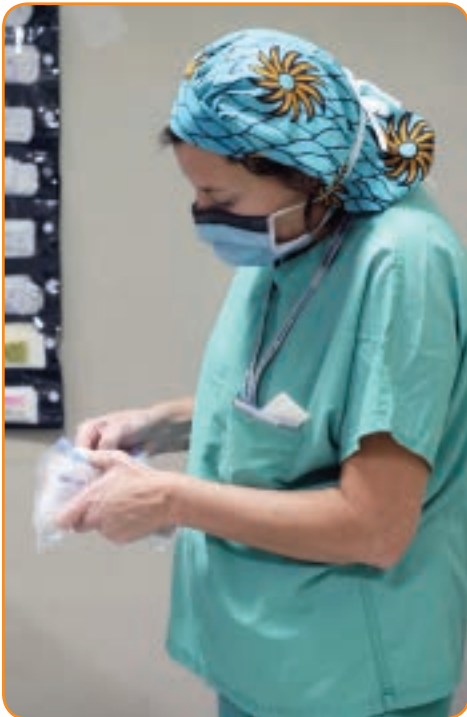
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*“If you want to touch the past,  
touch a rock.  
If you want to touch the present,  
touch a flower.  
If you want to touch the future,  
touch a life.”*

*Author Unknown*





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