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OPERATION MEDICAL NEWSLETTER

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Operation Medical Hosts a Volunteer Appreciation Event in Harrisburg, PA

On April 24th, Operation Medical held its second Volunteer Appreciation Event, boasting a total of 96 volunteers, donors, and other supporters in attendance. We celebrated the completion of 20 missions to medically underserved regions in India (10 missions), Haiti (5 missions), Malawi (2 missions), Kenya, Rwanda and Nepal. These missions involved over 200 medical professional and support volunteers, the performance of over three thousand surgical and dental procedures and the establishment of two breast cancer clinics.

Board President Dr. Mukul Parikh highlighted the outstanding contributions made by all of our Central Pennsylvania and national volunteers and awarded baskets of Indian teas and African coffees to those volunteers who have participated in 10 or more missions. Appreciative comments were submitted in writing or via video recordings from Dr. Dinesh Pandit and Dr. Sohini Sheth, who have been essential partners in India, as well as to Karen Clark and several staff and patients whom we have worked with or treated in Malawi.

In addition, Dr. Paul Kunkel, fresh off his first surgical mission to Malawi, described his



gratifying experience and encouraged prospective volunteers in attendance to join in on future trips.

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WELCOME

We Welcome Lori K. Serratelli, Esq. and Pedro Mora to the Op Med Team!

We're pleased to announce the addition of two exceptional professionals to the Operation Medical Board of Directors. Their deep expertise, leadership, and commitment to service will strengthen our mission and help guide our continued growth and impact. Each brings a unique perspective and a wealth of experience that will be invaluable to our work moving forward.

Please join us in welcoming Lori and Pedro—their deep expertise and commitment make them valuable additions to Operation Medical! You can learn more about Lori, Pedro and the rest of our Board Members at www.operationmedical.org/about

Operation Medical is Going Back to Malawi in November 2025

Operation Medical is currently preparing to send a team of volunteers back to Lilongwe, Malawi to the Kabudula Community Hospital from November 2 - 8, 2025. Having served at the capital city's primary hospital last year, we are now expanding our services to the area by assisting patients at one of their smaller, rural hospitals.



Our team will consist of General and Plastic Surgeons, Anesthesiologists, CRNAs, Nurses, Surgical Techs and Support Staff.

This mission builds on Malawi's relationship with Operation Medical and we are excited to have a full team of volunteers prepared to join us for this mission!



LORI SERRATELLI



PEDRO MORA

Volunteer Appreciation Event *continued*

A complementary goal of the event was the recruitment of prospective surgeons, anesthesiologists, nurses, logistical and governance volunteers who could become key components of future missions. We are delighted to report that of ten such volunteers who attended, three are already signed on for our upcoming India and Malawi missions, one has joined our Finance Committee and Board of Directors and a few other medical professionals are planning to join us on future missions not yet scheduled.

We extend special thanks to Capital Blue Cross for hosting the event and to the financial sponsors and those who purchased tickets that enabled all of our volunteers to attend at no charge. We were still able to add \$20,491 in net revenue to our financial assets. We continue to benefit from the willingness of the doctors who volunteer on our missions and cover their own travel costs, which enables us to reserve funds for nursing and tech support staff to receive subsidies, upon request, that make the mission trips affordable for them as well.



ABOUT US:

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.

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.



Celebrating Community at India Day

On Saturday, August 9, our team of volunteers had the pleasure of participating in the vibrant **India Day Fair at Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC)**. This annual celebration, hosted by the **Asian Indian Americans of Central Pennsylvania (AIACPA)**, draws a large crowd each year to enjoy connection, networking, music, food, and colorful cultural traditions. There is plenty of lively conversation, the aroma of delicious dishes, and the sounds of music and laughter.

For our organization, this event holds special meaning. Since our founding in 2013, we have completed **10 successful medical/surgical missions to India**, serving patients and working alongside dedicated healthcare partners in communities across the country. Through these missions, we have developed a deep appreciation for the people and culture of India. Here at home, we're equally grateful to have strong ties with Pennsylvania's Indian community, many of whom have been volunteers, supporters, and partners in our mission for years.

Our booth at India Day provided a wonderful opportunity to share updates about our recent work, reconnect with familiar faces, and introduce our mission to people who may not have heard of us before. Visitors stopped by to learn about our past and upcoming trips, ask questions, and offer words of encouragement. We were invigorated by the number of people who expressed interest in volunteering or simply staying in touch to hear more about our work.

By the end of the day, we left feeling uplifted and inspired. Events like India Day remind us of the power of community and the importance of building bridges between cultures. We are thankful to **AIACPA** for hosting such a meaningful celebration, to **HACC** for providing their campus as a wonderful location, and to everyone who took the time to stop by our table.

Your interest and support help to fuel our missions.



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