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about our new
Doctors Without Borders
Partnership



SOLIDARITY BRIDGE

Healing & Empowering in Latin America



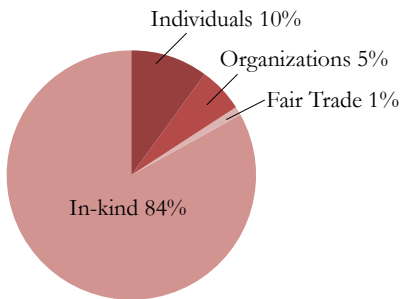
Annual Report 2011

A word from the Executive Director

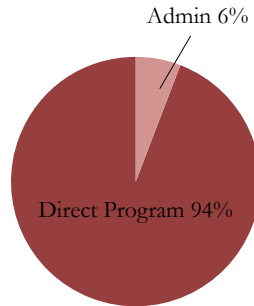
Juan Lorenzo Hinojosa, Ph.D.

2011 was a landmark year for Solidarity Bridge. We initiated a partnership with Nobel Peace Prize winner Doctors Without Borders. Through this partnership in Bolivia and Paraguay, we are providing a spectrum of care to the poor who suffer from the deadly parasitic disease, Chagas. This is also the year we initiated our year-round General Surgery Program. We enter our new year in a strong position to continue our mission of helping those most in need. It is through many partnerships with U.S., Bolivian, and Paraguayan physicians and hospitals that we thrive. Without your donations, none of what you see in this report would have been possible. Gracias!

2011 Financial Summary



Revenue Sources



Expense Allocation

Revenue: \$4,422,577 (\$3,706,994 in-kind, \$714,464 cash)

Expense: \$4,368,332 (\$3,706,994 in-kind, \$661,338 cash)

Doctors Without Borders Partnership

In 2011, Solidarity Bridge launched a partnership with Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières, MSF) to treat Chagas disease patients. Our Chagas partnership is generously funded by the Medtronic Foundation. Our work is currently based in the region of Aiquile, Bolivia, where three out of four people have Chagas. MSF's Chagas work focuses on stopping transmission of the disease, early detection, and drug treatment. We step in after the disease has advanced to the point that a pacemaker or megacolon surgery is needed for survival. Together we are combating this disease that is devastating the poor of Latin America.



Patient Profile



We first told Marta's story in a Patient Profile Postcard early last year. Many months later she returned to us with her friend Carlos who was also in need of help. We are excited to share the story of her remarkable recovery and their special relationship.

When Marta was ten, her family was so poor that they sent her far from home to work as a servant in the big city. The woman Marta worked for was very abusive, constantly screaming and hitting her. In desperation, Marta tried to commit suicide by drinking a bottle of Drano. She lived, but her esophagus was completely destroyed.

After years of suffering, Marta eventually found Solidarity Bridge. Unable to eat properly, Marta, now age 20, weighed less than 60 lbs. Solidarity Bridge doctors, John Gregory and Malcolm Bilimoria, asked her if she was willing to risk death posed by the very delicate surgery. Marta whispered that she had no other choice; she was already virtually dead. In an extremely complex surgery in early 2011, our surgeons reconstructed Marta's esophagus. Afterwards, she spent six months in the hospital and rehabilitation.

Many months later Marta returned to us. She had gained more than 30 lbs and a youthful glow. During rehabilitation she met a young man, Carlos, who had also tried to commit suicide by Drano. Marta told Carlos about Solidarity Bridge and we performed his successful surgery a few months ago. Their shared tragedy has made them fast friends.

2011 Overall Numbers:

- 308 surgeries performed
- 1,643 patients treated
- \$3,706,994 in-kind equipment, supplies, & services delivered (including a full shipping container!)
- Cities served: Cochabamba, Coroico, Sacaba, Santa Cruz and Tarija, Bolivia; Asuncion, Paraguay

Heart Surgery Program



We saved little Medina through open heart surgery in May

- 12 open heart surgeries
- 187 pacemaker surgeries
- Inaugural Pacemaker Mission Trip to Asuncion, Paraguay
- Pacemaker Mission Trip to Tarija, Bolivia

In partnership with local Bolivian surgeons, we provide life saving open heart and pacemaker surgeries for adults and children through the generosity of our donors. The majority of our children's

open heart surgeries are generously financed through The Goff Gift Fund. The Medtronic Corporation and the Medtronic Foundation make our pacemaker surgeries possible through their consistent donations of pacemakers, supplies, and funds.

Neurosurgery Program

- 5 neurosurgeries
- 4 spinal surgeries
- Neurosurgery Mission Trip to Cochabamba & Santa Cruz

Under the leadership of neurosurgeon Richard Moser we supply Bolivian neurosurgery professionals with critically needed equipment, implants and training.

Dr. Richard Moser & Dr. Roberta Glick operate with Bolivian colleague, Dr. Juan Carlos Otaño.



General Surgery Program

- 72 surgeries
- General Surgery Mission Trip to Cochabamba
- First year of our year-round program!

In addition to our mission trip, we proudly launched our year-round General Surgery Program. Focusing on hernia and gallbladder surgery, our year-round program provides general surgeries performed by local Bolivian surgeons to the poor in desperate need. Many of these patients have suffered for years (even decades) from these extremely painful and often debilitating conditions.



Maria Rodriguez had successful gallbladder surgery



Dr. Steve Bujewski with patient's son

Direct Service Medical Trip

- Mission Trip to Coroico
- Specialties: Dermatology, Gynecology, Cardiology, Neurology, General Surgery
- 28 surgeries, 300 procedures, 1,358 patients

Fair Trade Program

- 7,946 clothing items imported
- \$46,410 in income for cooperatives

Solidarity Bridge's U.S. based fair trade partners work directly with sewing cooperatives in Cochabamba. By paying fair prices and selling their products in the U.S., we provide stability to workers and their families.

Please visit our partner websites to order:

www.dharmatrading.com

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Warmis Cooperative hand crocheted dress available at www.dharmatrading.com

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