THE POWER OF ONE: YOU HOLD THE KEY

2017/2018 ANNUAL REPORT
PHYSICIANS FOR PEACE
**The Power of One**

Traveling home recently, I witnessed a touching family moment—a daughter tearfully embracing her elderly mother as she boarded a plane to return home.

One daughter emotionally saying goodbye to one mother. Then I witnessed a joyful family moment—a young father holding his young son’s fingers while the toddler practiced his newfound walking skills.

One father teaching one son.

Life is that way, isn’t it? Though we may have many family members, colleagues, or friends, long-term relationships are built one bit at a time.

That’s the way the work of Physicians for Peace happens.

One surgeon who travels to Malawi to train one resident in the operating room.

One nurse who enthusiastically shares her experiences with one nursing colleague across the globe.

One patient selected out of 60 on one screening day when our international volunteers arrive in country.

One occupational therapist who volunteers one evening to demonstrate essential burn care positioning through one webcam to colleagues across four time zones.

One family making one donation once a month for the past 12 years.

One fellowship-trained reconstructive urologist, the first-ever, in the Dominican Republic.

Teach one. Heal many.

One man, our founder Dr. Charles Horton, first witnessed the power of one when he accepted an invitation to travel outside the U.S. to train one plastic surgeon in Israel.

One man was inspired to create Physicians for Peace when he realized that surgeons from countries in conflict formed long-lasting, collegial bonds working together around one operating table.

The vision of this one man has inspired hundreds of volunteers and thousands of supporters over the past 30 years. In this year’s annual report, you will read about the significance of one.

Thanks to all of you who believe in the power of teach one, heal many and who, one by one, make this life-saving work possible.

Sincerely,

James E. (Jamie) Morgan
Chief Executive Officer

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**ONE International Medical Educator**

**Ezequiel Ferrara, MD**

Ezequiel Ferrara, MD was introduced to Physicians for Peace in 2013 while a medical resident in Buenos Aires. After learning of the work and mission of Physicians for Peace (PFP), a spark appeared in the young resident’s eyes; Ezequiel knew he wanted to volunteer for PFP’s training initiative to the Dominican Republic in December of that year.

Ezequiel, an anesthesiologist, knew he needed to prepare himself for his first visit to Hospital de Moca in the Dominican Republic as supplies are extremely limited. He equipped himself with needles, syringes, drugs, and his pulse oximeter, items readily available in Argentina, the United States, and other developed countries, but not so in this small town 145 kilometers outside of the capital, Santo Domingo.

Upon completing his first medical training initiative, he “could never stop volunteering. Words cannot describe the synergy of the group working together,” Ferrara said. “It is amazing, and the patients are so grateful.” Ezequiel continues to serve on training initiatives, volunteering for two in 2017 and two in 2018.

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**ONE Patient**

**Orlando Ortis**

Lucky number 13. Orlando Ortis, a 23 year old engineering student, had the world ahead of him. However, everything suddenly changed when he suffered injuries in a car accident that left him with a urethral catheter. The catheter severely limited his mobility and prevented him from finishing his studies.

Orlando was number 13 of 60 patients evaluated in an afternoon by the PFP international medical team upon their arrival in Santo Domingo, and he was selected for treatment. During the 8-hour surgical procedure, the team experienced several power surges at Hospital de Moca. Ever resourceful, they used cell phone flashlights to illuminate their work and completed the surgery.

Because of the successful surgery, Orlando was able to complete his degree and is working as an engineer. He makes a point of visiting the PFP volunteer teams when they are in-country for medical training initiatives. In December 2017, a grateful Orlando texted his PFP volunteer surgeon, Dr. Virasoro: “You are my DR Brother! You fixed my injury. You fixed my life!”

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ONE Trainee
Dr. Wellington Ledesma

The Dominican Republic has not had a Genitourinary Reconstructive Surgeon—until now. Resulting from an expressed need by our partners in the Dominican Republic, Physicians for Peace established an 18-month fellowship training program. Dr. Wellington Ledesma is the first graduate of this program, completing the fellowship December, 2017. During the fellowship, Dr. Ledesma traveled to Norfolk, Virginia where he spent a month in observation rotation. The fellowship continued with intensive hands-on training in various locations across Latin America.

Starting in 2018, following the completion of his training, Dr. Ledesma is now able to provide these highly complex surgeries for patients in the Dominican Republic for years to come.

In Dr. Ledesma’s own words: “After spending five or six hours in one of these surgeries and the time comes to remove the patient’s catheter, I am so privileged to witness the expression on the faces of the patients, many times accompanied by tears falling from their eyes, a sign that expresses the joy they feel to return to normal function. This is a moment of joy for me as well, confirming that it has been worth the sacrifice and commitment of my teachers and the generosity from Physicians for Peace supporters.”

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ONE Donor Family
Heidi & Scott Denlinger

Heidi Denlinger first learned about the work of Physicians for Peace in 2008 while attending a physical therapy workshop in Richmond, Virginia. Impressed with the impact and reach of Physicians for Peace’s work, the Denlingers decided to become monthly donors.

Through his work as a financial advisor to nonprofits, Scott understands well the power of consistent donor support.

Heidi and Scott regularly review the charities they support, and Physicians for Peace has maintained a place on their list for over a decade. We are grateful for their years of support and friendship!

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ONE Collaborator
Raising Malawi

In keeping with its mission to leverage education and training to increase surgical care access in underserved populations, PFP engages in strategic collaborations with organizations like Raising Malawi.

Prior to the July 2017 opening of Malawi’s first pediatric ICU, PFP began collaborating with several training partners, including Raising Malawi, to train and support the new cadre of pediatric intensive care nurses and perioperative providers. Training activities include mentoring local nurse leaders, guiding the development of critical care nursing protocols, in-person training workshops, and creating a digital training resource library.

As medical care in Malawi is quite young, no pediatric intensivist was available to lead the new ICU, though a Malawian pediatrician completing her critical care studies in South Africa will assume this leadership position in 2019. To bridge this gap, PFP, in conjunction with Raising Malawi, funded a year-long volunteer pediatric intensivist to provide leadership, training and patient care in 2017 and 2018.

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ONE Champion
Dr. Lourdes Santiso

As a plastic surgeon at the Roosevelt Hospital in Guatemala, Dr. Santiso first encountered PFP in 2003 when she visited the burn unit of Aproquen in Hospital Vélez Paz, located in Nicaragua.

“I was honored when PFP offered me the chance to be an IME [international medical educator] in 2012. I try to give my best, for the trust that PFP has in me and my team. This is a relationship of friendship and trust. It started with other persons in 2004, but the friendship and trust continues, and we have a good relationship with all PFP personnel and also with the trainers. I have witnessed with satisfaction how PFP has grown its influence over Latin America; we were one of the first ones, now there are a lot of countries.”

Dr. Santiso continues to champion the work of Physicians for Peace throughout Latin America. In 2018, at the request of the hospital staff, Physicians for Peace volunteer medical educators returned to Roosevelt Hospital to provide burn care education and training to nurses in the pediatric intensive care unit. PFP volunteers model and promote a multidisciplinary approach to patient care between staff of the PICU and burn care units to improve patient outcomes. Dr. Santiso was an instrumental PFP volunteer, coordinating logistics and making necessary connections for this important work in Guatemala in 2018.

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“It has been an honor to me, I am not sure if I will return at least 1/5 of the benefits that our children directly have received from the missions of Physicians for Peace to Costa Rica. My best wishes for your worldwide 2018 projects.”

Dr. Carlos Siri

“For me it’s a huge pleasure to be a small part of this amazing organization. Every single mission that I share with the team is a moment of enormous gratitude that I experience. Hope to continue this way for many years to come. Best regards.”

Dr. Ezequiel Ferrara

“It has been a pleasure to serve alongside folks from the burn community and from those within the PFP organization. Thank you for the good wishes for the upcoming year and I hope that I can serve alongside your team in 2018.”

Gretchen J. Carrougher, MN, RN
### 2017 Financial Summary

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**Total Net Assets**

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**Total Liabilities and Net Assets**

| $ 2,710,447                   |

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**Total Net Assets**

| $ 1,994,819                   |

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets**

| $ 2,035,335                   |
As a mother, a nurse educator, a volunteer, a board member, and now as chair of the PFP board, I have seen the impact that one touch, one conversation, and one interaction can make.

Over the last eight years, PFP has emerged as a leading surgical nonprofit that listens and responds to the needs of its partners worldwide. This vision began with a physician and his observation that peace can come about through medical care, when caring individuals are brought together to care for those most in need. Dr. Charles E. Horton, Sr., saw quality healthcare as the great unifier among nations, a need so powerful – and yet so basic – that it should transcend economic, political, and cultural barriers.

Dr. Horton’s belief that education has an empowering, exponential effect on communities remains at the heart of our organization. This driving principle keeps me involved and volunteering my time for PFP.

Nancy Jallo, PhD, RNC
Chair, Board of Directors