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A Letter from Our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Last year Bridge of Life celebrated our 15th Anniversary! Thanks to some visionary leaders at DaVita, Bridge of Life was founded in 2006 to bring kidney care to underserved communities around the globe.

Since the first mission to set up a dialysis clinic in Cameroon, it's been our volunteers and donors who have made it possible to strengthen healthcare for more than **130,000** adults and children. Our programs have expanded to include chronic disease prevention, arteriovenous fistula surgeries, community health worker programs and camps for kids with chronic and serious illnesses.

Along the way, we've implemented an electronic medical record that provides real-time tracking of screening patients, and a mobile app for our community health workers to monitor ongoing patient care and health outcomes for high risk patients. Our Dialysis Capacity program has expanded from supporting single clinics to establishing nationwide standards of care in countries without them. We've become more efficient and expanded our impact significantly.

The work isn't easy. In addition to the everyday challenges that all nonprofits face, our in-country partners also confront natural disasters, civil strife, healthcare inequities and, for the past two years, a global pandemic that has strained already overburdened and under-resourced health systems. And yet, our partners optimism and determination never fail.

Everyone deserves the chance to live a healthy and fulfilling life. Your support of Bridge of Life has given thousands of adults and children that opportunity. I hope you'll stay with us in the coming years. Together, we can do so much more.



With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori".

LORI VACLAVIK
Executive Director



W H O W E A R E

Mission Statement

The mission of Bridge of Life is to strengthen healthcare globally through sustainable programs that prevent and treat chronic disease.

We did this through two core programs:



KIDNEY CARE

Establishes local partnerships to improve kidney care treatment for people with end stage renal disease



CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION

Prevents and controls kidney disease and its root causes through screening and health education



BRIDGE OF LIFE

15TH MILESTONES

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Bridge of Life (BOL) is founded

Several DaVita leaders had the vision of expanding access to dialysis treatment in countries where it was limited or non-existent, and founded BOL in 2006.



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First dialysis clinic was launched

In the fall of 2006, the first BOL dialysis clinic was launched in partnership with the World Organization of Renal Therapies and The University Teaching Hospital of Yaoundé (CHUY) in Yaoundé, Cameroon.



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Supported first kids' camp

BOL launched its Kids' Camp Program in 2007 by teaming up with The Painted Turtle, a camp for kids with serious medical conditions based out of California.

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Tour DaVita began with Bridge of Life (BOL) as the beneficiary

Since Tour DaVita (TDV) began in 2007, it has raised over \$13 million for BOL to assist in our efforts, prevent, control and treat kidney disease and its key causes around the globe.

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Launched AV Fistula surgical program

After noticing that the majority of dialysis patients continued to receive treatment through a catheter years after beginning dialysis, BOL created an AV (arteriovenous) Fistula surgical program.



2014

Expanded into prevention of chronic disease

BOL launched its Chronic Disease Prevention program by incorporating a U.S.-based screening program previously led by The Kidney TRUST (TKT).

2014

Improved dialysis in 15 countries

From 2006 - 2014, fifteen BOL partner dialysis clinics were established or received support in Africa, Asia, and North America. In May 2014, Bridge of Life was able to provide support for its 15th dialysis unit during a mission to Jamaica.



2017

Created an electronic medical records system

In July of 2017 BOL launched its new electronic medical record system in rural Haiti.



2017

Empowered community health workers to sustain prevention work

BOL strengthened our Chronic Disease Prevention Program by training Community Health Workers to provide ongoing follow-up and preventative health education to patients identified as high risk during a screening mission.

2020

1,500 volunteers engaged since inception

By providing training and resources, volunteers have improved patient care for thousands of people who deserve the chance to live healthy and fulfilling lives.

2020

COVID-19 pandemic: BOL adapts to the pandemic

BOL quickly developed virtual trainings to help our partners and patients stay safe from Covid-19. With the help of BOL supporters, we were able to provide vast quantities of PPE and hand sanitizer to partners around the world.



SERVING OUR PARTNERS IN MEANINGFUL WAYS

2021 Core Strategies

We continued to support our partners during the ongoing challenges of the pandemic.



Trained in-country community health workers & professionals to support, treat, and educate people identified with hypertension and/or diabetes.



Equipped partners around the world with clinical supplies, dialysis equipment and PPE to improve health services and outcomes.



Enhanced the **quality of patient treatments** and health outcomes.



Improved dialysis treatment and care for dialysis and AV fistula surgery patients.



Increased the capacity of clinicians and community health workers through comprehensive virtual trainings on kidney care, renal nutrition and Covid-19 prevention.

OUR PARTNERS AND

COUNTRIES WHERE WE WORKED



BANGLADESH

- Sonar Bangla Foundation Comprehensive Kidney Care Center

BOLIVIA

- Etta Project

GUATEMALA

- Fundainer
- Food for the Poor

GHANA

- St Elizabeth Hospital

HAITI

- Double Harvest
- Partners in Health
- The Road to Hope

INDIA

- HBS Dialysis
- Holy Cross Hospital
- J Watumull Global Hospital & Research Centre
- MBP-HBS Dialysis Center
- Radha Mohan Mehrotra Global Hospital Trauma Centre

JAMAICA

- Food for the Poor
- Mandeville Regional Hospital
- University Hospital of the West Indies

MEXICO

- Hospital General Agustín O'Horán

MONGOLIA

- Lux Dialysis Clinic

NICARAGUA

- Project El Crucero

PAKISTAN

- Indus Hospital & Health Network Fakir Trust Campus

PANAMA

- Food for the Poor

PHILIPPINES

- La Consolacion University General Hospital-Dialysis Unit

SIERRA LEONE


- We Yone Kidney Clinic-Sierra Leone

UGANDA

- Global Livingston Institute
- St. Elizabeth Hospital

SOLUTIONS

YOU BRING TO THE WORLD




101

Community Health Workers empowered with the tools and knowledge to prevent and control chronic disease




693

Dialysis patients whose treatment and care improved through virtual trainings provided to clinical staff



303

Clinicians and Health Workers Trained



3,859

Individuals received Covid-19 prevention education & PPE



1,239

High-risk patients received medication, health testing and education

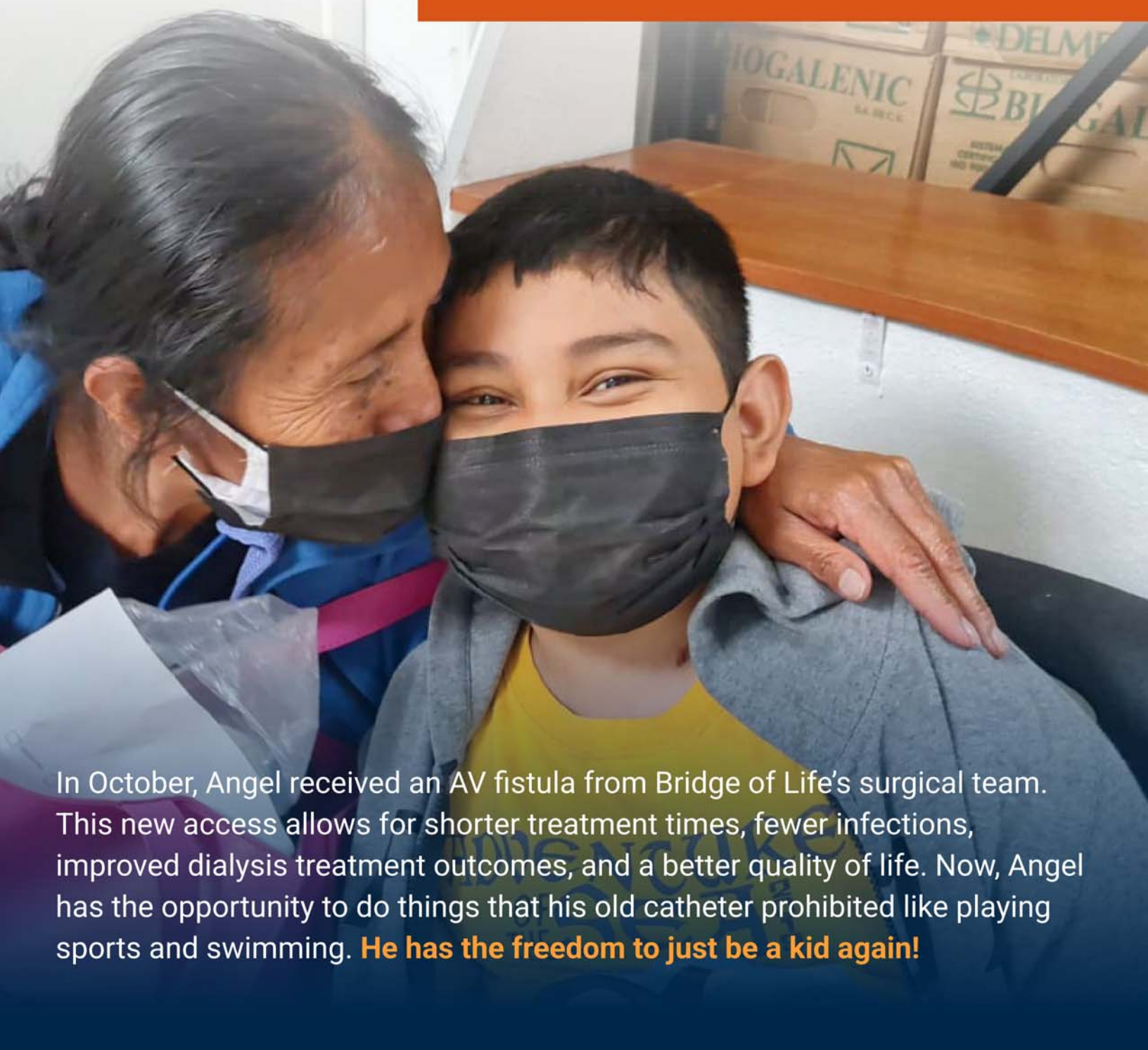


HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

WHO YOU SERVE

“Ever since Angel was a little child, he was healthy and energetic. He used to love to play, he loved everything. But when he got kidney disease, everything changed for him.”

MARIA
Angel's mom



In October, Angel received an AV fistula from Bridge of Life's surgical team. This new access allows for shorter treatment times, fewer infections, improved dialysis treatment outcomes, and a better quality of life. Now, Angel has the opportunity to do things that his old catheter prohibited like playing sports and swimming. **He has the freedom to just be a kid again!**



Seeing to the well-being of my community has been beneficial to help reduce further complications from chronic conditions and while providing an opportunity to counsel clients on Covid-19 prevention.

I was privileged to help possibly save the life of a 46-year old man who was having concurrent coughing and very high blood pressure. I helped get him to a facility where he was diagnosed with Covid-19 and was on oxygen for two weeks. Bridge of Life was there for us and provided the necessary support to help this patient.

MARGARET ASABEA AMANIAMPONG
BOL Community Health Worker, Ghana



Through the generosity and support from Bridge of Life, we were able to continue following India's strict protocols for our Covid-19 patients and use PPE supplies and equipment with the staff, attendants, and patients, without financially burdening our patients or hospital. We sincerely convey our deep appreciation for Bridge of Life and your donors in going the extra mile to reach out to those in need!

SISTER ATMAJA
Holy Cross Hospital Administrator, India

HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

HOW YOU CARE

In the midst of the pandemic, the world needed us to come together for places like Haiti, India, and Bolivia where Covid-19 overwhelmed health systems. While the challenges have been steep, a spirit of partnership quickly overcame the uncertainty during the Covid-19 pandemic. Your collaboration with Bridge of Life as donors, volunteers, sponsors, fundraisers, and *Tour DaVita Move It* participants has saved the lives of thousands of adults and children all over the world.



3,698

DONORS



\$1,300,051

DONATIONS



\$266

AVERAGE GIFT

HOW YOU CARE OUR VOLUNTEERS

We could not do this life-changing work without you. We are humbled by and grateful for all of our volunteers who make our work possible. Our volunteers participated in the following ways to serve our partners and patients:

Translators / Mission volunteers / Ambassadors
Facilitators for health trainings / Technical and analytical support



"I'm very involved and love what I do at my DaVita clinic. I'm a Preceptor, Transonic Tech, KidneySmart Educator, CPR Instructor and PD Ambassador. But, one my most exciting roles came recently through Bridge of Life. I served as a virtual facilitator and provided health education to kidney donors in Guatemala. This opportunity reminded me why I chose a career in dialysis."

Back in 2003, my grandma was diagnosed with CKD in Mexico. My last memory of her was the day I left for college. I told her that I was going to become a nurse. She told me to hurry back so I could take care of her, but passed away just days later. Being part of Bridge of Life gave me the opportunity to carry on my grandma's wish to care for people with CKD and little access to healthcare. I love being part of Bridge of Life, and I can't wait to continue caring for the world through their organization."

FRANCISCO RAMIREZ
Patient Care Technician III Chronic, DaVita Inc.



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VIRTUAL TRAININGS



393

CLINICIANS AND HEALTH
WORKERS TRAINED



54

VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED
(VIRTUALLY)



13

VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED
(IN-PERSON)

HOW YOU CARE TOUR DAVITA



Through Tour DaVita Move It, teammates, patients, family, and friends support DaVita and BOL's commitment to **Care for Our World**. Since 2007, Tour DaVita has raised over fourteen million dollars to help prevent, control, and treat kidney disease and its key causes around the globe. Resources raised from Tour DaVita Move It played a vital role in supporting communities and countries impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

An exciting addition to this year's event was the participation of some of our global partners in Haiti, Ghana, Uganda, Bolivia, Nicaragua, and India. They joined in Moving It through their countries with such joy and excitement!

For more information and to see the 2021 event video, please visit [Tour DaVita Move It!](#)



3.4K+

PARTICIPANTS



40

CORPORATE SPONSORS



THANK YOU TO OUR
DIAMOND SPONSORS

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25,143

COMPLETED MILES



\$940K+

RAISED

FINANCIALS

2021 Revenue



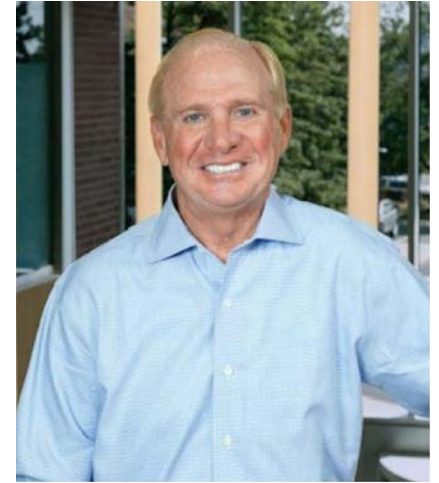
2021 Expenses



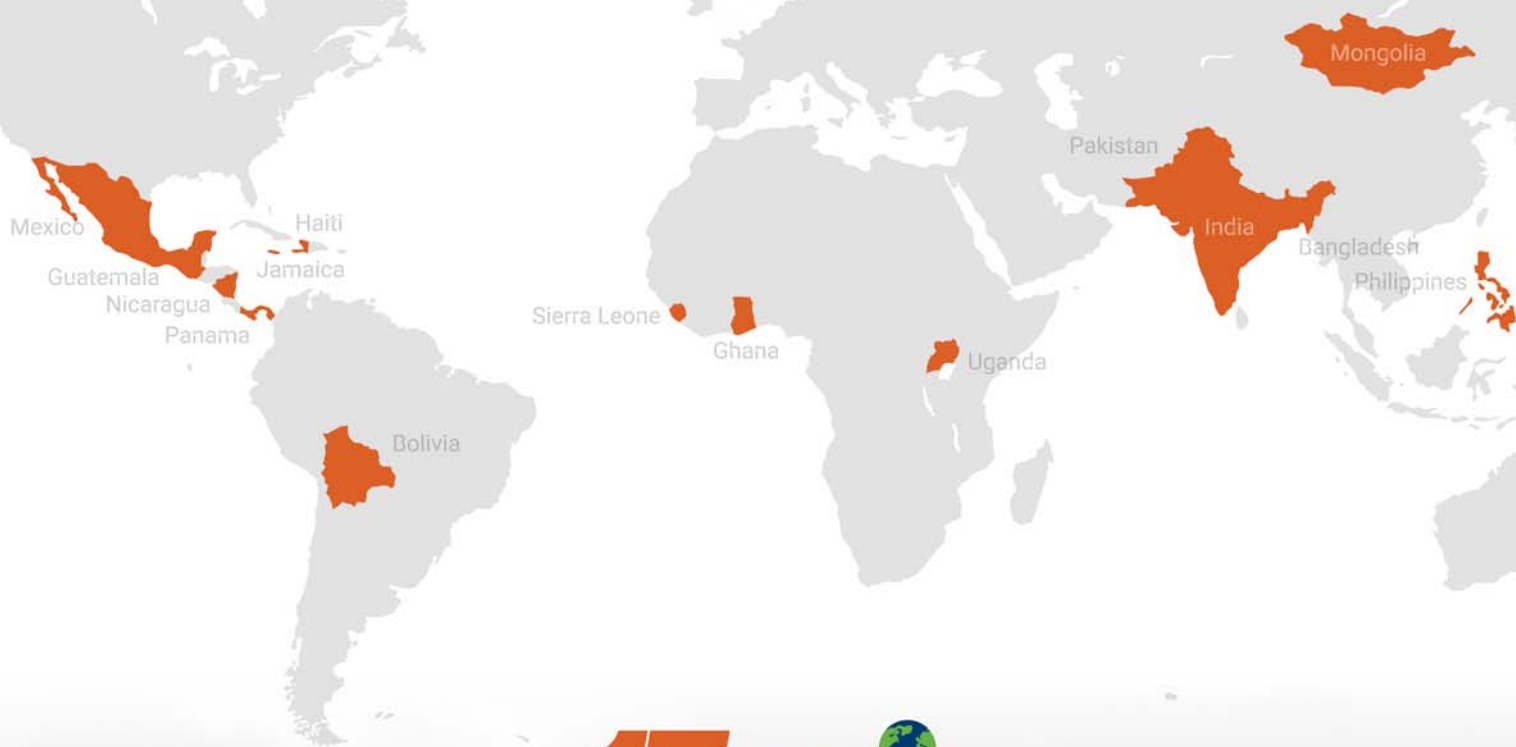
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Bridge of Life Board of Directors is grateful to all the volunteers and donors who make our work possible. Despite the challenges of the past two years, together we've provided chronic disease prevention and treatment to thousands of people around the globe. Thanks to your support, we are overcoming healthcare inequities and giving more people the chance to live healthy and fulfilling lives. Thank you for helping us achieve our vision of a world where everyone has access to quality healthcare.

STEVE PRIEST
Board Chairman



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