



GLOBAL BRIGADES

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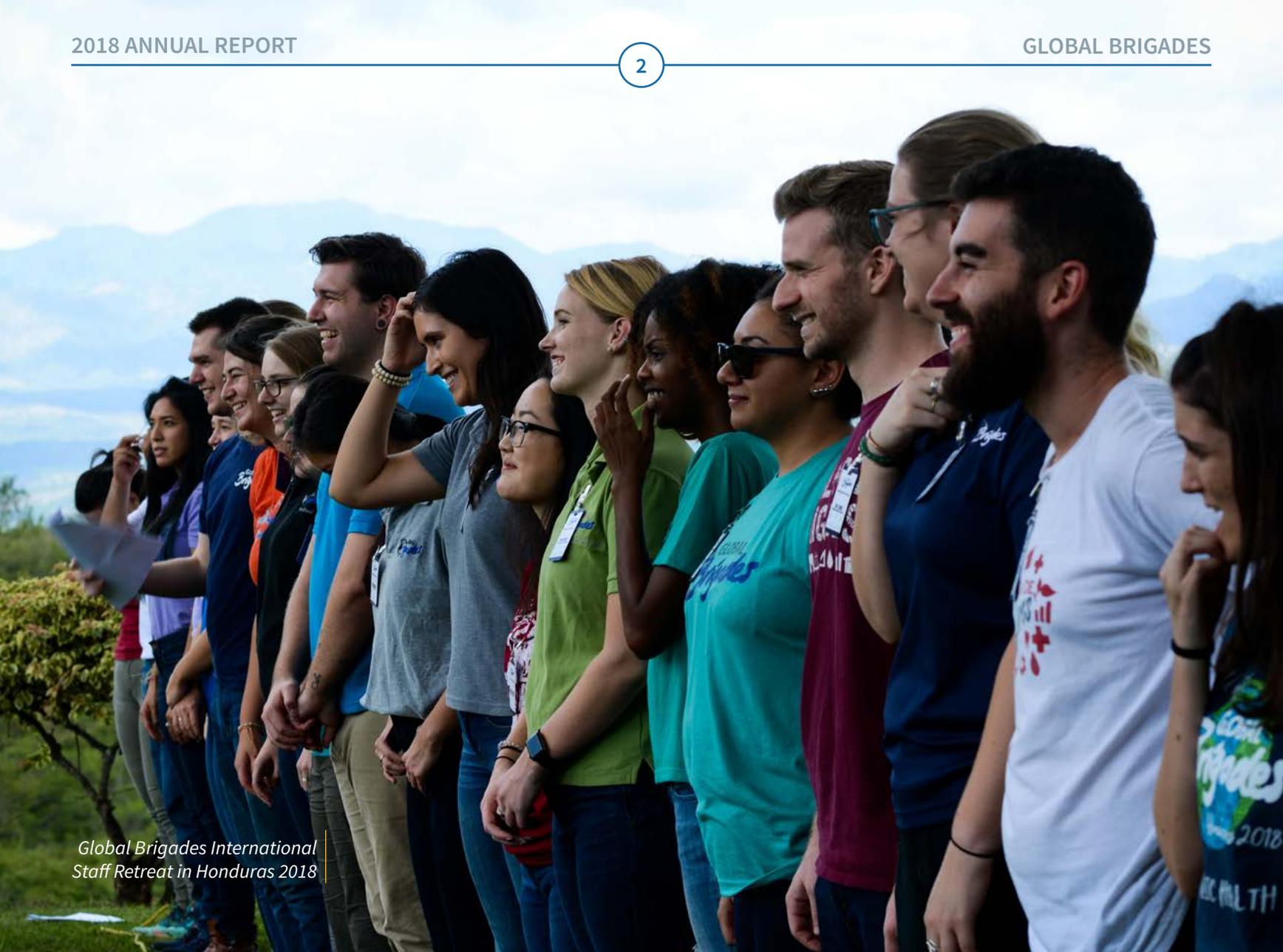
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*Global Brigades International  
Staff Retreat in Honduras 2018*

# Leadership Letter

To our Global Brigades Family,

2018 tested our organization like few years in our history. Thanks to the leadership of our student movement and the help of new donors and partners, we have not only overcome enormous obstacles, but created some of the most impact in our history. So, what happened?!

Well, let's start with the incredible. 2018 started with the largest honor we have ever been presented: a game-changing one million dollar donation from the Merkel Family. Every cent will be allocated to accelerate our Empowered 100 initiative and its goal to be the largest effort to end rural poverty in the world. The donation demonstrated the seismic shift our organization has been working toward over the last five years to diversify revenue outside of brigades and maximize impact to empower 100 communities over the next five years. Given what happened next, the gift was essential to make it a reality.

Now, let's move to the devastating. In April 2018, the Nicaraguan government announced

changes that evoked unrest unseen since their civil war. Violence progressed to the point where all brigades were re-routed to other countries. We can't describe the challenge that our local Nicaraguan teams have endured due to this crisis as they continue to battle every day in this new reality. Thanks to the support of our donors, we are proud to say that we are one of the few still providing health and development work in a time when our partners need us most. On behalf of our Nicaraguan family, thank you to every leader, volunteer and donor for their trust and collaboration to enable this on-going work.

When one door closes another always opens. Due to Nicaragua's political unrest, we re-opened Panama for brigades. The Panama team went from not expecting any volunteers, to receiving 627. An amazing accomplishment, especially considering the team was simultaneously setting the stage to receive one of our largest grants to date, a donation from the World Bank recognizing our economic development model as a regional leader improving economic outcomes for rural indigenous communities.

Our final big news in 2018 was yet another critical move to infuse new resources into our operations and lay a pipeline for volunteers before they enter university. After 8 months of deliberation and planning, we acquired Squads Abroad, the high school equivalent of Global Brigades. Squads Abroad is enabling us to expand both our volunteer base and programmatic model to include a more direct contribution to improve education and public health outcomes in communities.

Finally, we would like to congratulate team members who stepped into new leadership positions. Stephane Pillon, is our new International Logistics Officer focusing on high level safety, security and operational efficiency across all our countries. Pablo Garron is now our International Programs Officer where he will leverage his expertise in economic development to strengthen our Holistic Model and provide oversight of our Empowered 100 initiative.

This enclosed report largely highlights our collective progress toward the Empowered 100.

## Leadership Letter (Cont'd)

2018 marked yet another year where our talented Honduran teams led the way toward accomplishing this ambitious initiative and where we worked to finally adapt our Ghana programs to be incorporated as well. This report is dedicated to our on-the-ground teams, our movement of volunteers, our incredible donors, and the partners who have empowered this work. This is truly your organization!

With gratitude,



Dr. Shital Vora  
Co-Founder & CEO



Vanessa Lopez  
President & COO



# About Global Brigades

GLOBAL BRIGADES IS AN INTERNATIONAL NON-PROFIT THAT EMPOWERS COMMUNITIES TO MEET THEIR HEALTH AND ECONOMIC GOALS THROUGH UNIVERSITY VOLUNTEERS AND LOCAL TEAMS.

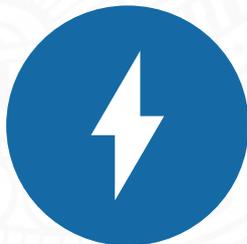
## Our Vision

To improve equality of life by igniting the largest student-led social responsibility movement on the planet.

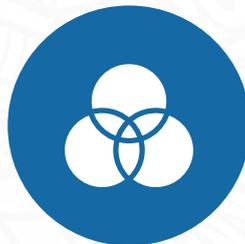
## Our Mission

To empower volunteers and under-resourced communities to resolve global health and economic disparities and inspire all involved to collaboratively work towards an equal world.

## Our Values



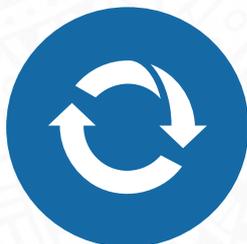
**EMPOWERMENT**



**HOLISTIC  
APPROACH**



**SCALABILITY**



**SUSTAINABILITY**



**FINANCIAL  
TRANSPARENCY**



**COLLABORATION**

# Where We Work

Global Brigades implemented its Holistic Model or mobile clinics in more than 200 partner communities in 2018, while at the same time impacting many more nearby communities.



HONDURAS

NICARAGUA

GHANA

PANAMA



85 IN HONDURAS

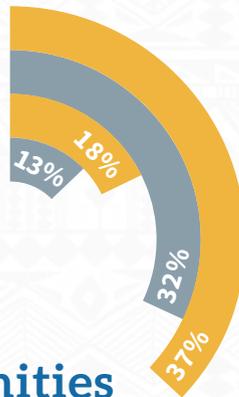
73 IN NICARAGUA

40 IN PANAMA

29 IN GHANA

**227**

Partner  
Communities



77K+ IN GHANA

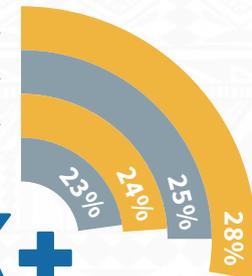
68K+ IN NICARAGUA

66K+ IN PANAMA

66K+ IN HONDURAS

**278K+**

Estimated Impacted  
Population



# Our Holistic Model

Global Brigades collaborates with partner communities to implement a Holistic Model aimed at meeting the community's healthcare, economic development, water and sanitation goals. The model emphasizes community ownership and participation in their own sustainable development, eventually evolving into an Empowered Community.



## Economic Development

### BUSINESS

Thriving micro-entreprises that increase household income while offering valued goods and services to the surrounding community.



## Home Sanitation Infrastructure

### PUBLIC HEALTH

Prevention of disease through the construction of latrines, eco-stoves, water storage units, and concrete floors, along with community-wide public health education initiatives.



## Sustainable Health Systems

### MEDICAL AND DENTAL

Access to healthcare through community health workers, regular doctor visitations, affordable medications and system for patient referrals.



## Community-Owned Banking

### MICROFINANCE

Access to loans and savings programs through their community-led cooperative along with community-wide financial literacy education.



## In-Home Clean Water

### ENGINEERING AND WATER

Access to sufficient clean water piped directly into homes, along with high functioning water committees to ensure ongoing maintenance.



**13 EMPOWERED  
COMMUNITIES  
OUT OF 100**

**65,000 PERSONS  
IN RURAL CENTRAL  
AMERICA AND AFRICA  
WILL BE SUPPORTED BY  
THE EMPOWERED 100  
CAMPAIGN**

Global Brigades' **The Empowered 100** campaign will empower 100 rural communities in Central America and Africa with over 65,000 persons to permanently rise out of poverty through an approach anchored to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals #3, Good Health and Well-being; #6, Clean Water and Sanitation; and #8, Decent Work and Economic Growth.

This approach emphasizes the 3 core components embedded in the Holistic Model: **Healthcare, WASH, and Economic Development**. Through The Empowered 100, Global Brigades aims to further refine the Holistic Model and disseminate its success for replication.

## 6 GOALS FOR AN EMPOWERED COMMUNITY

### GOAL #1\*

Regular, affordable access to a healthcare professional and prescription medicine.

### GOAL #2

Daily access to a trained community health worker.

**3** GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



### GOAL #3

Continuous access to a clean water system + water council in place.

### GOAL #4

>90% household adoption of public health infrastructure projects.

**6** CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



### GOAL #5

Access to sufficient, affordable credit + community bank in place.

### GOAL #6\*

At least a 1.5% annual increase of community savings reflecting economic growth.

**8** GOOD JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



\*Goals 1 and 6 have had substantial change in the last year. In 2018, Honduras launched a pilot phase to bring regular access to doctors and medication to Global Brigades' partner communities. Nicaragua and Panama will begin similar pilot phases in 2019. For Goal 6, all countries will be completing research and pilot phases during 2019.

# La Corneta, Sébaco, Matagalpa, Nicaragua

## HIGHLIGHT

La Corneta, located in the ‘dry corridor’ of Nicaragua, consists of 128 homes and over 390 people, and is an exemplary community in its progress with Global Brigades’ Holistic Model. Starting in 2016, the people of La Corneta began this process with the implementation of a water system, which gave families access to water. These families previously were forced to walk to collect what water they could from public wells. Public Health Brigades worked to install hygiene stations in the community which included a bathing area, latrine, water storage, and washing unit. Prior to

this project, only 20% of families had a properly functioning latrine in their home. During this time, Global Brigades (GB) ran mobile medical and dental clinics in La Corneta at least twice per year. In 2017, one more large step was taken, with the establishment and training of a Community Bank in La Corneta, which was capitalized and began disbursing its first loans in 2018. The existence of the Community Bank allows families to seek improved solutions to their economic challenges through savings and loans services.



**97%** public health infrastructure coverage

**395** people with access to clean water

**1,974** medical and dental consultations provided

**\$1,562** USD invested in the community bank

**14** loans disbursed to community members



90%+ public health infrastructure coverage

425 people with access to clean water

22 water council and basic sanitation committee members trained

14 community bank members trained

## El Jiote, Namasigue, Honduras

### HIGHLIGHT

Global Brigades began working in the community of El Jiote in 2017. The community is located in the municipality of Namasigüe, in the department of Choluteca, in southern Honduras. Global Brigades' Monitoring & Evaluation team did its first assessment visit to El Jiote with FUNDESUR, a local partner organization, to determine how we could collaborate to address the community's needs. Most community members in El Jiote work in agriculture or fishing and children only have access to education up to sixth grade. The two organizations reached an agreement to mutually invest in

a new water system and public health projects in the community. Families from El Jiote began attending Medical Brigades in nearby San Bernardo in 2017, and in 2018 the water and public health projects were completed. In the final months of 2018, GB technicians established and trained a new Community Bank in El Jiote, and are preparing to train a group of Community Health Workers in the first quarter of 2019. El Jiote is an excellent example of the increased impact GB can have when partnering with local organizations like FUNDESUR.



# La Peñita, Metetí, Darien, Panama

## HIGHLIGHT

La Peñita is located in the Darien province, nearby the Pan-American highway. It is one of GB's Empowered 100 communities in Panama, and one of the newest to partner with us in implementing the Holistic Model. An assessment of the community was completed in 2015. In 2016, Medical Brigades visited the community with the first mobile medical clinic. A Community Bank was established and its members were trained in 2016. Since the bank has been capitalized and provided over 35 loans to local businesses including a convenience store, restaurant, farmer's association, and chicken production enterprise. The Legal Empowerment

program held a pro-bono legal clinic in the community in 2016 providing 22 legal consultations to community members. The Panama medical team worked throughout 2017-2018 to help resolve a patient referral case in La Peñita, and is currently training a Community Health Worker. Of our Panamanian partner communities, La Peñita has one of the most dire circumstances regarding access to water. To resolve this, in 2018, GB completed a detailed assessment of the situation, working to identify potential water sources. We look forward to completing the design and construction of a water system for La Peñita in 2019.



**570** medical and dental  
consultation provided

**35+** loans disbursed by the  
Community Bank

**\$2,450+** in loan capital disbursed

**\$6,4520+** funds in the  
Community Bank

**4** small businesses  
consulted

**1** patient referral case  
completed

**1** trained community  
health worker

# Ekumpoano, Ekumfi, Central Region, Ghana

## HIGHLIGHT

Ekumpoano is located alongside the coast in the Central Region of Ghana. It is the first community identified in Ghana to be part of the Empowered 100 campaign. Community members in Ekumpoano are primarily dedicated to farming and fishing. Global Brigades implements mobile clinics in the community twice per year to alleviate illness, much of which is preventable, and caused by the lack of proper sanitation infrastructure. The coverage of toilets in the community is very low, a common problem along the beaches of the Central Region. The community

leaders of of Ekumpoano have shown great initiative to collaborate with the local GB team to start the Public Health program in Ghana for the first time, in their community. GB Ghana will continue to work with our local partners to improve access to clean water and financial services in the community as part of our Holistic Model programming.

**1** pour flush toilet with bio-digester installed

**1,520** medical consultations provided



# Donor Spotlight

## MERKEL FAMILY

The Merkel Family has had a long and generous history in donating to sustainable impact in developing communities. After having supported Marquette University student volunteers for many years, the Merkel Family was connected with Global Brigades and a new partnership was born from the family's interest in contributing to GB's strategic initiative to eradicate rural poverty in 100 partner communities, The Empowered 100.

GLOBAL BRIGADES IS PROUD TO HAVE A SUCH A STRONG PARTNER IN THE MERKEL FAMILY WHO ARE COMMITTED TO FURTHERING THE IMPACT THE HOLISTIC MODEL CAN MAKE AROUND THE WORLD.



Randy and Sandy Benz of the Merkel Family  
with GB CEO and Co-Founder, Dr. Shital Vora



# HEALTHCARE:

## Medical and Dental

Obtaining health and dental care is one of the largest challenges for our partner communities. Hospitals and clinics are scarce in the rural areas where we work, and those that are accessible often lack sufficient staff, equipment and medication. The situation is further exacerbated by the economic obstacles faced by community members when seeking healthcare. These factors often leave families with undiagnosed and untreated ailments.

GB's experience in implementing healthcare programs in rural communities has led us to believe that "Access to Healthcare," at a minimum, must include access to a healthcare professional and necessary medicine, at a location and cost that meets the capabilities of the families we work with, in addition to a Community Health Worker that has been trained to attend basic health and emergency needs of the community. Goals #1 and #2 of the Empowered 100 campaign were developed based on this idea.



## Medical

Our Medical Program contributes to the Holistic Model through the implementation of mobile clinics and training Community Health Workers. In collaboration with local governments, and community leaders, each partner community receives 2-3 mobile clinics per year through the support of local doctors and international volunteers & healthcare professionals. Patients receive access to medical & dental consultations, medications, and preventative education. Throughout the year when mobile clinics are not available, community members access healthcare through our locally trained Community Health Workers.

**213****Medical & Dental  
Brigades****5,132****Medical & Dental  
Volunteers****\$5,010,006****Raised by Medical  
Volunteers**

*Medical Brigades volunteer sorting medication for a mobile clinic.*

# 112,376

## Number of Patient Consultations

378 COMMUNITIES ATTENDED	91 CHWS TRAINED	3,816 PAP-SMEARS PERFORMED	3,312 HEALTH EDUCATION WORKSHOPS IMPLEMENTED	9,886 VISION SCREENINGS
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### EMPOWERED 100 GOALS

#### Goal #1

Through December 2018, 4 of the 100 target communities have begun piloting GB's Healthcare Professional Access Program.

#### Goal #2

Through December 2018, 56 of the 100 target communities have fully established and trained Community Health Workers.



#### Naana Arful

COMMUNITY MEMBER  
EKUMPOANO, GHANA

"My name is Hannah Naana Arful, I live in Ekumpoano. Because of the programs being run by Global Brigades, my children are now living a healthy life. My children used to fall sick very often. The medical volunteers attended to my children and gave them quality drugs all for free which I couldn't have afforded. Sometimes I have to walk several kilometres to the next community to seek medical care for my children but Global Brigades has provided a solution to this. My daughter on my back would have died by now out of swollen face but for the intervention of Global Brigades, I was able to receive medical care. This has also helped me save enough money out of my dress-making business to cater for other family needs. I wish that Global Brigades visits our community frequently, at least every three months to cater for our health needs"

## Alumni Brigades in Honduras

In 2018, Global Brigades hosted its first Alumni Brigade in Honduras, a Medical Brigade for healthcare professionals. Licensed healthcare volunteers worked alongside our local medical teams and trained Community Health Workers to implement a mobile clinic and provide specialized care to patients. Chronic patients in the community of Tomatin, Cantarranas, were seen by the brigade, and for the first time a Paperless Patient Data system was piloted. This new program builds upon the work of GB's undergraduate volunteer movement with a more focused healthcare system for Empowered Communities that have completed the Holistic Model, but seek ongoing access to doctors.



## Community Health Workers in Nicaragua

As part of the Empowered 100 initiative in Nicaragua, and in an effort to improve access to healthcare in our partner communities, in 2018, the local team launched a program aimed at reinforcing the already existing network of CHWs in the country. The objective is to build local capacity in health prevention, education, and risk reduction. In collaboration with the local government of Estelí, in 2018, the first phase of training focused on maternal mortality and premature births, in alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

**25 CHWS TRAINED**

**14 COMMUNITIES IMPACTED**

## Piloting with Medic Mobile in Panama

In 2018, the GB Panama team began collaborating with Medic Mobile, an organization whose mission is to improve healthcare access in the most difficult to reach areas of the country. Medic Mobile's software supports health workers to provide a higher quality service to a greater number of people. The software, which forms part of a Community Health Toolkit, improves distribution of medication, hastens disease outbreak follow-up, facilitates door-to-door care, emergency communication, and more. GB Panama and Medic Mobile signed a cooperative agreement to launch the implementation of the software for the first time in Latin America, with the objective of piloting the project with GB's Community Health Workers in 20 communities.



**213****Medical & Dental  
Brigades****5,132****Medical & Dental  
Volunteers****\$122,090****Raised by Dental  
Volunteers**

*Medical Brigades volunteer in the dental station during a mobile medical clinic.*



## Dental

To support the medical care provided during mobile clinics, our Dental program provides emergent and preventative dental care procedures to patients by licensed dentists. During the dental station, community members will have access to fluoride treatments, cleanings and extractions, as necessary. Educational workshops are also provided to encourage healthy dental care habits.



# 17,163

## Number of Patient Consultations

9,263  
FILLINGS

9,797  
FLOURIDE  
TREATMENTS

10,631  
EXTRACTIONS

2,134  
DENTAL EDUCATION  
WORKSHOPS  
IMPLEMENTED



### Clara Dominguez

SCHOOL DIRECTOR, NUEVA ARENOSA, PANAMÁ

“We are a small community and despite being close to the capital, it is very difficult for us to go to a hospital, primarily because of a lack of access to a reliable transportation system. When we find out that Global Brigades is bringing dental care, I do everything possible to ensure that all of the school children attend the brigade with their families and see the dentist since it is one of the basic needs, and otherwise very few people can do this. In the future I don’t want to see that when children go to a health center seeking dental care, it’s already too late.”

## Dental care included on Health Care Professional Access pilots

As part of The Empowered 100 and GB's effort to involve more communities and families in the Health Care Professional Access program, dental cleanings were included as a service provided to patients that sought medical attention during the implementation of pilots in the communities of El Resbaloso and El Junquillo, Honduras.

## 70 PATIENTS RECEIVED DENTAL CLEANINGS



## Prioritizing restorative care

The Dental Program emphasizes the importance of restorative care, and prioritizes restoration in the place of extractions whenever possible, with the goal of contributing to the integrity of the oral health of the patients we attend to. In Nicaragua in 2018, 60% of patients received restorative care, representing a 14% increase from 2017. We aim to continue increasing the focus on preventative and restorative care.

## Dental units on brigades in Panama

One of the newest characteristics of Medical Brigades in Panama is the addition of portable dental units in all of GB's mobile clinics. This has increased the ability to meet the demand of patients for teeth cleanings. Having the ability to do these types of procedures as a component of our dental program means that we are no longer only doing invasive, reactionary care, but now able to do preventative care, which helps to improve oral health habits in the our partner communities.

## BETWEEN MAY AND DECEMBER OF 2018, 1,923 PATIENTS RECEIVED DENTAL CLEANINGS AND FLUORIDE TREATMENTS





# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Business

Economic resources and opportunities can be scarce in GB's partner communities. The lack of access to financial services, capital, and financial literacy education acts as a barrier to economic growth for families and rural businesses. These factors, combined with higher than average interest rates, exploitative intermediaries, and volatile agricultural conditions, often leaves families trapped in a cycle of poverty.

GB's experience working with community members and small business owners has led us to believe that "Economic Development" for our partner communities should start with local access to affordable financial services in the form of a Community Bank. From there, GB can work with individual entrepreneurs to utilize these services and grow their businesses. Moreover, evidence demonstrates that a measurable increase in savings is directly related to the economic growth and stability of a family. Goals #5 and #6 of The Empowered 100 were developed based on these ideas.

**31**Business  
Brigades**399**Business  
Volunteers**\$211,811**Raised by Business  
Volunteers

## Business

Our Business program is the backbone of our Holistic Model. It consists of four core components: creating and strengthening Community Banks, increasing family income, fostering a culture of savings, and ensuring access to capital for low-interest loans.



**Karen Silva**

TREASURER, BANCO COMUNITARIO DE SAN GABRIEL, NICARAGUA

“I have been a member of the ‘My Dream Community Bank’ for a year. When the bank was formed, it caught my attention to be a part of it and participate in the first activities, because learning to save for the future is the most important thing. I am currently the treasurer of the executive board and I have learned a lot about finances, teamwork, and resolving problems with other bank members. In our meetings I am in charge of providing an updated finance report and to follow-up on contributions, savings, among other things. We have had four capitalizations and we have so many expectations for our future because we are growing. Personally I have had a loan that I invested in my small businesses, a convenience store, selling fried food, and tamales.”

# \$49,570 Invested in Community-Owned Banks

<b>21</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>5,246</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>86</b>
COMMUNITY BANKS CREATED AND TRAINED IN 2018	NEW COMMUNITY BANK MEMBERS TRAINED	SMALL LOANS DISBURSED IN GB PARTNER COMMUNITIES	SAVINGS ACCOUNTS OPENED IN 2018	BUSINESSES CONSULTED IN 2018

## EMPOWERED 100 GOALS

### Goal #5

Through December 2018, 78 of the 100 communities have a Community Bank established and trained that provides access to affordable credit to community members.

### Goal #6

In 2018, GB finalized its definition of Goal 6 for an Empowered Community as “At least a 1.5% annual increase of community savings reflecting economic growth.” We look forward to begin measurement of this goal in 2019.

## Partnership with Kiva in Panama

In April 2018, to increase access to loan capital for Community Banks, Global Brigades became an official Kiva partner in Panama. Kiva loans specifically provide capital to indigenous communities and vulnerable women in rural areas. Loans are used to invest in small businesses to increase productivity and revenue, with interest remaining in the community bank as capital gain. Since the partnership launch, \$34,400 has been lent through 27 loans. About 75% of the loans have been repaid with 0% default, with the Kiva average at 1.58%. Similarly, the delinquency rate of GB's Kiva loans is at 0%, and contrasts with Kiva's average of 10.58%. The average time to fund our loans on Kiva was 0.3 days versus the 7 day Kiva average, and 96.3% of these loans were borrowed by women.

**\$983 USD AVERAGE LOAN SIZE**

**\$34,400 USD LENT AS PARTNER KIVA LOANS**

**DISBURSED 27 KIVA LOANS**



## Café Holístico in Honduras

Café Holístico is a Global Brigades initiative that works with partner communities in Central America to build capacity of coffee farmers. With technical support in Honduras, coffee producing communities have grown from having to sell coffee beans in their raw, wet form, to now selling them already dried. This is accomplished by building coffee drying beds, incrementing the sales price of beans, and generating more income for farmers. Prior to constructing drying beds, community members in El Jute sold their coffee at around \$37/sack. That price more than doubled to \$86/sack once they were able to start selling dried beans.

**INCREASED COFFEE PRICES FOR HONDURAN FARMERS BY 133%**

## Community Bank Growth in Nicaragua

Despite the disruption caused by political unrest in 2018, the GB team in Nicaragua continued their hard work training and capitalizing Community Banks. Six new Community Banks were established in 2018, bringing the total amount to 15. With ongoing technical assistance from GB, the Community Banks encourage a culture of saving and access to loans with competitive interest rates. Nine of the 15 banks in Nicaragua have a collective 0% default rate, and 56% of loans have been disbursed to women.

**\$9,417 IN MATCHING CAPITAL CONTRIBUTED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**276 SAVINGS ACCOUNTS OPENED**

**\$34,839 DISBURSED IN 137 LOANS**





# WASH

Engineering, Water,  
Public Health

Access to clean water, sanitation, and best practices in hygiene (WASH) is fundamental to human health. It is common for our partner communities to lack these vital resources leading to families suffering from preventable diseases. Not only can this result in serious medical complications and even death in certain demographics, but the situation can also contribute to stalled community development and prolonged economic hardship.

GB's experience developing WASH solutions in rural communities has led us to believe that access to proper "Water, Sanitation and Hygiene" starts with a balance of infrastructure, education, and community buy-in. For an improved quality of life and reduced risk of preventable illness, community members should, at a minimum, have access to clean water, a functioning toilet and the infrastructure to facilitate best practices in sanitation and hygiene. Goals #3 and #4 of the Empowered 100 campaign were developed based on this idea.

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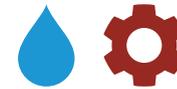
Water &  
Engineering  
Brigades

251

Water &  
Engineering  
Volunteers

\$157,992

Raised by Water  
& Engineering  
Volunteers



## Water & Engineering

While community members are aware of the obstacles faced for obtaining access to clean water, the technical expertise to identify, design and implement solutions is often absent. Engineering Brigades brings volunteers, local engineers, and community members together to assess, design and budget water infrastructure solutions. Once a water system is designed, the Water Brigades program breaks ground on its construction. The implementation of the project is a collaborative effort between community members, volunteers, local government, partner organizations, and the Global Brigades team. Upon completion, each family in the community has a water connection on their property, delivering to them the necessary quantity of treated, clean water that they need for consumption and proper hygiene and sanitation practices.



## Marco Antonio Herrera Centeno

LAS CUREÑAS, NICARAGUA

“I have been a member of the Water and Sanitation committee in my community for 12 years, and today we have finally seen our dream come true. With potable water we have a better quality of life and improved health because we are no longer drinking contaminated water. The children in the community that used to have to go collect water now can use their time to go to school. We save time because we have water directly connected to our homes. We will now fight to make sure this project is sustainable, keeping the books correctly, and maintaining the community informed so we can grow our funds to maintain the system.”

# 1,682 Community Members Provided Access to Clean Water

4

WATER  
SYSTEMS  
CONSTRUCTED

26

WATER COUNCIL  
MEMBERS  
TRAINED

3

WATER  
SYSTEMS  
DESIGNED

## EMPOWERED 100 GOALS

### Goal #3

Through December 2018, 58 of the 100 communities have a clean water system and trained Water Council in place.



## Water Council sustainability in Honduras

In Honduras, Global Brigades has constructed 29 water systems serving 34 partner communities. Equally as important, each of those water systems is maintained, operated, and administered by a trained Water Council. One of the Water Council's functions is to collect a monthly water fee from beneficiary community members in order to ensure the long term sustainability of the system. GB trained Water Councils in Honduras currently have a collective total of over \$67,000 in savings, allowing them to repair and expand their systems when necessary.



## Water in Las Cureñas, Nicaragua

The community members of Las Cureñas, Jinotega, in Nicaragua, worked arduously for over 10 years seeking support to improve the water situation in their community. Their efforts were met only with obstacles and denials. Families collected untreated water from public, hand pumped wells, rivers and streams and carried it in containers back to their homes to meet the most basic needs. In 2018, community leaders contacted GB to collaborate with them on a water system project, and the rest is history. The new water system in Las Cureñas draws water from a drilled well, to a new 6,000+ gallon storage tank from which water is distributed 24 hours a day to the entire population.

**101 FAMILIES AND 456 PEOPLE  
WITH ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER**

## Partnership development in Ghana

While the Ghana Water Company produces sufficient volumes of water to supply all of GB's partner communities, many are still unable to access this water due to the costs involved in the transmission and distribution to the communities. To address this, GB Ghana has developed partnerships with the Ghana Water Company and the Community Water and Sanitation Agency, who provide design and technical expertise while GB is able to grant funds to be invested in extending clean water infrastructure to communities. To further supplement this effort, in 2018, progress was made through a partnership with the Lions Club in the UK to fundraise a sum of £4,000 of the £10,000 goal to support the expansion of piped water to the community of Immuna in the Ekumfi District.



42

Public Health  
Brigades

502

Public Health  
Volunteers

\$382,368

Raised by Public  
Health Volunteers

## Public Health

The lack of basic in-home public health infrastructure and education on best practices in sanitation and hygiene in our partner communities contributes to the cycle of health challenges and obstacles in development that families experience. Our Public Health program aims to address this by supporting the Holistic Model with the development of in-home infrastructure, and hygiene & sanitation education.

*Public Health Brigades volunteers working on a hygiene station infrastructure project with a local mason.*



# 568 Families Benefitted by Public Health Projects



## Glenda Samai Almendarez Galindo

COMMUNITY BANK VICE PRESIDENT &  
WATER COUNCIL SECRETARY  
CERRO BONITO, HONDURAS

“I thank god that Global Brigades came to the community. It has been a beautiful change for our hygiene. We didn’t used to have a dignified place to go to the bathroom, or where my children could wash their hands and teeth. To bathe, we had to hang plastic sheets for privacy. Now with the Sanitation Unit they can use the bathroom, bathe and wash their hands all in one place which has made them more independent. Before, we only had two barrels to store water, we had to carry water from far away, and as a mother it was a difficult situation. These projects have been a blessing in our community. Cases of illness have decreased, hygiene practices have improved, and we have more privacy. Thank you so much Global Brigades for coming to our community and we hope to continue working with you on more programs.”

22  
PARTNER  
COMMUNITIES

502  
SANITATION  
UNITS  
CONSTRUCTED

194  
ECO-STOVES  
CONSTRUCTED

43  
COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS  
TRAINED

## EMPOWERED 100 GOALS

### Goal #4

Through December 2018, 22 of the 100 communities have over 90% in-home coverage of public health infrastructure projects.

## Training female masons in Honduras

While masonry is traditionally an occupation for men in Honduras, that didn't stop three women in the community of Chandala, where GB worked, to implement Public Health projects in 2018. Rosa Cubas, Julissa Soto, and Wendy Rodriguez, community members of Chandala, showed the initiative to learn and the desire to have a new opportunity for employment. They underwent training on how to construct an eco-stove, completed 17 in the community, and are prepared to continue replicating their new skills in 2019. GB technician, Joaquin Zuniga, is already replicating the model, training 15 more women masons in the communities of Cerro Bonito and Suyapa.



## Solid waste treatment innovation in Nicaragua

In 2018, the Nicaragua WASH team took the initiative to implement an innovative design upgrade to the Sanitation Unit (latrine, bathing area, water storage) installed by the Public Health program. To improve solid waste treatment and disposal of the latrine, a self-cleaning biodigester was installed, replacing the previously used simple septic pit. Upon positive reception from partner communities, the change was adopted for all new projects. The biodigester performs primary and secondary treatment of wastewater, lowering risk of soil and water table contamination. GB hopes to explore similar upgrades with its Public Health programs in all countries.

**194 BIODIGESTERS  
INSTALLED IN 2018**

## Public Health program launch in Ghana

Global Brigades Ghana began implementing its Public Health program in 2018. The objective of the program in Ghana is to eliminate open defecation by constructing household toilet facilities, and facilitating improved sanitation and hygiene education for the populations of our partner communities. The model encompasses the installation of household biodigester pour flush toilet facilities constructed by brigade volunteers with assistance from local masons during brigades. The first toilet project was implemented in the community of Ekumpoano, in the Ekumfi District of the Central Region, in 2018. Prior to the commencement of the program, residents in Ekumpoano had only one Kumasi Ventilated Improved Pit (KVIP) toilet. The KVIP toilet which serves the entire population of Ekumpoano had very few private rooms for both males and females. Lack of toilet facilities in the community and the fact that people had to join long lines to defecate compelled defecation in the open along the beaches, bushes, in polythene bags and immediate surroundings, exposing them to high public health risks including outbreak of cholera, diarrhea, as well as other water and sanitation related diseases.



# SUPPLEMENTARY INITIATIVES

Educating and empowering leaders in our partner communities is essential to the successful implementation of the Holistic Model. Initiatives aimed at increasing gender equality, economic and health knowledge and practices, and legal empowerment are an integral part of Global Brigades programming.



## Legal Empowerment

Many families in our partner communities suffer from a lack of access to basic legal services and knowledge regarding legal procedures and their rights. Reliance on verbal agreements and poor record keeping can result in unresolved legal issues, often adding additional economic strain to an already resource strapped population. To mitigate the effects of these barriers to justice, the Legal Empowerment program implements three program activities: pro-bono legal clinics, family law cases, and educational workshops.


**11**

Legal  
Empowerment  
Brigades

**79**

Legal  
Empowerment  
Volunteers

**\$48,381**

Raised by Legal  
Empowerment  
Volunteers

**10**

Family  
Legal Cases  
Supported

**158**

Legal  
Consultations

**7**

Communities  
Provided Access  
to Legal Services

## Legal Empowerment launched in Honduras

In 2018, the Legal Empowerment program was implemented for the first time in Honduras. The program was developed to fit the specific context in rural Honduran communities while utilizing many of the lessons learned from years of program execution in Panama. The first Legal Empowerment program in Honduras visited the community of El Espinito, in El Paraiso, in May 2018.

## Partnering with local universities

Global Brigades' Legal Empowerment program initiated partnerships with the University of Panama and the Central American Technological University (Honduras). Panamanian and Honduran law students now accompany the GB team and brigade volunteers when implementing legal clinics and working to resolve family legal cases in our partner communities. This will not only create more impact in the community but also potentially lead to strengthened relationships with local authorities, community leaders, and other universities in the region.



### Justino Gonzalez Moña

COMMUNITY MEMBER, PUEBLO NUEVO, PANAMA

“My case was not a common one. I wanted to provide direct care for my daughter, since she was living with her mother, but was not well cared for at all. All I wished was to raise her properly, care for her, make sure she was fed well, and going to school since with her mother she was not going to class. With the support of Global Brigades, my case was addressed and went in my favor. Now my daughter is happy!”

# Women's Empowerment

Global Brigades believes that investing in and empowering women is fundamental to the success and sustainability of projects and the continued development of our partner communities. Each of our programs work in a unique way to educate and empower women to take on leadership roles in their communities.



## Community Health Worker Conference

In 2018, Global Brigades held two Community Health Worker Conferences in Honduras. During the day long event in each region, CHWs from communities participated in skill building sessions and hands on practice with local and foreign healthcare professionals. NY-VT Nurses Unite hosted their first conference in the central region, and University of Toronto expanded their impact with the first CHW conference in the southern region of Honduras.

**117** CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

**89%** OF ALL CHWS ARE **WOMEN**

**31** COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED



## Community Bank Empowerment Summit

Global Brigades Panama hosted their 4th Annual Community Bank Empowerment Summit in February 2018, with the theme of the event being “Strengthening Financial Leadership”. The executive boards of all 20 Community Banks in Panama attended the summit, alongside representatives from a number of other organizations working in the region including: United Nations Development Program, National Coordination of Panama’s Indigenous Women, the US Embassy, and Panama’s Ministry of Government.

**90** SUMMIT ATTENDEES

**94%** OF COMMUNITY BANK LEADERS IN PANAMA ARE **WOMEN**

**20** COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED

## In 2018

317

Female Community  
Bank Members  
Trained

90

Female CHWs  
Trained

6

Female Water  
Council Members  
Trained

43

Female Basic  
Sanitation Committee  
Members Trained

### Betsabé Martínez

COMMUNITY BANK PRESIDENT, SAN JOSÉ, NICARAGUA

“When I decided to get involved in the Community Bank I was still dependent on my husband and as is custom, he is always in charge of all of the economic activities of our home; but with the Community Bank I saw the opportunity to grow and learn, and to support my husband. Now, together, we implement projects and businesses that have improved our family’s income. It has been a way to feel accomplished as a woman, not only to be able to discover what we know, but also what we can do. Today, our bank’s executive board is made up of only women, and although at the beginning there were fears, those have subsided, and the men recognize that we are creative and organized in our management apart from the fact that we make up the majority. We have had the opportunity to benefit from business loans to sell clothing, cosmetics, raise livestock, and most recently, beekeeping. I believe that this initiative should be replicated in other communities so that the women have the same opportunities.”



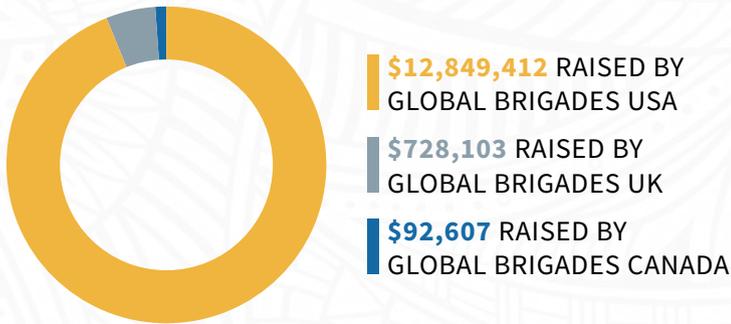


# FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

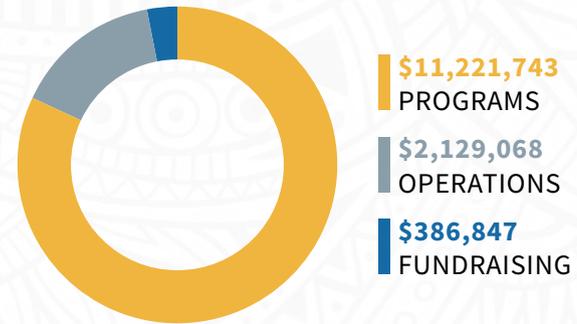
Global Brigades strongly values financial transparency and the ability to share our budgets with our donors and volunteers. Each year, we strive to utilize funds raised to expand our model to more communities and with increasing sustainability.

# Funds Raised

In 2018, we raised more than \$13 million dollars, with only 18% utilized for our operational and fundraising costs. 82% of the funds raised were utilized for our programs. Each Global Brigades entity in USA, Canada, Honduras, Panama, Nicaragua, and Ghana undergoes an independent audit. The financial figures shown below are combined numbers for January 1, 2018 thru December 31, 2018 for USA, Canada, and UK.



**\$13,670,122**  
Total Raised in 2018



**\$13,737,658**  
Total Expenses in 2018

**-\$69,674**  
Total Deficit in 2018

Global Brigades' revenue is earned as it's received by donors and chapters. However, those funds are held as temporarily restricted until each applicable brigade (if the funds were raised in conjunction with a brigade) happens on-the-ground. Global Brigades' deficit in 2018 was mainly due to the loss of donations from the stop of brigade operations in Nicaragua mid-year.

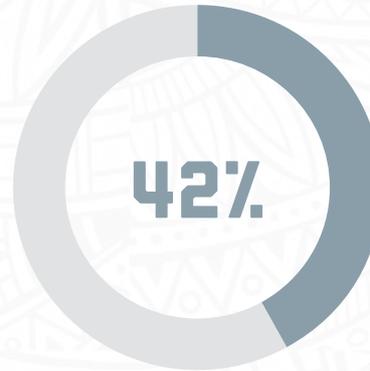
# Allocation of Program Expenses

Funds are granted to our program entities in Honduras, Panama, Nicaragua, and Ghana to execute our initiatives in healthcare, WASH, and economic development. In addition, our program impact also includes the global leadership development of our student leaders.



**\$5,592,998**

Granted to Honduras, Panama, Nicaragua, and Ghana



**\$4,723,926**

Volunteer Travel to Support Programs



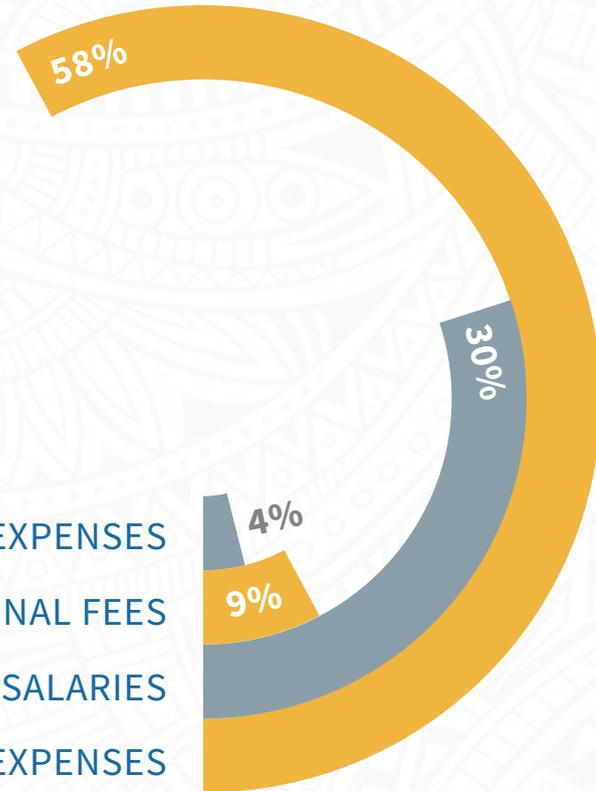
**\$904,819**

Student & Program Impact Support

# Allocation of Operating Expenses

We strongly believe in empowering our local teams to hire local staff in each of our program countries. We have a small team of non-local staff living in Honduras, Panama, Nicaragua, and Ghana that live on-the-ground to support the preparation of our volunteers and impact of our programs. Based on this model, we are able to forgo needing a costly headquarters in the United States.

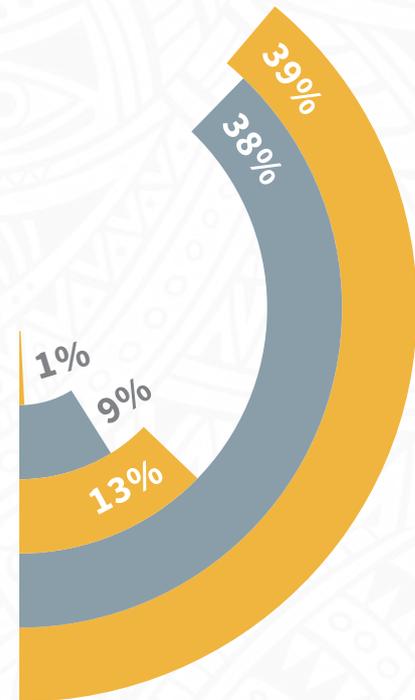
**\$94,835** TRAVEL EXPENSES  
**\$158,905** PROFESSIONAL FEES  
**\$637,495** OPERATING STAFF SALARIES  
**\$1,237,833** OPERATING EXPENSES



# Allocation of Fundraising Expenses

Our student chapters are the leaders behind the fundraising for Global Brigades. Our fundraising expenses are mainly focused on ensuring our chapters have the tools to effectively fundraise using our online platform. We've also started to invest more in grant seeking from other large donors.

**\$4,739** FUNDRAISING TRAVEL EXPENSES  
**\$35,821** MARKETING  
**\$50,817** FUNDRAISING & MARKETING SALARIES  
**\$145,003** CREDIT CARD FEES  
**\$150,467** FUNDRAISING WEBSITE MAINTENANCE





# SUPPORTERS

## Chapters/Donors/Board

Thank you to our Board Members, Campus Chairpersons, Chapter Presidents, Brigade Leaders, volunteers, and donors who work with us to achieve our mission alongside our community partners. It's your passion and generosity that make this impact possible.

Global Brigades is mainly financially supported through the funds that Global Brigades Chapters raise.

IN 2018,  
**281 CHAPTERS**  
SUPPORTED US TO  
FURTHER OUR  
HOLISTIC MODEL AND  
MEET THE GOALS IN  
OUR **EMPOWERED 100**  
INITIATIVE.

# 2018 Global Brigades Chapters

2018 Universities, Campus Chairpersons (note: not all universities have a Campus Chairperson), Chapters, and number of 2018 volunteers per chapter.

## USA (157 UNIVERSITIES)

### Albion College

Medical - 22 volunteers

### American University of Antigua

Medical - 5 volunteers

### Appalachian State University - Emily

#### Owenby

Medical - 18 volunteers

### Arizona State University - Tiffany Nguyen

Business - 4 volunteers

Legal Empowerment - 14 volunteers

Public Health - 6 volunteers

### Ball State University - Emily Segneri

Business - 8 volunteers

### Belmont University

Medical - 13 volunteers

### Bethel University Minnesota

Medical - 31 volunteers

### Bocconi University

Business - 12 volunteers

### Boston College

Medical - 47 volunteers

### Boston University - Shivani Rao

Medical - 20 volunteers

Water - 14 volunteers

### Bowling Green State University

Medical - 5 volunteers

### Brandeis University - Yvette Cho

Business - 10 volunteers

Medical - 15 volunteers

### Brown University - Thu Dam & Peter Baek

Medical - 19 volunteers

### California State Polytechnic University Pomona

Medical - 47 volunteers

### California State University Bakersfield

Medical - 23 volunteers

### California State University Los Angeles

Medical - 13 volunteers

### California State University Sacramento - Leo Andrada

Medical - 38 volunteers

### Carnegie Mellon University

Business - 16 volunteers

Medical - 26 volunteers

Public Health - 13 volunteers

Water - 8 volunteers

### Carroll University

Medical - 21 volunteers

### Case Western Reserve University

Medical - 11 volunteers

### Castleton University

Medical - 29 volunteers

### Central Michigan University - Kate Beauchamp

Medical - 100 volunteers

Public Health - 13 volunteers

Water - 6 volunteers

### Chicago Brigades

Medical - 19 volunteers

### Cleveland State University

Medical - 13 volunteers

### Colgate University

Medical - 23 volunteers

### College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University - Quinlen Marshall

Medical - 27 volunteers

### College of William and Mary - Mark Weil

Medical - 30 volunteers

Public Health - 9 volunteers

### Columbia University

Medical - 7 volunteers

### Cornell University

Medical - 20 volunteers

### CUNY Brooklyn College

Medical - 14 volunteers



## Kinsey Lynch

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BUSINESS  
BRIGADE MAY 2018 PANAMA

“After participating in Global Business Brigades I have a completely new perspective on what an integral part business plays in a community’s overall economic sustainability. Being a participant not only opened my eyes to international business, but to humanity at its core. Taking the steps to involve yourself in this organization will grant you a once in a lifetime experience to work with people from different schools, backgrounds, and pathways to transform the lives of others. You will be able to work alongside students your age to introduce valuable ideas to help local communities reach their goals and allow yourself to experience and learn from a culture vastly different from your own.”

### **DePaul University - Lynn Kannout & Megan Boone**

*Business - 6 volunteers*  
*Legal Empowerment - 8 volunteers*  
*Medical - 94 volunteers*  
*Public Health - 17 volunteers*

### **Detroit Area - Sydnee Schuetz**

*Business - 10 volunteers*  
*Medical - 50 volunteers*

### **Drexel University**

*Public Health - 8 volunteers*

### **Duke University - Jea Kim**

*Business - 8 volunteers*  
*Public Health - 2 volunteers*

### **DuPage Area Brigades**

*Dental - 10 volunteers*

### **East Carolina University**

*Engineering - 6 volunteers*  
*Medical - 37 volunteers*

### **Elon University**

*Medical - 33 volunteers*

### **Emory University - Pranay Manda**

*Dental - 13 volunteers*  
*Medical - 33 volunteers*

### **Florida Atlantic University**

*Medical - 30 volunteers*

### **Florida International University**

*Dental - 5 volunteers*

### **Foothill College**

*Medical - 32 volunteers*

### **Georgia State University**

*Medical - 27 volunteers*

### **Governors State University**

*Public Health - 22 volunteers*

### **Harvard University**

*Medical - 46 volunteers*

### **Illinois Wesleyan University - Julie Xu**

*Medical - 30 volunteers*

### **Indiana Area**

*Legal Empowerment - 6 volunteers*

### **Johns Hopkins University - Soonmyung Hwang**

*Business (Graduate) - 8 volunteers*  
*Medical - 38 volunteers*  
*Public Health - 3 volunteers*

### **Kennesaw State University**

*Medical - 10 volunteers*

### **Louisiana State University**

*Medical - 49 volunteers*

### **Marquette University - Margaret Cullinan**

*Medical - 63 volunteers*  
*Public Health - 54 volunteers*

### **Maryville University**

*Medical - 21 volunteers*

### **Miami University of Ohio**

*Medical - 13 volunteers*

### **Michigan State University - Zachary Doehring**

*Medical - 114 volunteers*  
*Public Health - 20 volunteers*

**Middle Tennessee State University***Medical - 12 volunteers***Milwaukee School of Engineering -  
Nicholas Dallgas & Sarah Williams***Business - 12 volunteers**Medical - 32 volunteers**Public Health - 17 volunteers**Water - 15 volunteers***Mississippi State University***Medical - 19 volunteers***New Jersey Institute of Technology -****Faustin Arevalo***Medical - 22 volunteers***New York Medical College***Medical - 13 volunteers***New York University - Joshua Pesantes***Medical - 22 volunteers***North Carolina State University***Medical - 12 volunteers***North Park University***Medical - 26 volunteers***Northeastern University - Dipak  
Aggarwal***Medical - 33 volunteers**Public Health - 17 volunteers***Northern Arizona University***Medical - 46 volunteers***Northwestern University - Robert Gray***Business - 24 volunteers***Oakland University***Medical - 16 volunteers***Ohio College Students***Medical - 18 volunteers***Ohio State University***Medical - 28 volunteers***Oklahoma State University***Medical - 19 volunteers***Oregon Health and Science University***Public Health - 11 volunteers***Oregon State University***Medical - 23 volunteers***Otterbein University***Medical - 14 volunteers***Pennsylvania State University - Lauren  
Echols***Legal Empowerment - 4 volunteers**Medical - 100 volunteers**Water - 13 volunteers***Philadelphia College of Osteopathic  
Medicine***Medical - 19 volunteers***Purdue University***Engineering - 6 volunteers**Medical - 37 volunteers***Regis University - Emma Smith***Medical - 15 volunteers***Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute***Medical - 18 volunteers***Rice University***Medical - 29 volunteers**Public Health - 14 volunteers***Maggie Dyszlewski**

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY PUBLIC HEALTH  
BRIGADE JANUARY 2018 NICARAGUA

“The experience I had with Global Brigades is something I will hold onto for many years to come. Of many lessons I learned during the experience, the one main thing that I took away was the importance of conversation especially in situations where there is a language barrier. I think going on Global Brigades can give just about anyone a new perspective or outlook about just how much education about health and disease prevention can go a long way in promoting happier and healthier lives for people with unfortunate circumstances. As much as going on Global Brigades gives us an opportunity to teach others, I feel that as a volunteer there is so much more that we can learn from the community members whether that is known by the members or not.”



## Erin Cunningham

UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK WATER  
BRIGADE AUGUST 2018 HONDURAS

“It is nearly impossible to put into words what I have experienced in just seven short days with Global Brigades Water. My heart is so full due to the amazing staff, community members and other brigaders that I worked alongside. There is no other way to describe our relationship other than to liken it to family. We have a unique bond now, having laboured for the same project and the same goal. We are linked by the work we did and the emotions we shared. This brigade may have involved some of the most strenuous manual labour I have ever done. However, with the amazing spirits of all of those around me, at the time, I had nothing on my mind except to keep going. Water is a basic human right and need, and in the developed world, we are lucky to never question our access to clean water. It seems so unfair for others around us to spend every day wondering when they will receive this dream. In the community of Los Terrones, the journey has been long, but I am so excited to see it coming to an end soon. I know I will be shedding tears of happiness when I finally hear that the taps are being turned on. That being said, I know it will not even come close to the feeling of relief so many in that community will be feeling. At last parents will no longer have to worry about their kids not having water to drink. Coming home, I feel a sense of empowerment.”

### Rutgers University - Brielle Hrymoc

*Business - 6 volunteers*  
*Medical - 185 volunteers*

### Saint Louis Area

*Medical - 24 volunteers*

### Saint Louis University - Nathaniel Hermann

*Medical - 88 volunteers*  
*Public Health - 7 volunteers*

### Saint Olaf College

*Medical - 17 volunteers*

### San Francisco State University - Lariza Torres

*Medical - 32 volunteers*  
*Water - 7 volunteers*

### San Jose State University - Emily Mu

*Medical - 43 volunteers*  
*Public Health - 6 volunteers*

### Seton Hall University

*Medical - 6 volunteers*

### Smith College

*Medical - 5 volunteers*

### Southeast Missouri State University

*Medical - 3 volunteers*

### Southern Connecticut State University

*Medical - 18 volunteers*

### Southern Methodist University

*Medical - 13 volunteers*

### Southwestern Oklahoma State University

*Medical - 17 volunteers*

### St John's University

*Medical - 51 volunteers*

### Stetson University

*Medical - 14 volunteers*

### SUNY Buffalo

*Medical - 46 volunteers*

### SUNY New Paltz - Victoria Narici

*Medical - 11 volunteers*

### SUNY Stony Brook

*Medical - 61 volunteers*  
*Public Health - 17 volunteers*

### Syracuse University

*Medical - 6 volunteers*

### Texas A&M International University

*Medical - 41 volunteers*

### Texas A&M University - Alexandria Wahab

*Business - 10 volunteers*  
*Dental - 18 volunteers*  
*Medical - 83 volunteers*  
*Public Health - 4 volunteers*

### Texas Tech University - Matthew Guerra

*Business - 10 volunteers*  
*Medical - 34 volunteers*

### Thomas Jefferson University

*Medical - 24 volunteers*

### Tulane University

*Medical - 27 volunteers*

### University of Alabama

*Medical - 17 volunteers*

**University of Arizona - Alejandro Cruz**

Medical - 44 volunteers  
 Public Health - 9 volunteers  
 Water - 10 volunteers

**University of Arkansas**

Medical - 51 volunteers

**University of California Berkeley**

Business - 13 volunteers  
 Medical - 21 volunteers

**University of California Irvine - Sarah Tajran**

Engineering - 10 volunteers  
 Medical - 26 volunteers

**University of California Los Angeles - Ashlee Joan Macalino**

Medical - 14 volunteers

**University of California Riverside - Richard Nguyen**

Medical - 41 volunteers  
 Public Health - 8 volunteers

**University of California San Diego**

Medical - 35 volunteers  
 Public Health - 18 volunteers

**University of Central Florida - Olivia Randall-Kosich**

Dental - 11 volunteers  
 Medical - 37 volunteers  
 Public Health - 9 volunteers

**University of Connecticut - Jamie Georgelos**

Legal Empowerment - 3 volunteers  
 Medical - 63 volunteers

**University of Dayton**

Medical 65 volunteers

**University of Denver - Regina Pierce**

Medical - 25 volunteers  
 Public Health - 3 volunteers

**University of Florida - Mike Golan**

Business - 9 volunteers

**University of Houston**

Business - 11 volunteers  
 Dental - 15 volunteers  
 Medical - 24 volunteers

**University of Illinois Chicago**

Dental - 12 volunteers  
 Medical - 9 volunteers  
 Water - 7 volunteers

**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**

Medical - 45 volunteers

**University of Kentucky**

Medical - 37 volunteers

**University of Maryland**

Dental - 32 volunteers  
 Medical - 36 volunteers

**University of Maryland Baltimore**

Medical - 15 volunteers

**University of Maryland Baltimore County - Kayla Addai**

Business - 8 volunteers  
 Dental - 12 volunteers  
 Medical - 23 volunteers  
 Public Health - 16 volunteers

**University of Miami - Shruti Karnani**

Medical - 29 volunteers

**University of Michigan - Louise Amat & Jack Eichmann**

Medical - 34 volunteers

**University of Michigan Dearborn**

Medical - 26 volunteers

**University of Minnesota Twin Cities**

Medical - 14 volunteers

**University of Mississippi - Tyler Igoe**

Medical - 20 volunteers

**University of Missouri - Peyton Ogle & Kody Jones**

Business - 17 volunteers  
 Legal Empowerment - 7 volunteers  
 Medical - 94 volunteers  
 Public Health - 12 volunteers  
 Water - 11 volunteers

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - Kristin Olson & Allison Vansant**

Business - 24 volunteers  
 Dental - 30 volunteers  
 Medical - 33 volunteers  
 Public Health - 8 volunteers

**University of North Carolina at Charlotte**

Medical - 28 volunteers

**University of North Texas - Woojung Kim**

Medical - 18 volunteers

**University of Notre Dame**

Medical - 32 volunteers  
 Public Health - 12 volunteers

**University of Oklahoma - Farah Naqvi & Alex Perez**

Medical - 80 volunteers



## Valentina Garcia

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY DENTAL  
BRIGADE MAY 2018 NICARAGUA

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### University of the Pacific

Medical - 7 volunteers

### University of Pennsylvania

Public Health - 8 volunteers

### University of Pittsburgh - Nityam Rathi & Raksha Pothapragada

Medical - 29 volunteers

Public Health - 11 volunteers

### University of Portland

Water - 7 volunteers

### University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez

Water - 7 volunteers

### University of San Diego

Medical - 57 volunteers

### University of South Florida

Medical - 34 volunteers

### University of Southern California

Business - 61 volunteers

Dental - 10 volunteers

Legal Empowerment - 13 volunteers

Medical - 24 volunteers

### University of Tennessee

Medical - 12 volunteers

Public Health - 11 volunteers

### University of Texas at Austin

Medical - 46 volunteers

### University of Texas at Dallas

Medical - 39 volunteers

### University of Texas at El Paso

Medical - 10 volunteers

### University of the Sciences - Abigail Ross

Medical - 45 volunteers

### University of Toledo - Christian Backer

Medical - 28 volunteers

### University of Utah

Medical - 9 volunteers

### University of Virginia - Ann Kogler

Medical - 37 volunteers

Public Health - 4 volunteers

Water - 6 volunteers

### University of Washington - Richard Lee

Medical - 40 volunteers

Medical (Graduate) - 26 volunteers

Public Health - 20 volunteers

### University of Wisconsin - Madison

Medical - 30 volunteers

### Vanderbilt University - Perry Veras

Medical - 28 volunteers

### Virginia Commonwealth University

Business - 11 volunteers

Medical - 29 volunteers

Public Health - 10 volunteers

Water - 18 volunteers

### Virginia Tech University

Medical - 38 volunteers

### Wellesley College

Medical - 20 volunteers

### West Virginia University - Caroline Leadmon

Business - 15 volunteers

Medical - 61 volunteers

Public Health - 19 volunteers

### Western Kentucky University

Medical - 24 volunteers

**Whittier College***Medical - 12 volunteers***Wright State University***Public Health - 21 volunteers***USA PROFESSIONAL (6  
PROFESSIONAL CHAPTERS)****Athletico***Medical - 41 volunteers***Deloitte 3G***Business - 30 volunteers***Niagara Bottling***Business - 45 volunteers***NYVT Nurses Unite***Medical - 22 volunteers***Painesville Physician Assistants***Medical - 11 volunteers***Physician Assistants in Pennsylvania***Medical - 15 volunteers***CANADA (22 UNIVERSITIES)****Acadia University - Lauren Fowlow &  
Morgan MacLeod Uhlman***Medical - 27 volunteers**Public Health - 8 volunteers***Carleton University***Medical - 5 volunteers***CEGEP Champlain St. Lawrence***Medical - 13 volunteers***CEGEP Marianopolis College***Medical - 24 volunteers***Dalhousie University - Ashley Jackson***Engineering - 12 volunteers**Medical - 37 volunteers***Intercollegiate Brigades in Montreal***Medical - 6 volunteers***London, Ontario***Public Health - 4 volunteers***McMaster University - Nikhita Stoimenov  
& Pragya Mishra***Engineering - 10 volunteers**Medical - 38 volunteers***Memorial University of Newfoundland -  
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CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL  
BRIGADE MARCH 2018 GHANA

“Global Brigades is an organization that provides such an impactful experience to volunteers, but more importantly, the communities in which they serve. I’ve been fortunate enough to go on three medical brigades to Nicaragua, Honduras, and Ghana, and I can say that each of them have been incredible and rewarding in different but beautiful ways. It didn’t take much more than my first day in the clinic of my first brigade to realize that this organization would be pivotal in both my undergraduate experience and my future as a healthcare professional. If you want to learn to love a different culture, enhance your knowledge of healthcare beyond the United States, teach and empower individuals to adapt healthy lifestyle changes, have the opportunity to learn from experienced doctors in a hands-on setting, and look to advance yourself as a global citizen, I HIGHLY recommend signing up for a Medical Global Brigade. It will be an experience you will never forget. GB Love forever”



## Radhika Patel

RICE UNIVERSITY PUBLIC HEALTH BRIGADE  
DECEMBER 2018 HONDURAS

“I think Global Bridges is a wonderful opportunity for you to gain a new perspective on global poverty. After meeting the families in the village where we built the hygiene station, I realized that these people remind me of people back home. They are hard working, loving, and truly just trying to provide for their families. Circumstance has put them in the position they are in. This brigade reminded me that the human connection we all share transcends culture, language, and nationality. At our core, we are all the same. The brigade was a truly wonderful and humbling opportunity for me to be a part of a family’s journey towards a healthier and happier life.”

### University of New Brunswick Fredericton

*Water - 10 volunteers*

### University of New Brunswick St. John - Brianna Miller

*Water - 6 volunteers*

### University of Ontario Institute of Technology

*Medical - 13 volunteers*

### University of Toronto - Abrar Ahmed

*Medical - 8 volunteers*

*Public Health - 6 volunteers*

### University of Toronto Mississauga

*Medical - 15 volunteers*

### University of Victoria - Ashley Larnder

*Medical - 38 volunteers*

### University of Waterloo - Wissutta Durongphongtorn

*Business - 16 volunteers*

### University of Western Ontario - Maria Sanabria & Krisha Krisha

*Medical - 27 volunteers*

## UNITED KINGDOM (6 UNIVERSITIES)

### Cardiff University

*Dental - 21 volunteers*

### Imperial College London - Mohamad Dib Chouraiqi

*Water - 7 volunteers*

### University of Birmingham - Larissa Gonzalez Nieves

*Legal Empowerment - 6 volunteers*

*Medical - 19 volunteers*

### University of Edinburgh - Rebecca Murphy Lonergan

*Legal Empowerment - 1 volunteer*

### University of Exeter - Mia Shearwood

*Legal Empowerment - 10 volunteers*

### University of Warwick - Bella Brant

*Business - 5 volunteers*

*Engineering - 8 volunteers*

*Legal Empowerment - 7 volunteers*

## IRELAND (1 UNIVERSITY)

### Dublin City University

*Water - 15 volunteers*

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