

# STRIDES

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**Mobility Outreach**  
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# Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

In 2015, Mobility Outreach International continued to grow its international orthopedic assistance programs. As of year-end, Mobility Outreach International was serving communities in Haiti, Sierra Leone, Bangladesh and Vietnam with three main program areas – prosthetics and orthotics, clubfoot treatment and orthopedic surgery.

This year, Mobility Outreach International implemented two new programs to complement our existing core programs; Repair Stations and Mobile Health Program. The repair stations in Haiti and Sierra Leone are strategically located repair outlets for the disabled community in each country. The stations provide a disabled individual with access to minor repairs for wheelchairs, prosthetics, orthotics, and braces. The stations are privately owned and in many cases, operated by disabled individuals.

A Mobile Health Program was introduced to all MOi sites this year. In most underserved countries, health workers collect patient data manually. Many local governments and hospitals have not made implementing these solutions a priority. Now, with the implementation of a new data collection system, MOi is able to see trends, help with quality assurance and improve overall patient treatment. A sustainable mobile health data collection system provides more complete data to be collected for all programs. For example, knowing where patients are coming from, how they heard about treatment, their occupation, and the cause of their disability helps tremendously in improving programs.

Although we made a few additions to programs in 2015, one thing remained the same - we continued our programmatic focus on improving the lives of disabled individuals in neglected areas of the world through a sustainable approach which transitions mature programs to local governments. With proper investment in community education and training, and strong government relations, these programs will continue to thrive into the future without our assistance.

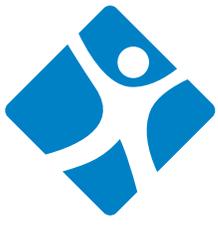
Our work would not be possible without the help of generous donors, friends and partners. On behalf of the many children and adults who are able to walk and live self-sufficient lives as a result of your efforts, thank you for your support!

Kind Regards,



**Mary Luft Gladhart**

*Interim Executive Director*



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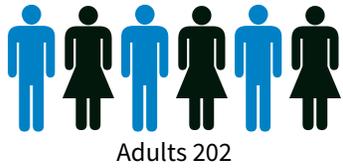
# 2015

## Annual Report



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### Rehabilitation Services Provided



Adults 202



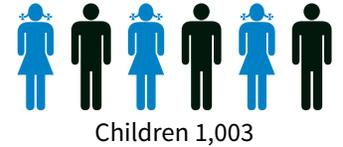
209 individuals received a limb or brace



57 beneficiaries received life-changing orthopedic surgery



939 children were treated for clubfoot



Children 1,003

### How Your Support Made An Impact:



6 repair stations were established in Haiti and Sierra Leone capable of serving 2,199 disabled individuals



42 local clinicians, surgeons and staff were trained to perform complicated rehabilitative services



20 provinces in Vietnam now have clubfoot clinics due to MOi outreach



4,820 family members of patients were positively impacted by MOi services



### Volunteers



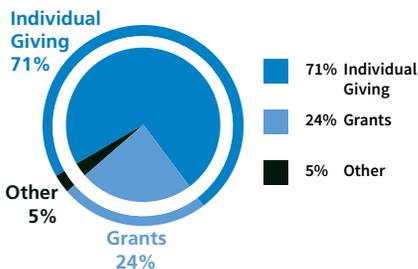
87% increase in community volunteers

118 individuals gave their time

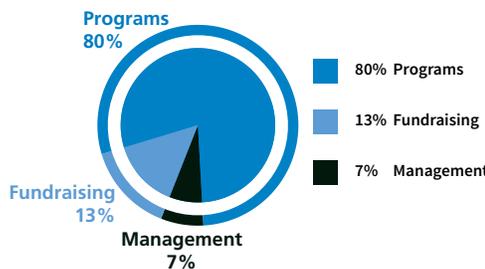
817 total hours volunteered in 2015

\$19,248.52 the total value of hours donated in 2015

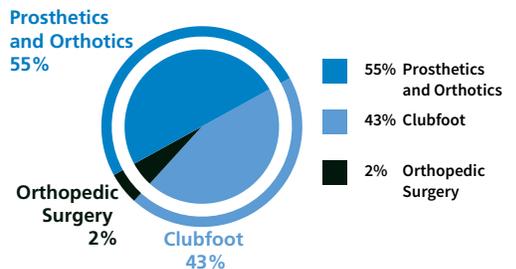
### Revenue



### Expenses



### Clinical Services



### Financials



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## A TRIP TO HAITI

By Dr. Marie Plakos, Board Member

In March this year, I traveled to Cap Haitien, Haiti, as part of a team for Mobility Outreach International. The purpose of this visit was twofold: one, to follow up on the progress of several patients who had received



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## Notes from the Field

treatment for club foot or who had been provided a prosthesis and, two, to meet with administrators and doctors at the Justinian Hospital to complete plans for an addition to the orthopedic wing of the hospital where services for club foot treatment and physical therapy for amputees could take place. The planning meeting was successful, and an agreement was signed by the hospital Administrator to allow MOi to start construction activities on April 1, 2016.

We traveled for two days to areas around Cap Haitien to check on the status of several amputees. Suggestions were given on how to better use their prostheses. In one case, parts of the prosthesis needed to be replaced. The replacement of parts was left to the local MOi representative.

During our visit, team member and MOi Board President Dr. Robert Veith assisted local doctors in surgery.

I was grateful to be able to see the good work that is being done by MOi in a country that is very poor with people desperately needing medical help. As a photographer I felt honored to be able to capture the joy shown by the recipients of MOi's program.



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