

We must support the momentum we have established. Here are some of our current exciting accomplishments and projects moving forward.

Increased Growth & Improved Organizational Structure

- The number of people served by Shoulder to Shoulder has increased exponentially in three short years. We currently provide services to 40,000.
- Five Health Centers have been transferred from Governmental control to Shoulder to Shoulder administration and are now under the supervision of the Santa Lucia Clinic. This greatly increases Shoulder to Shoulder's geographical reach and adds a number of invaluable members to our ever-expanding on-site staff.
- With help from The Mathile Foundation, and other supporters, Shoulder to Shoulder has revamped its organizational structure, making us more efficient and effective than ever.
 - o Some examples include:
 - An Improved Inventory control system for medications & supplies, which extends to all sites under Shoulder to Shoulder's control.
 - An innovative Health Information system tracks all of our programs by location and population served, providing more reliable information for research and interventional public health care. This includes a full census of all populations served by Shoulder to Shoulder and GPS data at all locations.
 - The accounting system has been optimized, integrating reporting and tracking between Honduras and Shoulder to Shoulder's U.S. -based Administration.

Program News

- The Under-2 Nutrition Program has obtained funding for an additional 6 months, extending its already phenomenal results and further validating the hard work & dedication of all those involved.
- Almost 160 Students have benefitted from the High School Scholarship Program to date. Thanks to generous donor support, a number of these students have moved on to pursue University degrees.
- The Computer School continues to train local students Computer and Internet skills.
- A generous grant has allowed the Yo Puedo program to benefit from a year long American volunteer position, injecting new enthusiasm into this already successful program.

- Water Filter distribution continues, with more than 500 filters already distributed and another 500 still to be given out.
- The Feeding program developed and implemented by Shoulder to Shoulder has received funding support from several other NGOs, freeing up funds for other deserving programs.
- 1,000 innovative cook-stoves will be built in deserving families' homes thanks to a recently acquired grant – helping to alleviate respiratory illnesses caused by smoke inhalation.
- The Child Health Initiative (CHI) continues to provide physical examinations, eyesight evaluations, nutritional supplementation, intestinal parasite & worm treatments, and dental care to children in a number of remote communities thanks to continued grant support.
- Several Women's Health & Wellness initiatives, including the Folic Acid, Madreguias, and Cervical Screening programs, continue their successes in and around Santa Lucia.

New People & Positions

- A skilled bilingual Medical Director, tasked with transitioning new employees into the Shoulder to Shoulder organization and model of medical care.
- An excellent bilingual Head Nurse has been helping this transition, dealing with all nursing & allied medical staff.
- A truly dedicated U.S. nurse who doubles as an all-around repair and maintenance man. In addition to his nursing duties, he has singlehandedly remodeled Santa Lucia's old library into a Maternal Care area for women waiting to deliver.
- A new bilingual Operations Director, who after extensive training in the U.S. will oversee all projects and employees in Honduras. This will bring continuity and vision to Shoulder to Shoulder's mission like never before.
- A creative, enthusiastic Scholarship Program director, who has developed the new library into a true learning center with books, computers, and activities.
- As our Honduran employees assume more responsibility for running brigades, we have added a bilingual U.S. volunteer, tasked with infusing enthusiasm, structure, and productivity into the brigades – ensuring a rewarding experience for all participants.
- The addition of multiple advisors for organizational & structural development.
- A new webmaster is currently developing a new and improved Shoulder to Shoulder website.
- Health promoters from a number of communities are now working with Shoulder to Shoulder, enabling us to track and intervene for patients in their own communities.

- Two excellent Honduran dentists working full time in Santa Lucia and in the new, state of the art dental clinic in Concepcion.

State-of-the-art Facilities

- The Concepcion facility will be operational by late October and ready for the start of clinical operations in January. This includes a 5,000 sq. ft. clinic, two buildings with four apartments each, offices, a community building, and a full kitchen.
- The new four-chair dental clinic at Concepcion is currently up and running. In Santa Lucia, the dental clinic continues to provide care to Intibucá's residents.
- A fully-functional lab in Santa Lucia provides a high level of care in a very rural location
- The Santa Lucia Clinic facility is in all-time best condition. A recently installed generator will power the clinic during frequent power outages, additional water storage parallels the increased demands of a growing clinic, and Shoulder to Shoulder vehicles are protected in our newly constructed garage.
- Two of our affiliates (Rochester & Brown) have acquired land and are moving quickly to build satellite clinics to complement our Concepcion facility. These mark the beginning of our "hub & spoke" model, with the goal of providing health care within a one-hour walk of all populations served.

Increased Support & Collaboration

- We have established a positive working relationship with the Government of Honduras, including the support of all local mayors in communities we serve. They have all come to understand that we stick to our promises, unlike many NGOs who have not come through on many of their projects and programs in the past.
- We enjoy continued fantastic support from the construction industry community in the U.S., helping us in building new facilities and maintaining existing sites. Working together with several new organizations, we are able to access skills and materials not available in Honduras and build truly first-class facilities.
- A variety of recently added partners and long-time collaborators continue their generous support of Shoulder to Shoulder, including Chiquita, Dr. Susie Kaye, Dr. and Mrs Roy & Melanie Sanders, The Mathile Foundation, and the Dorothea Haus Ross Foundation.