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Founder's Note

Kathy Tschiegg, CAMO Founder and Executive Director

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As many of you have observed, there has been a shift in power across the world. Sometimes this shift is for the better, and other times not.



As someone working within two different governmental structures, with varying laws and accounting systems, it can be challenging to stay positive and keep moving forward. However, I firmly believe that leaders make a difference. For the first time in 20 years, the leadership of the hospital where I work is visionary and honest.

Looking ahead, we are aware that the political landscape in Honduras may change with the elections in November 2025. This is nothing new; we've seen it before—two steps forward and one step back. While I may not always agree with the political parties, I can say that the people on the ground, in our communities, are good people.

As I reflect on this, I choose not to focus on the “one step back.” Instead, I remain committed to taking that one step forward, no matter who holds political power. Political leaders come and go—they always do. Some may end up in prison, as they should, while others may be falsely accused. Some do nothing and yet are overlooked.

If we focus on our faith and trust that there is a greater plan at work, we can move forward with positivity and hope. It's vital not to get stuck in negativity.

As I lead CAMO, it's essential that we stay focused on serving others, not on ourselves or on the political outcomes. Our mission is to serve, and that requires perseverance. If a leader loses focus, everything becomes blurred. Let me clarify: serving others in a positive way doesn't mean excusing bad behavior or offering handouts. Recently, I had to let go of two individuals after multiple interventions and counseling. After the third occurrence, they were dismissed. The relief among the remaining 60 staff members was palpable, knowing their work environment would no longer be tainted by the actions of these individuals. At the same time, we helped a family escape extreme poverty through education and startup assistance. We also restored health to others, allowing them to continue supporting their families. These are positive outcomes, achieved without free handouts.

Since I was 23, I have worked with people from all political backgrounds, all levels of power, and all walks of life. For one year, I did field research with the indigent in the USA, visiting downtown Chicago at night, as well as Tulsa, San Francisco, Wilmington, Delaware, and Atlanta, where I met people living on the streets and under bridges. I also worked

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in a large emergency room for 10 years and internationally for 31 years. What I've come to realize is this: we don't help people by enabling bad behavior, whether on an interpersonal, family, community, or political level.

Each of us has the power to choose our actions in our personal, family, and community lives. On a political level, we, as voters, cannot enable bad behavior. We must vote according to our principles, regardless of political affiliation or party lines. But above all, stay positive, never lose faith in God's greater plan, and never allow political differences to drive a wedge between friends or family. Political outcomes are transient, but family and friendships are priceless.

CAMO Neurosurgery Program

The lives of 20 patients from across Honduras have been transformed thanks to spinal surgeries performed through a collaboration between the CAMO and volunteers from the Neurosurgery Program of Honduras and the United States.



Supported by a dedicated surgical team, including neurosurgeons Dr. JC Tabet, Dr. Roberto Álvarez, and Dr. Jennifer Tábora, this international medical brigade is a shining example of CAMO's model of cooperation between both countries, positively impacting the lives of those who have access to its medical services.



Dr. Jennifer Tábora, Dr. JC Tabet, Mary Harris, and Dr. Roberto Álvarez, our Neurosurgery team, working together during the brigade.

Confined to Bed for Years

"I have my mobility and my life back, without pain!" says 52-year-old Héctor Enrique Arteaga, who had been confined to a bed for years due to a spinal injury that affected his hands, arms, and legs. Héctor traveled 12 hours from his home in the municipality of Marale to Santa Rosa de Copán to undergo surgery.

"My ordeal began in 2017 with cervical hernias, which slowly started to limit me. The pain became unbearable, and I lost the strength to get up. For seven years, I couldn't work," he shared.

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Today, weeks after surgery, Héctor has regained mobility in his limbs, and the pain has disappeared. "Soon, I'll begin therapy to walk again. I have faith that I'll regain my strength and be able to work again," he said, filled with hope and enthusiasm.



Héctor Arteaga confined to a wheelchair before undergoing spinal surgery

Unrelenting Pain, Then Relief

“For a long time, I worked from home with special permits. My recovery is in God’s hands, and I am so grateful to the CAMO Foundation for the blessing of having been operated on,” said Alba Marvely Murillo Bustamante, a licensed Special Education teacher.”

“Before the surgery, the pain in my left leg kept me from sleeping, and in recent years, it became so intense that it prevented me from working,” Alba shared.

After two years of enduring intense pain from a spinal injury, she is now recovering from surgery performed during the medical brigade. With no more pain, her life is gradually returning to the activities she enjoyed before the injury, and she is finally able to enjoy restful nights once again.



Alba Murillo, after the surgery, can now stand without pain.

Emergency Medicine and ER Development

The vision for Honduras is to establish a career path in Emergency Medicine. Currently, there is only one fully trained emergency medicine doctor in the country.

However, the public university has recently launched a residency program in emergency medicine, with the first graduates expected in four years.

In preparation for this, the leadership overseeing this career path has made visits to the Emergency Room (ER) at Hospital de Occidente. They have agreed that our ER has the infrastructure and workflow necessary for effective emergency medicine training, surpassing the other emergency departments in public hospitals.

However, it is important to note that, at this time, there are no national emergency room protocols approved by the Ministry of Health. We are currently working with the ER staff and leadership, using the Ministry’s criteria, to develop multi-trauma protocols that will improve patient care across the country.

Dr. Rosalía Mahr, from Columbus, Ohio, who is certified in Adult and Pediatric Emergency Medicine with a fellowship in Emergency Ultrasound, joined our team three years ago. Her initial work focused on improving the flow of the ER, streamlining stat care and triage, and reopening and training staff on the use of the trauma room. As part of this initiative, Dr. Mahr also trained the hospital’s emergency staff in the use of quick-check ultrasound, an essential tool for making immediate diagnoses and improving response times in critical situations.



Dr. Rosalía Mahr, emergency physician and dedicated volunteer, provides training to Honduran doctors at the public hospital.

This year, our focus is on developing comprehensive protocols for the emergency department. Our goal is to have these protocols in place by the time the first residency class rotates through the Emergency Department at Hospital de Occidente.

Neonatal Education by Megan Frank, NICU R.N.

In October, a team of medical professionals from the USA came to Honduras to provide training.

Infant mortality in Honduras is high, with a rate of 17 per 1,000 live births, compared to 5.56 in the USA. While statistics can tell us a lot, they don't capture the full impact of these losses—especially the emotional toll on the staff who must support grieving mothers, families, and the broader community affected by the death of a child.

Our October team included skilled nurses Monica Coventry, Megan Frank, and Amy Jamison, all of whom hold leadership and educator roles in the NICU at Akron Children's Hospital. Mandy Miller, their interpreter, also joined the team. Together, they provided education on bereavement, helping many of the Honduran nurses process their personal experiences with loss.

In addition to their work on bereavement, the team trained staff in neonatal resuscitation and recertified four Honduran nurses in Neonatal Advanced Life Support.

Megan Frank, one of the nurses on the team, wrote the following reflection about her journey with the Honduran nurses:

MEGAN FRANK'S REFLECTION:

"We all have someone or something we love—our families, our professions, helping others, etc. One thing that really impacted me this week is the love and commitment that unites all of us, despite our geographical differences. When we were teaching about perinatal bereavement, many of us in the class laughed together, cried together, and found solidarity in the shared experience. We were united by our love—not only for our patients, but also for our profession.



Nurses from Hospital de Occidente received specialized NICU training from a team of U.S. professionals.

Despite the challenges in healthcare, we all chose this path because our hearts were called to serve. The nurses here were able to share their stories with the class—stories of love and loss—that were deeply familiar to those of us working in the US. We feel those same emotions when we lose a patient or face a difficult day at work.

Many of us also channeled our emotions, having experienced the loss of a baby ourselves. With tears in my eyes and looking around the room at others

sharing the same sorrow, I realized that, in that moment, we were all united by a shared experience of loss, where love once resided.

After the class, we asked the nurses why they became nurses in the first place. They answered, "Because I love it."

I'll leave you with this quote from Mother Teresa: "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

A Constant Fight Against Cancer

The loss of a mother, daughter, or grandmother is a tragedy that leaves an irreplaceable void in a family.

Unfortunately, many women in our community cannot afford essential cancer screenings without sacrificing food or medicine for their families.

In October, we provided free mammograms to an average of 26 women per day at the CAMO clinic at the Vicente Fernández Mejía Polyclinic in Santa Rosa de Copán (built by CAMO in 2014). A total of 496 women received early cancer detection screenings throughout the month. Due to the overwhelming support and sponsorships we received, we are pleased to continue offering this vital service free of charge throughout November. Our Mammography Program in Corquín also benefited 98 women from the



rural areas of the Copán department.

It is important to note that we strongly believe education goes hand in hand with providing mammograms. To raise awareness, we conducted a public education campaign in universities and public institutions.

One of the highlights was an awareness event at the Metropolitan University of Honduras, where dozens of women and men were trained on the importance of mammography. We also held a series of talks on cancer and its incidence in Honduras at shopping centers, supported by campaigns in social and traditional media outlets.

We are able to provide these free services thanks to the generous sponsorships of the following institutions and city governments:

- Ministry of Women's Affairs (SEMUJER)
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- Flor de Copán
- Municipal Women's Offices of San Nicolás, Copán
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- Copán Ruinas, Copán
- La Campa de Ocotepeque
- Marcos de Caiquín



Women from rural areas access mammograms thanks to CAMO's support.

CAMO Helps Create First Respiratory Therapy Program in the Country

For two weeks, the future instructors of what will become the country’s first Respiratory Therapy technical program—led by CAMO—worked together to solidify both the curriculum and practical training with hospitalized patients.

The development of this program’s curriculum was supported by Karen Schell, Wendy Castro, and Dana Wade, CAMO USA faculty members and volunteers. They collaborated with the Universidad Tecnológica Centroamericana (Unitec) through its Centro Tecnológico Universitario (Ceutec) and the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH) to create the academic framework for this groundbreaking technical program.

Dana Wade, alongside Jackie Williams—also CAMO USA volunteers—trained the future university professors, introducing them to the critical role of the Respiratory Therapist as an essential member of the medical team involved in patient care planning. The practical training took place in the ICU, NICU, Pediatrics, and Infant Care departments of the Hospital de Occidente.

Through this hands-on experience in the hospital wards, the future instructors witnessed firsthand the immediate, often remarkable improvements in patient conditions. This experience reinforced not only the vital role of the Respiratory Therapist but also highlighted the importance of establishing this career path in Honduras.



Future instructors of the Respiratory Therapy program gain hands-on experience in patient treatment.

Compliance with the American Heart Association



Every five years, training centers accredited by the American Heart Association (AHA) must update their instructors on the latest policies and guidelines. This process ensures that all instructors remain compliant with AHA standards and continue to use the necessary equipment properly.

In April, five instructors were recertified in Basic Life Support, three in Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS), and three in Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS). The recertification program took place at Rafael Landívar University in Guatemala, an accredited AHA center.

Last year, through the CAMO AHA Center, we trained a total of 3,873 individuals in these three courses. The result? Countless lives saved.



A student practices airway management techniques.



ER doctors learn CPR at the CAMO training center.

Children Improve in Speed and Comprehension with the Support of CAMO



Kathy, our founder, shares joyful moments with children at the reading contest.

For the third consecutive year, the Municipal Education Department of Corquín, Copán, in collaboration with the CAMO, organized the Speed and Comprehension Reading Contest to strengthen schools in the region.

The event brought together more than 50 students from both rural and urban schools, spanning preschool and elementary schools. The contest was divided into two categories: **Speed Reading**, which measures the number of words read per minute, and **Comprehension Reading**, which evaluates the students' ability to understand the text they read.

This evaluation method, now considered a model in the country, was implemented with the support of the Education Department and the CAMO literacy program. The program donates textbooks and reading materials to 17 schools across western Honduras, fostering a love of learning and improving educational resources.

In addition to the reading contest, the same schools benefit from the Comprehensive Education and Health Program (PESI), which evaluates children in areas such as ophthalmology, nutrition, dentistry, oral hygiene, and audiometry. Through early detection and care, PESI helps address health issues that may affect children's learning and development.



Above: The proud winners of the speed and comprehension reading contest.



Right: The winners of the preschool category.

Camila Vásquez and the Power of Expert Care

Camila Vásquez, a 5-year-old girl, lay in her bed in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at the Hospital de Occidente, thanking one of the medical teams and healthcare professionals who, alongside volunteer Jackie Williams, provided her with care and respiratory therapy.

Camila's recovery is a testament to the power of expert care in respiratory therapy. Just one day after implementing the respiratory therapist's recommendations, Camila was moved from intensive care to intermediate care. This swift improvement underscores the importance of proper treatment and specialized care in increasing the chances of overcoming respiratory illnesses.



Camila and her mother in the Pediatric Ward at Hospital de Occidente.

Trade School Inauguration: Phase 2 Completion

The Trade School provides valuable services to young people through courses in various technical trades, including gastronomy, carpentry, beauty, welding, IT, and more.

In response to the growing demand for technical education, an expansion project was proposed in 2017. This project, valued at \$538,576.05, has been managed by CAMO as the lead project coordinator and is being carried out in several phases.

Phase One of the project included the construction of an annex building with dedicated spaces for carpentry and welding workshops. A cistern was also built to ensure a reliable supply of drinking water, and the foundation for future building developments was laid. The second floor of the annex is designated for First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training.

The completion of Phase Two marks a significant milestone, solidifying the expansion to address the growing need for technical training in Honduras.

In addition to the annex, new spaces were created to house workshops for computing, electricity, refrigeration, barista training, barbering, floristry, and beauty. A new library was also added to support the students' learning needs. As part of this expansion, the electrical system at the ETAOO was upgraded, including the installation of a transformer bank and an electrical reconnection.

The total investment in this expansion project was \$582,840, distributed as follows:

- \$362,840 from CAMO USA
- \$208,521 from the Honduran government
- \$11,704 from other local Honduran donors



Doctors training in CPR in a proper, fully-equipped facility.



José Bautista, Joseph Ruiz, Kathy Tschiegg, and Rachel Foltz during the inauguration event.

Sewing, electricity, and barber shop are a few of the courses offered at the Trade School.

CITY GOVERNMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS PRESENTLY SUPPORTING THE OPERATIONS OF THE TRADE SCHOOL

MUNICIPALITIES	INSTITUTIONS
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Corquín Copán	USAID
Gracias	GIZ
Las Flores	MORJA Hydroelectric Plant
San Marcos	Cooperative Nueva Vida
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We are deeply grateful to our major supporters in the U.S., including the Noble Foundation, Burton Morgan Foundation, Wood Family Foundation, United Titanium, Salem Mennonite Church, and many others.

We sincerely appreciate the generosity of all who contributed to this important project.

Ongoing Maintenance of Critical Medical Equipment

This initiative was funded by CAMO to establish a maintenance, biomedical, decontamination, and central service department at the Hospital de Occidente.

Tim Larson, a respiratory therapist who joined our international team in 1995, has been a dedicated volunteer whose lifetime work in the field of respiratory therapy has been instrumental in ensuring that respiratory equipment remains operational and ready to serve the hospital's most vulnerable patients.

The primary mission of CAMO is to fill the gaps in healthcare in western Honduras. As part of this mission, CAMO's International Medical Brigade is playing a key role in improving the maintenance of respiratory therapy equipment at the Hospital de Occidente. We are committed to ensuring reliable care for patients by keeping vital equipment in optimal condition across several critical areas, including neonatal, pediatric, infant, adult intensive care, emergency rooms, and for the safe transportation of patients needing respiratory support.



Tim Larson, volunteer Respiratory Therapist, and his interpreter repair equipment at the Biomedical Center

In addition to equipment repair, CAMO volunteers are training hospital staff on the proper use of these devices, enhancing their ability to deliver precise, life-saving respiratory therapy. This work is vital to ensuring that patients receive the highest standard of care when they need it most.

The Coaches, Basketball and Hope

Forty children from vulnerable environments participated in a basketball clinic focused on teamwork and personal growth.

This clinic not only taught basketball skills but also provided an invaluable opportunity for these children to be engaged in a positive, structured activity that kept them off the streets and away from potential dangers.

Coach Dave Smalley, a volunteer with CAMO's International Medical Brigade, teamed up with Marvin Robles, the permanent coach of the local facility, to lead the clinic. Together, they used their expertise to teach basketball skills and instill essential values such as discipline, respect, and teamwork—values that will help these children build a brighter and safer future.

Providing a safe place to play is crucial, especially for children in vulnerable environments. By offering a space where they can learn, grow, and bond with their peers, we are not only teaching them sports but also giving them a refuge from the streets, where they may otherwise face



Dave Smalley with children at the community gym, donating basketball equipment.

difficult circumstances. This gymnasium, where the clinic took place, serves as a vital community resource, with between 400 to 600 people using its services every day. With donated basketball equipment—including

hoops, balls, and other essentials—we are ensuring that these children have access to a safe, positive environment where they can thrive.

UPDATE: PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER

Creation of New Community Support Group to Sustain the Health Care Center

THE HISTORY OF THE TRANSFORMED HEALTH CENTER

Before 2014, the Vicente Fernández Mejía Polyclinic faced serious infrastructure issues. The building was literally collapsing—electrical and water systems were failing, walls were cracked, and ceilings were at risk of falling.

In response to these challenges, CAMO took action in 2014, demolishing and rebuilding the public health center. Many new medical areas were added, and the daily consultations increased from 180 to over 700. The center soon became the second-largest in the country, offering 22 specialized clinics and two training rooms.

CAMPAIGN: DON'T LET WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED BE LOST

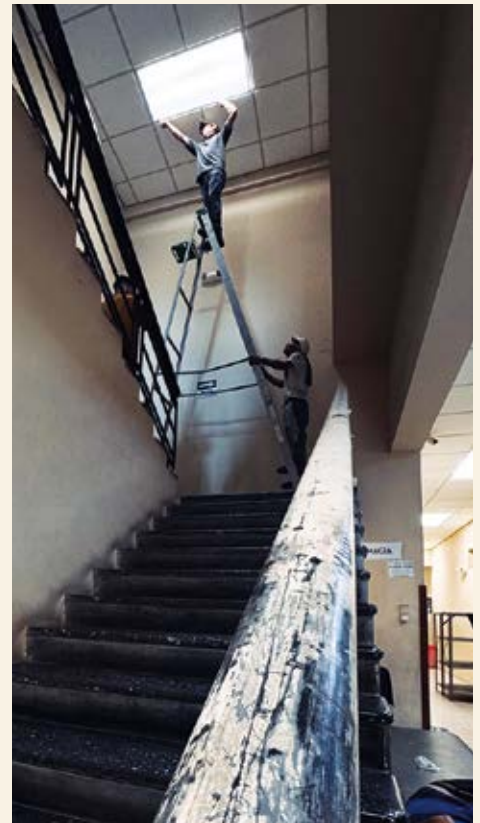
Despite the significant progress, the Vicente Fernández Mejía Polyclinic is once again facing maintenance challenges. During a recent visit, Kathy Tschiegg, CAMO's international director and founder, expressed her concern and sadness over the current state of the center.

"90% of the lights are burned out. The bathroom faucets are destroyed, and general neglect is evident," Kathy said.

This situation poses a serious threat to the health center, potentially undoing years of

hard work and endangering the care of the thousands of people who rely on it. Kathy has called on the community to take action. "If the health center collapses, the health services will collapse, and that will affect the entire community," she warned.

In response, CAMO has launched a call to the people of Santa Rosa de Copán and surrounding areas, urging them to get involved in the upkeep of the polyclinic and help ensure its continued operation as an essential resource for community health.



Our staff performing maintenance at the public health center.

Funds were raised from local residents to repair the faucets and replace the light bulbs throughout the facility. "This is a problem for the Santa Rosa community—it's not the responsibility of the international community to maintain and clean up after them," Kathy emphasized.

To ensure transparency, an account will be set up at Banco de Occidente exclusively for the maintenance of the center. Fundación CAMO will administer these funds to ensure they are used for their intended purpose.



Patients awaiting care in the public health center's waiting area.

The Casa Hogar: The Need for a Women’s Shelter in Honduras

Last year, the women’s shelter provided critical support to 156 families, offering refuge and assistance to those affected by violence.

We are deeply grateful for the support we have received from the cities and organizations across Honduras that continue to contribute to the success of this facility and its life-changing services.

Honduras has one of the highest rates of gender-based violence in the world. According to recent reports, an alarming 7 out of 10 women in Honduras experience some form of violence in their lifetime—whether physical, psychological, or sexual. The situation has only worsened in recent years, as social, economic, and institutional challenges have made it even harder for women to break free from abusive environments.

Domestic violence is a widespread issue, and many women have no safe space to turn to. The need for shelters that provide a safe haven, counseling, legal assistance, and other vital services is more urgent than ever.

In 2023 alone, over 80,000 cases of domestic violence were reported, with many victims unable to access support due to fear, stigma, or a lack of resources. These shelters are not just buildings; they represent a lifeline for women who have nowhere else to turn, offering not only physical protection but also the emotional and psychological support necessary to rebuild their lives.

Our women’s shelter has become a crucial part of the safety net for many women and children, providing temporary housing, therapy, and legal aid to those escaping violence. But we know the work is far from over. The violence faced by women in Honduras is a pervasive issue that requires collective action and ongoing support.



Women and their children find refuge at the women’s shelter.

AGREEMENTS CASA HOGAR:

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Ministry of Children, Adolescents, and Family (SENAF)	CAMO USA
Municipality of Santa Rosa de Copán	Banco de Occidente

We are thankful for the generous support of local communities and organizations, which enables us to continue providing these vital services. Together, we can help break the cycle of violence and provide these women with a chance to heal and start anew.

Ongoing Medical Outreach to Rural Villages in Honduras

Every Tuesday and Thursday, our dedicated Honduran medical teams continue to travel to remote villages, providing essential healthcare services to some of the most underserved communities in the country.

IN FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

General Medical Services: 3,494 patients received life-saving and preventive care, from treating infections and managing chronic diseases to providing basic health screenings.

Dental Services: 5,849 patients benefited from much-needed dental care, addressing painful conditions that could otherwise lead to serious health issues.

Literacy Programs Screening: 2,167 students participated in screening for vision, dental, hearing and nutrition needs. Intervention was provided when needed.

THE CRITICAL NEED FOR HEALTH SERVICES IN RURAL HONDURAS

In rural Honduras, access to healthcare is not just a convenience—it is a lifeline. Many of these communities are isolated, with no nearby clinics, hospitals, or even basic health infrastructure. Roads are difficult to navigate, and healthcare professionals are few and far between. In some areas, people must travel for hours, even days, to reach the nearest medical facility. This lack of access to care is a direct cause of high mortality rates, preventable diseases, and unnecessary suffering.

The impact of our medical teams' work cannot be overstated. By bringing healthcare directly to the villages, we are providing critical services that many families would otherwise never receive. For many patients, a visit from our medical team could mean the difference between life and death. Simple treatments for infections, early detection of chronic conditions like hypertension or diabetes, and dental care that prevents tooth loss or more serious complications are all part of what we offer.

But the work doesn't stop there. Providing basic medical services also means preventing the spread of disease and helping communities stay healthier, more productive, and more resilient. Healthy individuals are better able to contribute to their families and communities, children can attend school and focus on learning, and families are empowered to break the cycle of poverty. By reaching out to these communities and offering medical care, we are fostering long-term stability and improving the quality of life for entire villages.

We are deeply grateful to our dedicated medical teams, volunteers, and partners who make this outreach possible. Every visit, every consultation, and every treatment is a vital step toward creating a healthier and more equitable future for the people of rural Honduras.



Honduran volunteer doctors, alongside our team, provide essential medical care during our brigades.

The Miracle of Perfect Timing: A Neonatal Resuscitation Cart for the NICU

Presently, we are shipping a 40-foot container to Honduras every six weeks, filled with much-needed medical equipment and supplies. Recently, we received a generous donation: a neonatal resuscitation cart.

For some time, this cart had been stored in our equipment bay, waiting for the right opportunity to be put to use. When we moved it to the biomedical department, we asked our expert, Bob Warner, to inspect it. He confirmed it was a fully functional unit, so it was processed, packed, and included in the next shipment.

That container arrived late Sunday night at 7 PM, along with Dr. Lia Mahr, an Emergency Medicine physician specializing in Global Health, and a NICU nurse who had arrived just the night before. The timing couldn't have been more perfect.

Without hesitation, the CAMO Honduras staff arrived at the warehouse to unload the container. Among the many supplies was the neonatal resuscitation cart. Together, the staff worked late into the night to unpack and organize the donations. By Monday morning, with bright eyes and full energy, they returned to work, continuing to organize and distribute the much-needed supplies.

The neonatal resuscitation cart was inspected, cleaned, and prepared for use by the NICU nurse, who followed a detailed checklist to ensure everything was in place. By the end of the week, it was ready and waiting in its designated spot in the trauma room of the emergency department.

Looking back, we can't help but marvel at the perfect timing of it all. So many factors had to align for this to happen: the donation, the shipping, the arrival, and the readiness of our dedicated team. While we'd like to think we had a hand in making this all work, we know that something greater was at play. The synchronicity of this moment felt nothing short of miraculous.



Rachel Foltz and Rosalía Mahr celebrate the arrival of the neonatal resuscitation cart at Hospital de Occidente.

GIVING TUESDAY
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Tuesday December 3, 2024

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power and impact of giving. It inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

Join this global movement on December 3th, 2024. With your support, CAMO can continue providing life-saving services to those in need.

If you wish to support our cause follow the link below or scan the QR code, your donation will be much appreciated.

camo.org/givingtuesday

Special Thanks to Our Supporters

A heartfelt thank you to all of our donors, attendees, members of HBA, non-members, staff, and volunteers for your unwavering support during our two recent fundraisers.

The **Salsa Sizzle** was a tremendous success, raising **\$40,210** which will go a long way in furthering our mission. Thanks to your generosity, the **Home Project** has been completed and is now officially listed for sale through Keller Williams Legacy Group Realty.

The proceeds from the sale of the home will directly contribute to the **Capital Campaign**, helping us build a stronger foundation for future projects and continued service to our community. Your support is making a lasting impact, and we are deeply grateful for your commitment to our cause.

Salsa Sizzle

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Thank you HBA Members, Non-Members, AND DONORS for Making the Impossible Possible!

The proceeds from the sale of this home will go towards the Capital Campaign!

Empowering Tomorrow: Sustainable Health & Education

PHASE 1

The first phase will focus on constructing a new warehouse on 1.47 acres, designed for the distribution of donated medical supplies and equipment, as well as the fabrication of prosthetics and production of wheelchairs.

PHASE 2

The second phase involves remodeling the existing CAMO Honduras Headquarters, built in 2003, by converting the current warehouse space into two floors dedicated to medical services and education.



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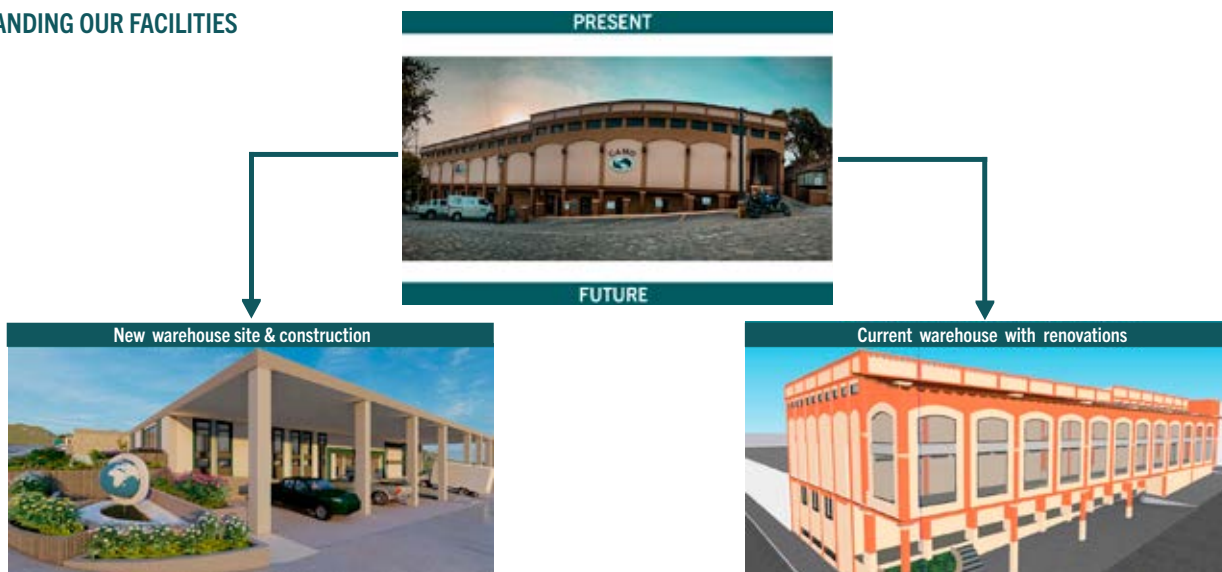


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The Campaign to Sustain Health and Education of CAMO's Services in Honduras aims to secure \$2 million to facilitate the expansion of CAMO's facilities and capabilities in Honduras. The upgraded facilities will improve medical services and create dedicated areas for training, education, and revenue-generating services.

The project involves constructing a new one-story facility to expand our warehouse space to 1.47 acres. We plan to convert the existing warehouse space into two floors, one floor dedicated to clinical services and the second floor dedicated to our educational department.

EXPANDING OUR FACILITIES



FUNDING OUR \$2,000,000 PROJECT IN HONDURAS



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This holiday season, consider a CAMO Christmas gift card—available online at www.camo.org/holidaycards or by calling (330) 683-5956. A packet of five cards can be sent directly to you.

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We are deeply grateful for your support in bringing hope and transforming lives for those in need.

Last year, CAMO delivered 216,884 medical services, and with your help, we can reach even more.



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