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Doctors for Doctors

2021 Annual Report



Founder's Message

by Andrew Wilson

2021 was a year of high demand for our doctors in Nicaragua and our volunteers at home. Luckily, our students and doctors in Nicaragua came out of the year unscathed and continue to work hard to treat their patients. With a small and agile team, Doctors for Doctors hopes to sponsor new students, support our hard-working doctors, and facilitate mentorship between current students and alumni. Here's to a great 2022!



“La generación comprometida”
“The committed generation”

-Claribel Alegría

Update on Nicaragua & COVID-19

by DFD Executive Director

Nicaragua has now received almost 4.5 million vaccine doses through the COVAX programme, and the Ministry of Health has been distributing them, starting with individuals over the age of 65 in May and gradually working down to children. Vaccines purchased from Russia, China and Cuba have also been distributed, and about half of the total population (3.6 of 6.6 million) has been fully vaccinated.

Student Leaders in the Scholarship Program



Dr. Bryan Carrillo

Bryan and his family are doing well. Bryan is now eligible to apply to work as a doctor, having completed the requisite two years of social service years post-graduation. He will soon submit his application to work in the public healthcare system close to home.

(Left) Dr. Bryan Carrillo with his medical diploma

Dr. Kimberly López

Kimberly spent 2021 working in the regional hospital in Rivas, and in the past few months has done a lot of house-to-house vaccinating, often working 7 days a week. She will complete her two years of social service (internship) in March and is exploring her career options.

(Right) Dr. Kimberly Lopez on a zoom video with the team



Brandon Vargas



Brandon has just completed his 5th year at the UCN medical school. He and his fellow students continued to intern at the regional hospital throughout COVID; however, when the Delta variant wave hit, the staff became overwhelmed, so the students had to help out in the respiratory unit. Needless to say, Brandon caught coronavirus and had to miss school for a couple of weeks but thankfully, made a full recovery and was able to catch up with his classes. Brandon's hometown at the southern tip of Nicaragua was also badly affected by COVID.

He looks forward to starting his 6th year in February.

(Left) Brandon enjoying his pediatrics rotation.

DFD Programs in the Time of COVID: Monthly Collaborative Medical Workshops

When the pandemic first hit, Doctors for Doctors implemented *Project Echo* with the Global Peace Network and Dr. Brian Budgell, offering continuing education opportunities to our students, alumni, and partners. We have continued to discuss different medical cases with each other in 2021 and the program is set for renewal in 2022.

Volunteer highlights

A Statement from volunteer Gabrielle Evans

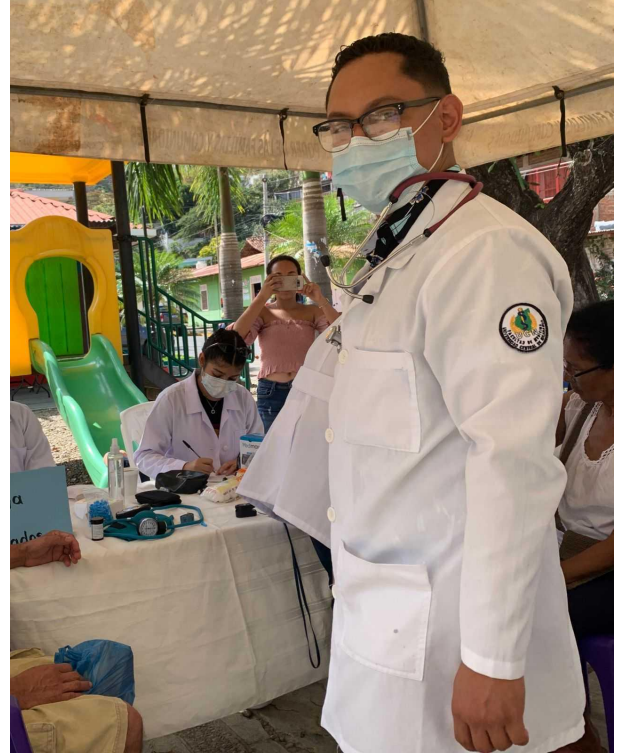


I joined the Doctors for Doctors team in 2018 as an Intern completing my Undergraduate degree at Queen's University. Since then, I've continued to volunteer across all areas of the organization, from programs to operations and fundraising. This year, I joined the Doctors for Doctors Board of Directors! I'm so excited about the future of DFD, the alumni network we're bringing together, and the new medical students we'll continue to sponsor. Outside of my role at Doctors for Doctors, I'm currently completing my Master's of Global Affairs at the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy.

Canadian Operations - by Mike Carlson

2021 was defined by COVID-19 and the Canadian side of DFD spent another year fully online. With no trips, no new students, and no major campaigns, things were low key and any efforts made were put into maintaining the basics of the organization. Unfortunately, we did see some monthly donors leave during this time, which was to be expected. Looking ahead to 2022, we are hoping to rally all our networks to reinvigorate the whole organization around sponsoring a new student. Looking forward to the 2022 campaign!

Photos throughout 2021 in Nicaragua!



1. (top left) Brandon working with his medical team as an intern during a medical school placement

2. (top right) Brandon working at a diabetes monitoring clinic in his community

3. (bottom left) Brandon taking a patient's blood pressure at the clinic

Financials

In 2021, we raised \$5,120 from public donations. All of these funds will go towards paying for the medical education of amazing young people in medical school (Brandon for this year) who can't wait to become doctors in their community.

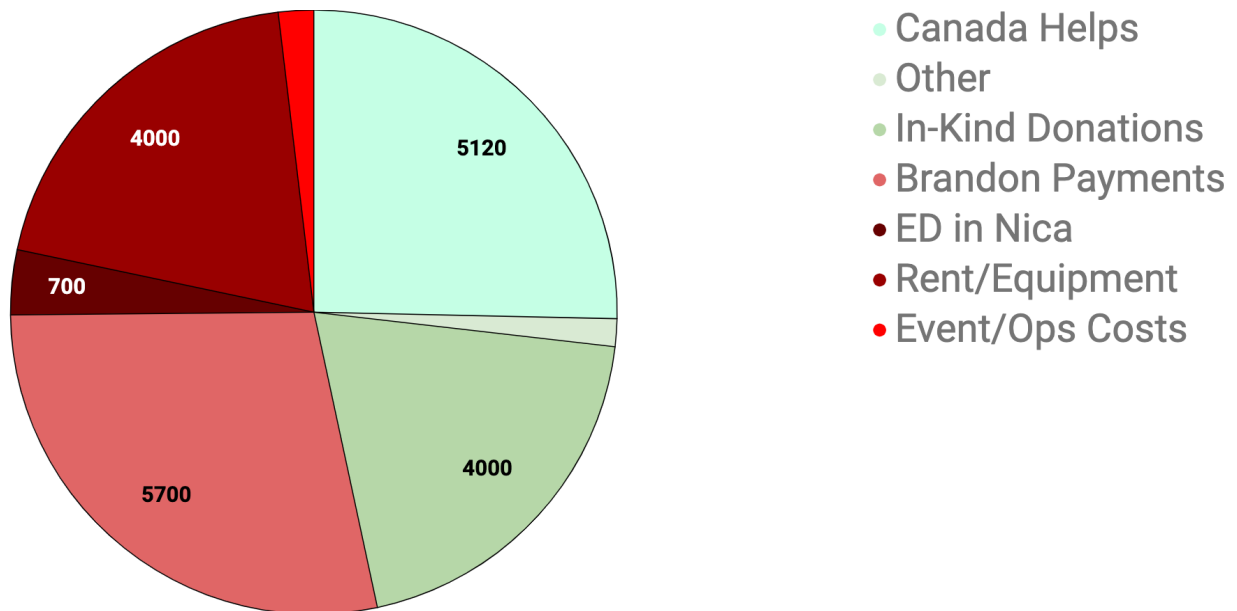
We spent \$6,760 of which \$6,380 went to empowering local heroes (this includes our Executive Director in Nicaragua) and \$380 for operations.

All of the money donated from public and private organizations in 2021 went directly to supporting our student programs, namely Brandon, and our Alumni Network, who are at various stages of their medical journey. Our operational costs are covered by the private donations of our Board of Directors, core donors, and gifts in kind.

	REVENUE*	EXPENSES*
Canada Helps	5120	
Other Donations	300	
In-Kind Donations	4000	
TOTAL REVENUE	9,420	
Brandon Payments		5700
Alumni Support		0
Additional Student Support		0
ED in Nicaragua		700
Materials + Bank Fees + Event Costs		380
Rent/Equipment (In-Kind)		4000
TOTAL EXPENSES		10,780

*Numbers are rounded approximations and should not be used for legal or tax purposes.

Cash Flow Summary



Looking Ahead

by Andrew Wilson

In 2022, we plan to focus on the following five areas in our work:

- 1) Continue supporting our newly graduated doctors, Dr. Bryan and Dr. Kimberly, in their careers.
- 2) Support our medical student Brandon in his 6th year of schooling.
- 3) Sponsor a new female medical student.
- 4) Facilitate medical outreach campaigns, such as *Days for Girls*, with our doctors and students to provide consistent healthcare in rural areas.
- 5) Coordinate ongoing calls with doctors in Nicaragua and Canada for shared learning about patient care.

On behalf of our students, alumni, and all of us at Doctors for Doctors, we would like to thank you, our loyal donors, for your continued support throughout another difficult year. Without your generosity, our programs would not be possible.

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