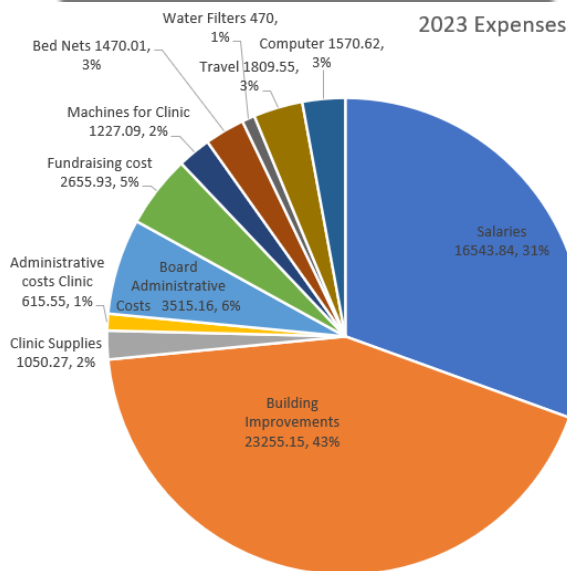


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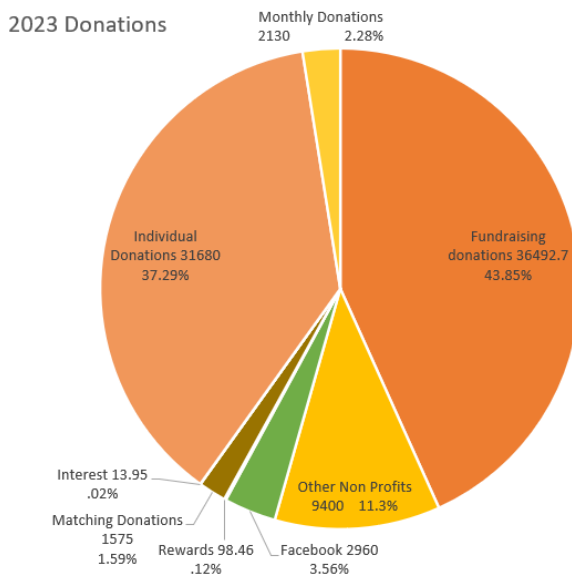


Reflecting on a Successful 2023

by Alena Camarata, BHI Treasurer

The Bawa Health Initiative had a very productive year in 2023. Thanks to you, our generous supporters who have chosen to walk beside us on this journey, we exceeded our goals and improved the lives of people in Bawa and the surrounding areas.

We had four significant categories of income this year: fundraising, non-profit donations, individual donations, and monthly donations. This allowed us to fund major repairs and improvements to the building as well as additional equipment to provide needed healthcare services. We subsidized employee salaries toward our goal of self-sufficiency at the clinic where they were able to pay a portion of this expense through fees collected for services. Another project this year was replacing bed nets and water filters. These are instrumental in improving the quality of life and reducing illness in Bawa. We supported the continued use of the ambulance by providing funds for insurance and maintenance. Our administrative expenses at the clinic and costs for the Bawa Health Initiative board's work helped us support our mission by delivering updated equipment and technology to improve record-keeping and communication. Travel expenses gave us eyes and ears on the actual daily operations at the clinic and much-needed feedback from the health care providers there. All of our costs went directly toward supporting our shared mission of improving the lives of the people of Bawa.



One of the most exciting aspects of our overall financial report is that we were able to start contributing to a long-term investment fund. This fund will support future projects and maintain our commitment to helping the people of Bawa.

LIFE GIVING AND LIFE SAVING BLESSINGS

Awounke Community Health Center in BAWA



Baby born at the clinic



Twins born at the clinic



Clinic Staff



Gathering at the clinic

A special thank you to the visiting doctors that travel to BAWA and donate their time and medical knowledge to support the needs of the BAWA Community

Staff wages range from \$250 - \$400 per month per staff

PATRICK MICHEL ONGOLO MVOGO,
A 4TH YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF DSCHANG ON RURAL MEDICINE ROTATION IN BAWA



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

BAWA

Health Initiative

SUPPORT BAWA WITH MONTHLY DONATIONS

Easier access to clean water. Medical services without the miles of travel. Sanitation that prevents re-infection. Supporting BAWA Health Initiative has, does, and will continue to change the lives of the people of this vibrant West African community.



\$10 per month

Provides one bed net, which protects from insects carrying diseases such as malaria. Bed nets need to be replaced yearly.



\$30 per month

Provides home-based water filter.



\$50 per month

Provides salary for clinic janitor. 30 monthly donations of \$50 will cover ALL monthly salaries at the clinic.



\$100 per month

3 monthly donations of \$100 covers the salary for the chief nurse.

Any amount per month helps!

Use Zelle to save transaction fees.
Mail checks to the address below.
Set up PayPal via the BHI webpage. (BHI pays 3% transaction fee)



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Strengthening Infrastructure for Better Healthcare

In the ongoing mission to address the healthcare needs of the people of Bawa, Michelle Tarantino, Eric Davis, and Jeannette Gross have dedicated themselves to enhancing the foundation of our clinic staff. With their combined wealth of medical expertise and administrative insight, these respected board members have embarked on a journey to secure the clinic's capabilities and nurture the growth of our personnel.

Throughout the year, Michelle, Eric, and Jeannette have engaged in virtual conferences with our Bawa staff, fostering open communication and understanding of the challenges faced within the clinic. This collaborative approach has not only provided invaluable guidance but has also facilitated a more cohesive and comprehensive plan for the future. By offering targeted training sessions, they are equipping the staff with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in their roles.

Recognizing the unique context of Bawa, where traditional and western medical practices intersect, the team is diligently working to integrate best practices while respecting local culture and practices. They are implementing administrative tools to improve staff management and streamline clinic operations, laying the groundwork for expanded services such as elder care, vision, dental, and other preventative healthcare.

However, challenges persist, notably in the realm of staffing and technology. Improving internet connectivity at the clinic is paramount for enabling telehealth services and facilitating seamless communication between staff and healthcare professionals. Assistance in this regard will significantly enhance the capacity to deliver quality care to the community. The impact of these efforts cannot be overstated.

The Bawa clinic stands as a beacon of hope, equipped with the resources and knowledge to address both routine and emergency healthcare needs. From essential medical equipment to ambulance services and preventative measures against diseases like malaria, the clinic's offerings are a testament to the unwavering support of generous donors and the dedication of our committed healthcare professionals.

Michelle Tarantino, Eric Davis, and Jeannette Gross exemplify the transformative power of dedication and professionalism. Their efforts are instrumental in realizing the vision of a thriving healthcare hub for the Bawa community. Together, they are shaping a brighter, healthier future for all.

We are so grateful for their unwavering commitment.



JANUARY 2024 BABY



Michele Tarantino, Ph.D.,
MPH, OTR/L, CVLT

FUNDRAISING EVENTS 2023



Bawa Summer Soccer Camp Fundraiser, Ellensburg, WA



Dinner & Bingo Night at St. Andrews, Ellensburg, WA



Bawa Dinner Fundraiser, Ellensburg, WA



Bawa Dinner Fundraiser, Connecticut

DONATION CARD AND QR CODE



Enclosed is my donation of _____ to support BAWA Health Initiative

I would like to set up on-going monthly donations with Zelle to support BAWA Health Initiative

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We are excited to share a new partnership with Dschang Medical Mission

We are thrilled to announce an inspiring collaboration with the Dschang Medical Mission, spearheaded by Professor Alain Nchimi, a distinguished Radiologist at Centre Hospitalier of Luxembourg and Faculty member at the University of Liege, Belgium, alongside Dr. Herve Hamiafo, a dedicated Pharmacist from Brussels, Belgium.

Comprising an esteemed team of anesthesiologists, dentists, gastroenterologists, general practitioners, gynecologists, nurses, ophthalmologists, pediatricians, urologists, surgeons, and medical students, the Medical Mission embarked on a transformative journey at the Dschang Annex Regional Hospital from February 26 to March 7, 2024. Their invaluable contributions went beyond the provision of equipment and supplies; they touched the lives of over 2,000 patients and conducted numerous life-changing surgeries.

Furthermore, the Sophie Awounkeu Community Center in Bawa was graced by the esteemed presence of Professor Nchimi and his esteemed colleagues. Notably, the Medical Mission generously donated a substantial quantity of medications to the center. These medications are now being distributed free of charge to patients at the Sophie Awounkeu Community Center, alleviating the burden of healthcare expenses for the beneficiaries.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Professor Alain Nchimi and his remarkable team for their unwavering commitment to improving healthcare accessibility and making a tangible difference in the lives of those in need.



*A Big Thank You to
Professor Alain Nchimi
and his team*

SOCCER FOR BAWA

Boys & Girls ages 5 - 13

June 24 - 27 2024

Sponsored by

SHIRTSWORKS

UTOPIA FROZEN YOGURT

DOMINO'S PIZZA



\$90 minimum donation per participant

Ages 5 - 8 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Ages 9 - 13 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Morgan Middle School Field



Bawa Health Initiative Fundraiser
to support water filtration, bednets,
and other important health services
in the village of Bawa, Cameroon
West Africa

Each camper will receive a camp
t-shirt* and frozen yogurt



A great opportunity
to combine soccer
skill building, FUN,
friendship, and
community service



Register your kiddo(s) using the link or QR code

<https://form.jotform.com/240847512728158>

*Camp t-shirt for those who register by June 8th

Please contact camp organizers via email
bawasoccercamp2013@gmail.com or at the table!

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