

# HOPE NEWS

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*Service*



*Dedication*



*Perseverance*



*Honor*

## At Last, the History of HOPE Will Be Written

True to Our Values, It's a Labor of Love

Service, dedication, perseverance and honor — all are synonymous with Project HOPE's alumni. So, when Alumni Association President Dr. John Wilhelm and the alumni board decided to initiate a comprehensive and highly accessible "History of HOPE" project, they knew exactly whom to recruit for the project: HOPIES!

At the April meeting, the Alumni Board launched an effort to document HOPE's voyages and

our work in a variety of countries. As seen and remembered through the eyes of alumni and their international colleagues, the project will capture the impact of HOPE's work through stories of how they delivered health care education, improved systems and services, and affected the lives of so many. Also important to these remembrances will be the stories of personal and professional growth from those recounting their experiences.

Alumni Association Vice President Debbie Reister volunteered for several weeks at HOPE Center this summer to focus on work in Central and Eastern Europe. She identified program participants and scanned pertinent reports, photos and artifacts from HOPE's archives. She worked with staff and others to prepare a survey/questionnaire, which will be followed by a series of telephone or video interviews.

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# Look for the History of HOPE Museum

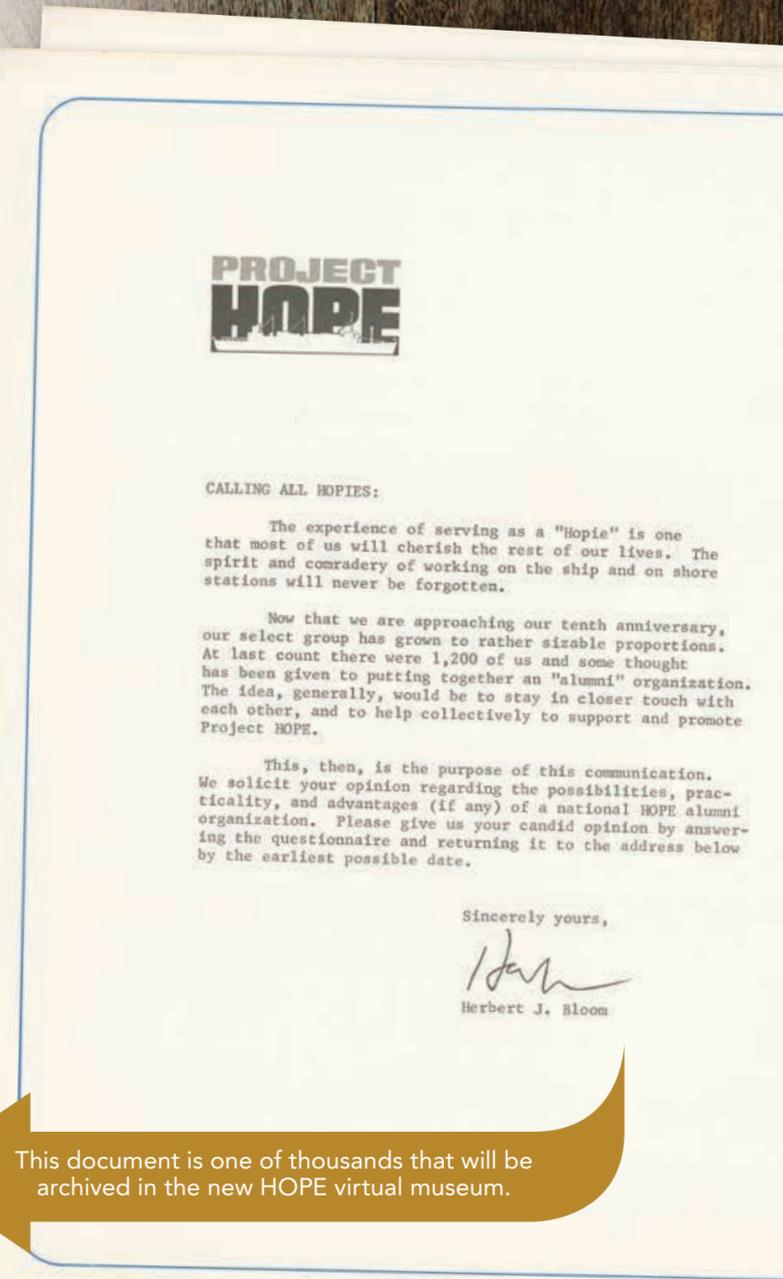
You'll Find It Inside Your Computer!

Wouldn't it be great to view documents you see here from the late 1960s with the simple click of a mouse?

Launching in tandem with the History of HOPE project, the creation of a virtual museum will allow HOPIES worldwide access to documents (such as the original charter letter of the Alumni Association) and much, much more!

With the acquisition of Past Perfect software, a program used by many museums and libraries, the virtual museum will allow us to share archival photos and documents from voyages, land-based programs and Navy missions, as well as HOPE Center events. Gems such as interior photos of the SS HOPE, original editions of *HOPE News* and our collection of gifts from dignitaries around the world will also be available for all to see. The virtual museum will initially be available via a link on our webpage, and alumni will be encouraged to use the site to help identify and provide captions for many of the items.

This document is one of thousands that will be archived in the new HOPE virtual museum.



Dr. Maciej Kowalczyk and his wife (far right and left), Dr. Fred Agani, Minister of Health for the Republic of Kosovo (left center), and John Walsh (right center).

## HOPIES at the 2014 Gala

A Grand Time for a Great Cause

Several alumni attended this year's 7th Annual HOPE Gala on June 10 in Washington, D.C., raising more than \$1.9 million to advance HOPE's global mission. This year's honorees included:

- The Global Health Leadership Award – José Miguel Bonetti, President of MercaSID, and co-founder of the Order of Malta
- The Global Health Partner Award – Maciej Kowalczyk, M.D., Ph.D., Director of the University Children's Hospital of Krakow, Poland
- The Global Health Impact Award – award accepted by Dr. Martin J. Murphy, CEO, Roundtable on Cancer

## Giving by Alumni Breaks Records

Thank You, HOPIES!

ALUMNI GAVE  
**\$97,054**  
IN FY 2014

Our fiscal year came to a close on June 30, and of course, our alumni were among the thousands who supported HOPE. Collectively, alumni gave a total of \$97,054.00 — a 5 percent increase over last fiscal year. That's great news.

The number of people who gave a gift also increased by 10 percent, and 16 alumni donors gave gifts of \$1,000 or more.

HOPIES from California, Virginia and Florida led the pack, giving in greatest numbers, but alumni contributions actually came from all over.

Thank you to everyone who added to one of our alumni funds, or who remembered HOPE in their estate plans. For information about Planned Giving, including bequest language, or an illustration of how lifetime giving to HOPE can pay you an annual income, contact Duley Hooper at: [dhooper@projecthope.org](mailto:dhooper@projecthope.org), or 540-837-9472.



## Join the HOPIES Facebook Group

Connect, Reconnect and Stay in Touch

The Alumni Association has started our Facebook group as a way for alumni to stay in touch with one another. To access the site, go to the alumni webpage at [projecthope.org](http://projecthope.org), and click on "Get Alumni Updates."

Use the group to reconnect with old friends, share photos, and communicate about upcoming alumni events and happenings.

## Discover the More Convenient, More Effective Way to Give



HOPE Lifters is our caring group of supporters who commit to giving each month. As a HOPE Lifter, your gift does 105 times more, because every \$1 you give helps to send \$105 worth of donated medical supplies into the world's poverty zones. For example, if you pledge \$15 a month, that gets multiplied 105 times, sending \$1,575 worth of help each month. And over 12 months, that adds up to an amazing \$18,900. Being a HOPE Lifter is easy and affordable, and the impact you have is huge.

To find out more, call Donor Relations toll-free at 1-844-349-0188, or visit: [projecthope.org/hopelifters](http://projecthope.org/hopelifters).

## Leave Your Legacy of Compassion

You can help shape Project HOPE's future through a unique gift opportunity known as a charitable gift annuity. You make a donation and we, in turn, pay you a fixed, dependable payment for the rest of your life. After your lifetime, the remaining balance allows Project HOPE to continue saving lives around the world. Another way to maximize your support is to include Project HOPE in your estate plans. A charitable bequest does not affect your current cash flow or assets, and is simple to revise, should your circumstances change. Best of all, you have the satisfaction of knowing that your legacy will be one of hope for others.



What will your legacy be? Here's how you can start building it today with Project HOPE.

For more information about charitable gift annuities, bequests and other ways to create your legacy, please call our Planned Giving Office at 800-544-4673, ext. 472.

# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dr. Howe is grateful to you for your gifts of time and talent to Project HOPE.

## Our Past and Our Future Come Together in You

Dear Friend,

As a HOPE alumnus, you're the heart of everything we do. Thank you for your generous gifts of time, talent and compassion to Project HOPE.

I'm proud to say that I've been part of Project HOPE's history since 2001, when I was honored to become President and CEO. And I'm humbled by the fact that HOPE's past extends all the way back to 1958. That's 56 years of care, healing and compassion for others. It's a legacy of love for humanity that I feel privileged to uphold and to carry forward.

And I know you do as well.

That's why this special Alumni Edition of *HOPE News* is particularly important. In it, you'll see how we're venerating and preserving our history of service to humankind. You'll also see the indelible stamp of the enthusiasm, teamwork and, especially, the caring nature that distinguish all HOPIES.

In the words of Winston Churchill, "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." Thank you for all you do for Project HOPE and for people in need around the world.

Sincerely yours,

John P. Howe, III, M.D.  
President and CEO

## At Last, the History of HOPE Will Be Written (Continued from front page)

Leading another part of the project, John Walsh began to document HOPE's work on the Polish American Children's Hospital (University Children's Hospital) in Krakow, while Bill Walsh, Jr., is helping to structure information on the Health Care Management program. Alumnus Carolyn Kruger is organizing the nursing component. Our former counterpart in Northeast Brazil, Dr. Ney Fonseca, contacted the Alumni Association, expressing his interest in documenting HOPE's impact there and also in providing information on the status of our Brazilian programs.

As we move forward, we hope to hear, in particular, from more alumni who worked in Central and Eastern Europe or Brazil. We also welcome stories from other mission locations. Please forward these, along with contact information for your counterparts, to John Wilhelm via email at: [jwilhelm@projecthope.org](mailto:jwilhelm@projecthope.org). All alumni are encouraged to be a part of the Histories Project. After all, HOPE's history is our history.



### HOPE Remembers

The Alumni Association expresses its condolences to the families and friends of **Gloria Hammond**, Neurodiagnostic Technician (Peru, Ecuador, Guinea, Nicaragua, Columbia, Ceylon), April 9, 2014. **Eldon Ellis**, M.D. Thoracic Surgery (SS HOPE Peru, Ecuador, Guinea, former President of the Alumni Association), June 15, 2014.

## Stay in Touch — HOPE Is Your Home

Stay connected with HOPE. Our website is updated on a regular basis, and we will continue sending emails to tell you about new opportunities to share your information with us. Visit the alumni web page at [projecthope.org](http://projecthope.org), and click on "Get Alumni Updates" for all the latest news. If you have news to share or updated contact information, please reach out to our Alumni liaison, Brooke Herndon, at: [bherndon@projecthope.org](mailto:bherndon@projecthope.org).

✂ CLIP ALONG THE DOTTED LINE, AND RETURN WITH YOUR GIFT OF SUPPORT.

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My email address is: \_\_\_\_\_

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**YES!** I'm thrilled to be part of the Alumni Association and to support this wonderful group.

Here's my gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for:

- The greatest need.
- The William B. Walsh, M.D. Endowment, supporting the William B. Walsh fellow.
- The Lee Olive Harrison Fund, supporting basic nursing skills education.
- The Bill Kooiman Fund, supporting volunteer travel.

Please make your tax-deductible check payable to Project HOPE, and mail it, along with this form, in the envelope provided.

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