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#### Dear Friends,

The last year saw us struggling with a new political climate and changes in our volunteer program. We saw a decrease in applications but a continued need for healthcare providers around the globe.

Through it all, Midwife Pilgrim and its volunteers have kept vigilant in their quest to make the world a better place. I feel extraordinarily privileged to work with such dedicated and talented people who make up our staff and volunteers of our small organization and look forward to watching it grow. This past year Midwife Pilgrim grew exponentially and gained support of such organizations of the UNHCR.

We were also featured in prominent news including an article by Danielle Villasana in Cosmopolitan. Links to this and past articles can be found on our website: www.midwifepilgrim.org/follow.html.

We took on a more active role in Bangladesh with the Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis. We have partnered with the Hope Foundation for Women and Children of Bangladesh who are working tirelessly with the UNFPA to provide reproductive health services to the 100,000s of refugee women who have fled genocide. We are a active participant in the Sexual and Reproductive Health Coalition

We intend to expand our involvement in the coming years. Without a doubt, 2017 will be even better with your ongoing support.

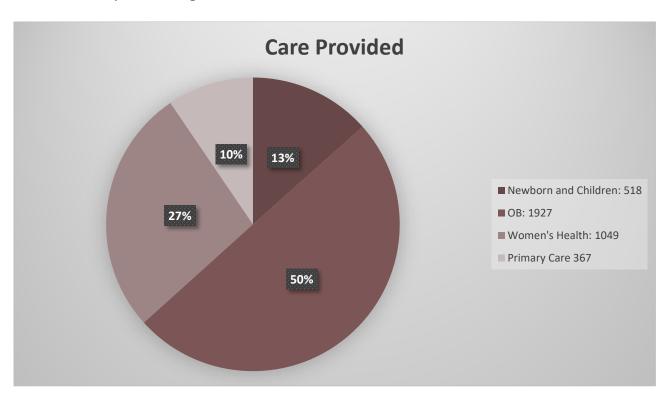
#### Our goals include:

- Maintaining our current programs and expanding to other locations. Given the uncertain political climate for refugees as well as volunteers in Greece and Turkey we cannot predict what our programming will be but hope to continue and expand
- Increasing our registry of available midwives to deploy quickly when disasters hit as well continue our ongoing projects
- Developing an educational program to prepare volunteers for international and low resource work
- Presenting our work at various conferences and events There has even been talk of a small video focusing on our work. Stay tuned! When things seem overwhelming, I remind myself: "I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that.

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### Our work

Midwife Pilgrim supported 13 midwives on 17 different assignments. We saw almost 4000 people in 7 different countries: Haiti, Greece, Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, and Bangladesh.



In addition to clinical services, Midwife Pilgrim volunteers:

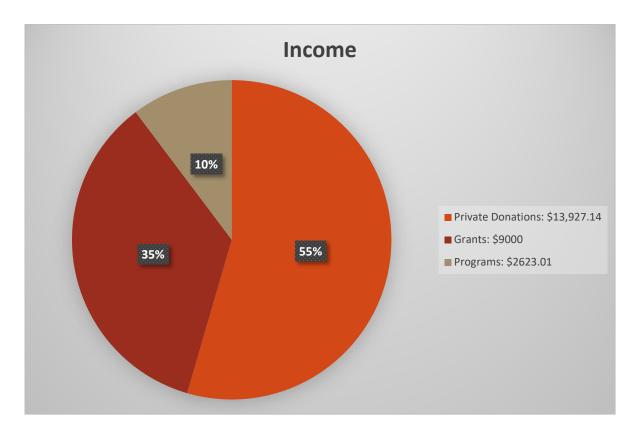
- Provided education and mentorship to over 500 midwives and health care professionals with over 400 hours of education provided.
- Set up solar power in refugee camps in Bangladesh serving the Rohingya.
- Created and provided over 350 safe birth kits for refugee women.
- Attended UNFPA run Sexual and Reproductive Health meetings and participated in determining best practices for current Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis.
- Provided medications and supplies to each country we were working in.
- Provided midwifery bags with supplies to support local midwives in Bangladesh.

#### **INCOME**

Midwife Pilgrim raised \$25,550.15 for 2017. This reflects grants and donations made directly to Midwife Pilgrim, Inc. as well as income from our new Mentorship Program. This does not reflect the amount that individual midwives raised for their personal assignments as well as individual projects that many of our midwives undertook. The selflessness of our volunteers in humbling.

The majority of our income came from individual donors, like yourself, who believe in our mission and want to be part of the change in the world. Thank you for your support!

We would also like to thank the Peter Backman and Annie Christopher Fund as well as the Larsen Fund for helping us to create our education program as well as supporting our work with the most vulnerable women and children.



#### **EXPENSES**

## Project costs include:

- Purchase of medications, supplies and equipment
- Transportation
- General support when needed

Education costs include materials and supplies for educating healthcare professionals as well as expenses incurred for certifications. This will also assist our future educational goals.

## Administrative costs include:

- Office supplies and expenses
- Website and email
- Mailings and shipping costs
- Fees

# Fundraising costs include:

- Social media expenses
- Brochures
- Overhead for banners and events

