University of Wisconsin – Madison: Health Promotion and Education in San Lucas, Guatemala
Patient education materials, teaching aids, supplies, and onsite living expenses for PA students and faculty participating in a service learning project in rural communities in Guatemala to provide health education for women and children

University of Utah PA Program: Ghana International Seminar
Curriculum development, training materials, and supplies for PA students and faculty participating in an international seminar attended by medical assistants (MAs, mid-level practitioners) and MA students serving rural communities in Ghana

VA Puget Sound Health Care System: Health Literacy Project and Village Healthcare Worker Training, Lao People’s Democratic Republic
Medical equipment, supplies, interpreters, and onsite living expenses for hands-on, culturally and linguistically appropriate training in disease prevention and basic health for Laotian village healthcare workers

Baylor College of Medicine PA Program: Shoulder to Shoulder PA Project, Honduras
Educational materials, equipment, supplies, and local transportation for trips to Santa Ana, Honduras to provide education about healthy living to children and adolescents

2006

Augsburg College PA Program: Proyecto Clinica Rural Movil
Medical equipment and educational materials to help establish long-term sustainability of mobile units serving medically underserved rural areas in Nicaragua, which Augsburg College PA students visit as part of a clinical rotation in international medicine

Peacework Medical, Ghana
Educational materials, supplies, and medications for clinics in urban and rural sites in Ghana at which a team of PAs, physicians, nurses, and health educators provide care for homeless and other underserved individuals

Catherine A. Hoelzer, MPH, PA-C: Health Education for Southern Sudan
Health and medical educational materials to train Sudanese health workers who run primary care centers and provide basic health and sanitation education for communities in southern Sudan

2007

Emory University PA Program: Ghana Medical Service
Educational materials, equipment, and supplies for the AMO’s to train MDs and midwives in Lao PDR.

Foundation International: “Physician Assistant Epidemiology Skills”
PA students/volunteers assist in a clinic in Lao PDR.

Foundation for Cancer care in Tanzania: “Dispensary Level Cancer Education in Tanzania”
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2015

MEDEX Northwest and Health Leadership International: “Physician Associated skill-based training in the Lao PDR”.
Build a quality and competency-based PA training program on non-communicable diseases (NCDS) that is based upon the US PA model and curriculum at the College of Health Sciences (CHS) in Luang Prabang.

Foundation for Cancer care in Tanzania: “Dispensary Level Cancer Education in Tanzania”.
Development of a curriculum for cancer education of dispensary level AMO’s and midwives in Tanzania and creating support materials for the AMO’s to assist educating patients.

Arcadia University and Global Brigades Collaboration: “A Medical and Public Health Mission Nicaragua”.
PA students/volunteers assist in a pharmacy under the direction of licensed pharmacists during one-week mobile medical clinic in Nicaragua, Honduras, Panama, and Honduras.

Emory University PA Program: “Designing a HIV Prevention Curriculum for Migrant Farmworkers in Georgia: A Health Professions Student Collaborative”.
Project will be conducted during 2015 SGFHP weeks and the fall SGFHP weekend in October with HIV Prevention Curriculum tested and rolled out in October 2015.

R.K. Pedersen Global Outreach Grants Recipient Projects

The Robert K. Pedersen Global Outreach Humanitarian Assistance Grant Program was established in 2005 through a gift from Don and Kathy Pedersen’s Family Foundation to create a $200,000 endowment in memory of Don’s father, who was an international businessman. This program provides financial support to projects involving PAs and PA students in humanitarian activities designed to improve the quality of life in underserved areas of developing countries and the United States. The grants are intended to promote sustainable development in the areas of healthcare and health education for populations and communities in need. Funding is provided for projects that enhance or expand existing programs and provide the participating PAs and students an invaluable learning experience in healthcare delivery, leadership and project management.
Provide education, mosquito nets, and urgent medical care for those suffering with an acute malarial episode which is impacting 400 households in the Ngola 2 neighborhood of Bangui.

Carilion Medical Center and GHE Collaboration: “Magale Health Project” in Uganda.
Provide educational materials/training and equipment needs/upgrades and to provide newborn clinical intervention. Albinism Project is to raise awareness of this condition and to educate/demonstrate proper techniques for skin and eyes.

2013

Athens Orthopedic Clinic: Orthopedic Mission to Haiti – Terrier Rouge, Haiti
Equipment, medications and supplies for a medical service trip by PAs, orthopedic surgeons and other physicians to train Haitian doctors and staff at a clinic serving impoverished Haitians

Clean Water for World for the World: Rehabilitation and Modification of Rainwater Collection System – San Juan Los Planes, Quezaltepeque, El Salvador
Supplies to repair a rainwater collection system in El Salvador to prevent health problems caused by unclean water and poor sanitation

Boston University PA Program: Capacity Building for Non-communicable Disease Care in Uganda
Instructional supplies and onsite living expenses for training of Ugandan clinical officers

Yale University PA Program: Bilateral Impact of International Rotations for PA Students
Supplies and housing for faculty and PA students participating in clinical rotations in Peru, Spain and Uganda and evaluation of the impact of rotations on trainees, preceptors, local healthcare providers, patients and their families

Peacework Medical Projects: Medical Clinic in Tranquitte, Haiti
Discounted medications for a permanent primary care clinic serving earthquake refugees staffed by volunteer PAs and PA students

Quinnipiac University PA Program and Health Horizon International: Medical Service Trip – Puerto Plata Region, Dominican Republic
Medications, supplies and training materials for faculty and PA students working with community health workers in underserved areas of the Dominican Republic

2012

Pacific University School of Physician Assistant Studies: Nicaragua Service Learning Project
Medications, supplies, and housing expenses for PA students and faculty providing direct care for geriatric Nicaraguans and educating local community healthcare providers

University of Utah Division of Physician Assistant Studies: Guatemala Rural Health Outreach
General support for rural health outreach projects at the San Lucas Mission in Guatemala, at which University of Utah PA students and faculty spend two weeks each year providing basic healthcare services and health education to the indigenous Mayan population

2011

Yale University PA Program: Capacity Building for Non-communicable Disease in Uganda
Support for Yale University faculty and students providing a train-the-trainer course for Ugandan clinical officers (mid-level practitioners) to build a sustainable capacity to manage the worsening burden of chronic diseases in their communities

2010

Jennifer Wall, PA-C: Africa Burn Relief Program
Support for a long-term project in Malawi to create sustainable education to local healthcare professionals, increase access to specialized burn care for rural Malawians, train clinical officers in burn care and surgical skills, improve the quality of care for burn victims in partnership with local hospital systems, provide burn prevention program strategies, and reduce child morbidity and mortality caused by burn injuries

2009

Tung P. Cheung, PA-C and Thanksgiving Studio: China Medical Mission for Children
Support for medical mission trips to provide healthcare and health education for children living in rural villages in southwest China

Catherine Hoelzer, MPH, PA-C: Dajo Literacy Training Project
Support for a project to improve literacy among men and women who have not been able to attend school due to the prolonged war in southern Sudan, increase their health seeking behavior, improve hygiene and sanitation in the community, and increase knowledge of HIV/AIDS transmission and prevention

2008

Health Leadership International and University of Washington Medex Northwest: Global Health Project for Lao People’s Democratic Republic
Support for basic health training provided by PA faculty volunteers for 100 medical assistants, the primary healthcare worker level in Lao and train-the-trainer modules to strengthen capacity in the public health system

Doctors for Global Health: Chiapas, Mexico
Training supplies and local travel expenses for health promoter training to increase access to health care services in impoverished rural communities in southern Mexico

2007

University of Wisconsin – Madison: Diabetes Screening, Prevention and Early Intervention in San Lucas, Guatemala
Medical supplies, educational materials, medications, and onsite living expenses for PA students and faculty participating in a service learning project in rural communities in Guatemala to enhance awareness of diabetes and provide testing, early intervention, and prevention education.