



SU Global Medical Brigades
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To Whom It May Concern:

This January 4th – 10th, I will have the unique opportunity of traveling to Honduras with a group of forty students and medical professionals with the Syracuse University's Global Medical Brigades program. We will spend a week traveling to underserved, rural areas around the city of Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, setting up temporary clinics where people can come and receive medical treatment free of charge. Many Universities around the nation also participate in the brigade. Between June 2006 and May 2007, University of Southern California's Global Medical Brigades ran four weeklong trips to Honduras, treating an incredible total of over 7,000 patients in rural, underserved villages. SU Global Medical Brigades will go to its first brigade this summer. Yet this is still barely scratching the surface of what we can do, and we are working hard to bring even more aid to those who need it most.



Honduras is one of the poorest countries in Latin America with 53% of the population living in poverty. Disease and malnutrition are the leading causes of death in children under 5 years old. The basic needs of education, health care, and clean water are luxuries for the majority of the people there, and in the rural communities where we will be working, they are even scarcer. We are entering an era where the community is global, and as global citizens, we must do our part to contribute what we can in helping those in need.

In order for this trip to be a success, I need your support. I am looking for sponsors to support my trip and mission to help others. The total trip cost is \$650 plus airfare, and I must fundraise what I can to support my trip. Extra donations will go directly towards necessary medicines and medical supplies needed to run the medical clinics each day. Please contact me at **(347) 543-8756**, if you have any questions or would like to discuss your donation further. Please make all donations out to "SU Global Medical Brigades" and send to me at **SU Global Medical Brigades, ATTN: William Lam, Sadler Hall Mailbox# 272, 1000 Irving Ave, Syracuse, NY 13210**. (Note: this mailing address will change at the fall semester. Please do not send any materials at the beginning of September 2009. Please check our website for the correct address at www.sugmb.weebly.com)

I truly appreciate your time and consideration. Your contribution will be a greatly valued gift to the people in Honduras.

Sincerely,

William Lam
SU Global Medical Brigades President

SU GMB Brigadier