



Annual Report 2024

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PazSalud

PeaceHealth's Medical Mission in El Salvador



About PazSalud

PazSalud was created in 2000 by PeaceHealth and Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace (CSJP) as a collaborative international program designed to share the gifts of both organizations with patients living in poverty in El Salvador.

PazSalud focuses on performing domestic medical missions, with international partners supporting local Salvadoran providers. Together they deliver healthcare to the country's underserved patients, in an effort to reduce the sizable gap in access that exists in El Salvador.

The driving force of our work is human justice and dignity through healthcare equality, which defines who we are as agents of change in domestic and global health. PeaceHealth and the CSJP, through the work of PazSalud, are dedicated to creating a better world by providing the quality care to the most vulnerable patients — both in the Pacific Northwest and beyond the U.S. borders.

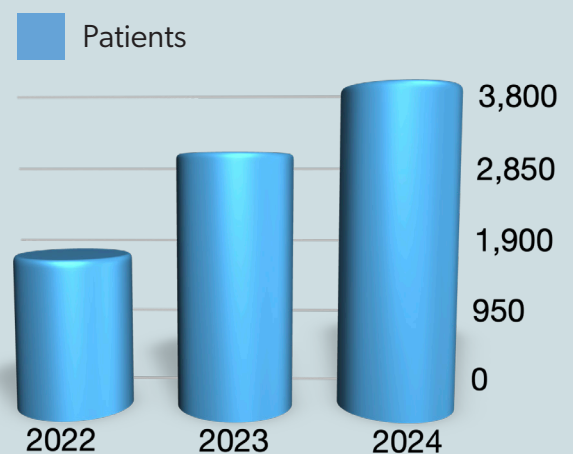
“The call to serve El Salvador’s most vulnerable individuals through PazSalud exemplifies the PeaceHealth and the CSJP mission to relieve pain and suffering and to treat each person in a loving and caring way. Since its inception in 2000, PazSalud has continued to expand its outreach, bringing care to over 4,100 Salvadorans in 2024 through its optometry and ophthalmology missions. By focusing on local resources augmented with international funding and donations, PazSalud is making the biggest impact for the most vulnerable patients in El Salvador helping ensure the mission lives on.” — Erica Torres, System Vice President of Mission Integration



Optometry missions are a central focus of work in El Salvador. We collaborate with domestic and international partners like the U.S. Lions Clubs to serve thousands of economically vulnerable seniors every year by providing them with eye exams, glasses and cataract detection; services inaccessible for our patients.

Optometry Missions

- 3,773** Patients
- 3,385** Glasses prescribed
- 812** Cataract referrals for surgery
- 492** Bottles of lubricant prescribed
- 499** Total optometry team size
- 8,154** Total optometrist hours donated
- 14** Mission sites





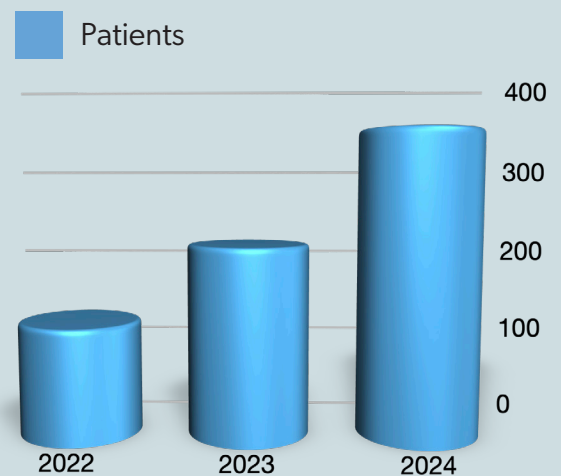
PazSalud's other main program is delivering high-quality charitable cataract missions to hundreds of economically marginalized patients unable to access this life-altering surgery in El Salvador. By building robust international coalitions of donors and providers from SEE International, Alcon, and Rosales Hospital in El Salvador, PazSalud conducts three, week-long missions annually to bring the gift of sight to patients who would otherwise not have access to surgery.

Cataract Missions

345 Patients

264 Total ophthalmologist hours donated

\$400,949 Donations from SEE International, Alcon, and PazSalud for 2024 surgery missions





Donations

PazSalud has many generous donors who give selflessly to support the work we do in El Salvador, and these donations enable PazSalud to have a much bigger impact than otherwise possible. We use donation dollars to help extend the reach of our core programs, and make the care we provide that much better. In addition, PazSalud proudly uses donations to provide scholarships to young Salvadorans aspiring to medical careers and support local organizations and families striving to succeed.

To make a donation to PazSalud go to: peacehealth.org/pazsalud/donate

