



Wisconsin Medical Project

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Hello Friends of Wisconsin Medical Project,

At Wisconsin Medical Project (WMP), our mission remains clear and steadfast: to bring essential medical supplies and equipment to hospitals and clinics where they are needed most. Every week, our volunteers sort, refurbish, and prepare high-quality materials that would otherwise be discarded, ensuring they instead serve patients and healthcare providers locally and around the world. We maintain strong partnerships with international organizations and local community groups so that the items we collect reach the right hands and have the greatest possible impact. This ongoing work is possible only because of our dedicated all-volunteer team—and because of you, our community of supporters.

Over the past year, this mission has been as vibrant and active as ever. We received medical supplies from individual donors and healthcare facilities around Wisconsin, sent six containers of supplies and equipment overseas, distributed numerous loads of supplies to local partners, and brought back our beloved summer Warehouse Party. These milestones reflect both the steady rhythm of our work and the extraordinary generosity of our community.

As we look back on the year, we're excited to share with you the stories of impact that your contributions made possible in 2025.

WMP's Work in 2025: Local and International

Our local and international partners connect WMP's collected supplies with individuals who need them. Through these partnerships, WMP realized the following impact in 2025:

- **Local:**
 - WMP continued to provide supplies and equipment locally to River Food Pantry, WayForward, The Beacon, and Madison Street Medicine, including rollator walkers and other mobility devices, adult incontinence supplies, gloves, wound care supplies, and more.
 - WMP is contacted through our website (www.wismedproject.org) on a *daily basis* by individuals in the community seeking to donate medical supplies and equipment that would otherwise end up in a landfill.
- **International:**
 - In 2025, full shipping containers have been sent to partners in **The Gambia, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, and Cuba**.
 - Two additional containers are scheduled to be sent yet this year to **Ghana and Senegal**.
 - Each container uses 24 pallets, 16 Gaylord boxes, approximately 400 smaller cardboard boxes, two 4'x8' OSB sheets, many rolls of tape, yards of plastic wrap, and a lot of Sharpie markers. In total, approximately 150 pallets, 100 Gaylords, 75 dozen donuts, and countless hours of effort go into sorting, organizing, and loading the containers WMP has shipped in 2025.



Photos from WMP board member Yacouba Traore's trip to Ivory Coast where he met with community leaders and clinicians, and saw the arrival of supplies from a WMP container shipment

A Message from Board Member Yacouba Traore

At the Wisconsin Medical Project, our mission is to bridge a critical gap: we provide life-saving medical equipment to hospitals and clinics in developing nations where resources are desperately scarce.

Yet, while our containers travel thousands of miles, our impact is also deeply felt right here at home. We've supported free clinics across Dane County and equipped local organizations serving our most vulnerable neighbors. WMP's operations are both globally significant and locally grounded.

And every single item that passes through WMP's warehouse doors represents a story. I want to share two of those stories with you—stories made possible by your support.

The first is about a young woman we met in Mauritania. For years, she watched the world from a single room, dragged across the dirt floor because she had no wheelchair. Last month, because of a chair that came from a hospital right here in Madison, she felt the sun on her face for the first time in a decade. She told us she was no longer a prisoner. She was a person again.

The second story is of an elder in a village in Ivory Coast. After a stroke, he was fully dependent on his family for the most private of needs. He spoke of his deep shame. WMP was able to provide a simple commode. It's a piece of equipment we might not think twice about, but to him, it restored his autonomy and dignity.

These are the transformations you fuel. This is the real human impact of what we do.

Raising Awareness

One of the WMP Board's major initiatives in 2025 has been to expand awareness of our mission and activities. We are pleased to share that these efforts have been highly successful. Outreach in the past year has included the following:

- In April, WMP participated in an Earth Day recycling event, sponsored by DANenet, at Alliant Center. Donations were collected and WMP shared in the benefits of DANenet's broad advertising campaign.
- WMP President Bernie Micke, board member Scott Mead, and Bob Skloot represented WMP at Africa Fest at McPike Park in August. It was a stormy day, but the WMP team had a great time nonetheless sharing with festival-goers information about WMP's work with its partners in Africa.
- Board member Yacouba Traore traveled to Ivory Coast and attended a ceremony with local dignitaries who thanked WMP for the container of supplies and equipment. *See photos!*
- Board members Scott Mead and Ann Behrmann presented to medical students at UW School of Medicine and Public Health. The students were from the Global Health Interest Group (GHIG) and Medical Students for a Sustainable Future (MS4SF). Scott and Ann co-presented with Karin Zuegge, the UW Health Medical Director of Sustainability. Scott and Ann described the history and operations of WMP as well the role the organization plays in the healthcare supply stream, while Dr. Zuegge described the role that institutions like UW Health play in reducing waste in healthcare.

Warehouse Party Recap

After a multi-year hiatus, the WMP Warehouse Party returned on Saturday evening, September 13. It was wonderful to gather with old friends at Demetral Park, enjoy live music by the Armacanqui Quartet, and share delicious Ivorian food catered by Les Délices de Awa.

Dozens of WMP supporters attended the event, which was emceed by board member Scott Diaczun. Longtime WMP partners and friends – including Yacouba Traore, John Brewah, and Pape Samb – presented stories of our shared work. WKOW-TV came out too, and a great segment on the event and WMP's work aired on that night's news!



Photos from the 2025 WMP Warehouse Party at Demetral Park

End-of-Year Gifts

Wisconsin Medical Project simply could not do its work without your support, and we are so grateful for each and every one of you. All of the work detailed in this newsletter—and much more—is made possible through your generosity.

Will you continue your support of WMP with an end-of-year gift?

Donate online at www.wismedproject.org/donate or scan this QR code.

Donate by mail: Wisconsin Medical Project, 26 N. Prospect Ave., Madison, WI 53726



With appreciation,

Bernie

Dr. Bernie Micke and the Wisconsin Medical Project Board