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Dear Friends,

Two short years ago Midwife Pilgrim, Inc. was created when a group of midwives came together to find easier ways in which they could share their skills and passions with those in need of their services. Little did we know then the impact we would have. Since that time we have served communities in Nepal, Kenya, Haiti, Greece, Turkey and Lebanon. We have touched the lives of 1000s of families and have supported dozens of midwives as they selflessly left the comforts of their own homes, families, and practices to serve those in greater need.

Without a doubt, 2016 was a year of many surprises - some pleasant, some shocking. 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: a photo essay by Danielle Villasana in *The Lancet* and an article by Felicity Simpson Morfey in *News Deeply: Womens and Girls Hub*. Links to these articles can be found on our website: www.midwifepilgrim.org/follow.html. Our memberships in the Intra Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crises (IAWG) and Maternal Health Supplies/Reproductive Health Supplies Caucus has kept us updated on policy and has given us a voice to a larger audience regarding these issues. 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. Then I realized, I AM Somebody.”

Let’s all remember, we are somebody!

Sincerely,

Laureli Denique Morrow, MSN CNM

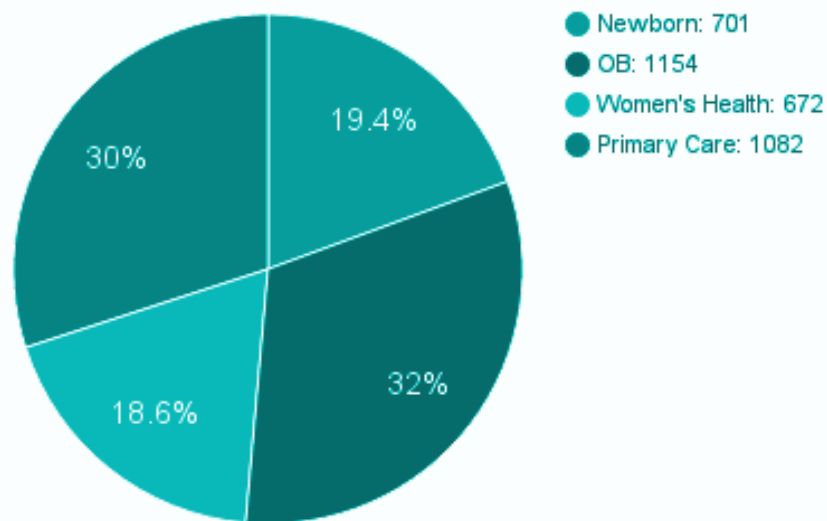
Founder and Executive Director, Midwife Pilgrim, Inc.

Midwife Pilgrim, Inc. 2016 Annual Report

Our Work

In 2016 we supported 18 midwives during 22 assignments. Our volunteers cared for over 3500 people in four countries: Greece, Turkey, Lebanon and Haiti.

Care Provided



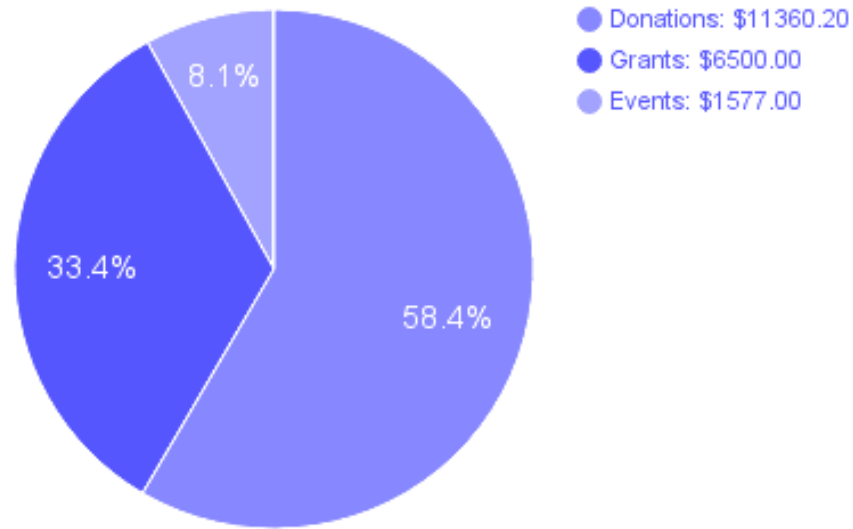
In addition to clinical services, Midwife Pilgrim volunteers:

- provided education and support to 544 families on health care topics
- provided winter clothing for families in Greek refugee camps
- set up lab facilities for refugees in Western Turkey
- completed a refugee camp sanitation project in Chios, Greece
- expanded a water filtration project in Western Turkey helping over 5000 families
- created safe infant feeding guidelines and training for health workers
- provided cholera education and training in Haiti
- offered midwife mentorship in Haiti
- welcomed 35 arriving refugee boats in Greek Islands

Income

Midwife Pilgrim raised \$19438.20 in 2016. This reflects donations and grants made directly to Midwife Pilgrim, Inc. for our programming. This does not include the amount that individual midwives raised for their personal assignments, ensuring reproductive health care is a focus in areas of need, as well as independent projects that many of our midwives undertook.

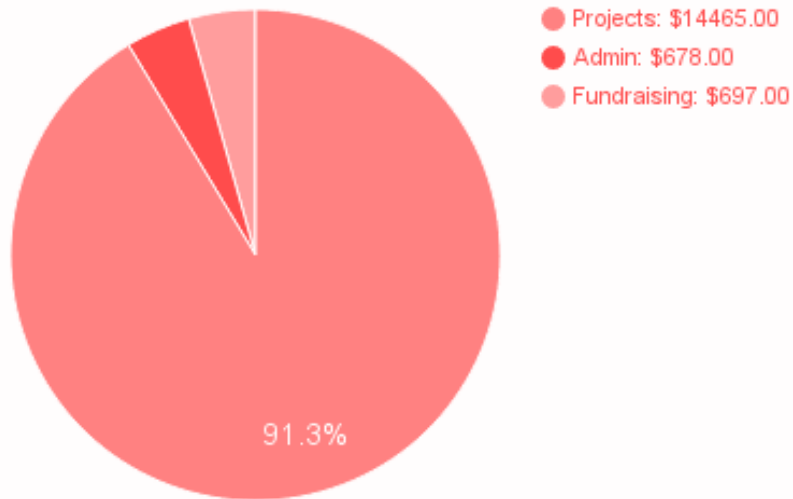
2016 Income



The majority of our donations came from individual donors like you. In this time of great turmoil, we often feel overwhelmed and paralyzed by the suffering and division we see all around us. But as Joan Baez said, "Action is the antidote to despair." You showed up and took action and together we made a difference.

Expenses

2016 Expenses



Projects costs include:

- Purchase of medications, supplies and equipment that was necessary for our work
- Transportation ensuring midwives were able to reach the most vulnerable women and families,
- Shipping - however we encouraged purchasing most medications and supplies locally when it was available to maintain a good relationship with our host countries and to help the local economies
- General support when needed

Administrative costs include:

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

Fundraising costs include:

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