

Dear CFHI Family,



Now in our 16th year, the work of Child Family Health International (CFHI) could not be more important or timely. Our world is getting smaller every day and, as energy and food prices remind us, something that happens half a world away today can easily influence our daily life tomorrow. Global health issues have always been of critical importance, but now we are even more aware of how quickly and lastingly these issues can affect each and every one of us, irrespective of the passport we hold. The answer to a smaller world is a better connected world, a world where different cultures are understood and respected,

and where solutions to problems become the intersecting point for sharing knowledge, experience, dedication, and commitment.

In this annual report, you will see the impact of people from different corners of the world coming together to share and learn from each other. Within the underserved communities where CFHI has forged so many close, long-term relationships, this impact takes the form of real, direct improvements to healthcare. And thanks to the passion and expertise of the local medical professionals who live in these communities—those unsung heroes, our partners—we know that this impact is felt enormously in the minds and hearts of the CFHI students who travel to shadow them. For these students, who come from many countries around the world, there is a new vision, a broader perspective—a change—that makes a difference not only in what they do today, but in what they do and who they become tomorrow.

Reading between the lines here, you will see many seeds being planted as well as the results of ones that have taken root and thrived. CFHI will soon have more than 5,000 alumni of our Global Health Education Programs, with a surprising number of these young professionals distinguishing themselves as leaders. This makes us very proud of them and also of our international partners, who create these profound and often life-changing experiences.

Who knows what the global health challenges of tomorrow will be, but with your support of the growing CFHI family—along with others who share our vision—we believe the dedication, experience, and mentality to meet these challenges will be there.

Warm Regards,

Steven E. Schmidbauer