

Newsletter 2015 - Update

Dear Friends of SAMA,

Welcome to another edition of the SAMA Newsletter. We would like to give you an update on SAMA's activities and financials so far in 2015.

SAMA has established an education fund focused on providing seminars, courses to medical staff in Serbia, as well as providing internship opportunities for medical students from Serbia in the US with the aim of familiarizing them with the standards of health care in the US. We are looking for very specific projects to work on.

In 2015, S.A.M.A. completed the delivery of an ultrasound system for the Health Center in Požega, a project that we started in 2014. We also delivered an ultrasound system to the Health Center in Vrbas, and an ECG system to the Health Center in Ivanjica.

Contrary to the needs and appalling conditions in medical institutions throughout Serbia, SAMA was running out of projects. We were lacking the input from local people in Serbia to help us identify specific needs.

In order to gain insight into possible future projects, we traveled to Serbia in September 2015. The goal was to visit a number of Health Centers and Hospitals, specifically outside of the main centers of Belgrade and Novi Sad. A more detailed account of their findings is available in their trip to Serbiareport. We feel that this trip has given us a better insight into the needs in Serbia's medical centers, and helped us identify new projects for 2015 and 2016. As always, we are counting on your continued generous support to be able to carry out these projects!

As far as our fundraisers are concerned, we had another successful traditional SAMA Walk earlier than usual this year, in April 2015. Despite the cloudy weather, we were able to collect over \$4000 that was used for the purchase of the ultrasound system in Vrbas. We are planning to have our walk a little later in 2016, hoping for better weather and a bigger turnout. We are also planning to have tennis tournament either in the spring or fall.

Details of SAMA's finances are available in our Financial Report. So far this year, SAMA has collected over \$17,000 in donations, with \$6,000 dedicated to the SAMA Education Fund. Due to the fact that we had not clearly identified our future projects, our fundraising efforts were less aggressive than originally planned. Our trip to Serbia, however, has helped us identify several projects that we would like to embark on.

Our conviction remains that there are a lot of honest and good doctors and medical staff in Serbia, wishing to truly serve their medical profession and help their patients. They deserve our help and support!

Without your support, none of SAMA's work or projects would be possible. We hope you will think of SAMA and all the people whose lives are being touched by your generosity during the coming Holiday Season. We ask that you support us in this worthy cause with your valuable contributions. As always, we are fully committed to being completely transparent with all of our projects and finances. We remain committed to our goal of helping as many people as possible.

Thank you!

Please do not hesitate to contact us at board@serbianama.org with any questions.

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