



# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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# PazSalud

PeaceHealth's Medical Mission in El Salvador



**PazSalud (PeaceHealth in Spanish) was created in 2000 to share the gifts of the PeaceHealth health system with patients living in poverty in El Salvador.**

**In 2021,** PeaceHealth and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace re-envisioned PazSalud's mission model to adapt to a changing world. PazSalud's current model focuses on domestic medical missions composed of international partners supporting local Salvadoran providers in delivering healthcare to the country's many underserved patients.

Our work, at its very core, embodies the PeaceHealth charism of peace through justice - defining who we are as agents of change in domestic and global health. PeaceHealth, through PazSalud, continues to honor its commitment of striving for healthcare equity and providing the best care to the most vulnerable patients - both in the Pacific Northwest and beyond the borders of the United States.

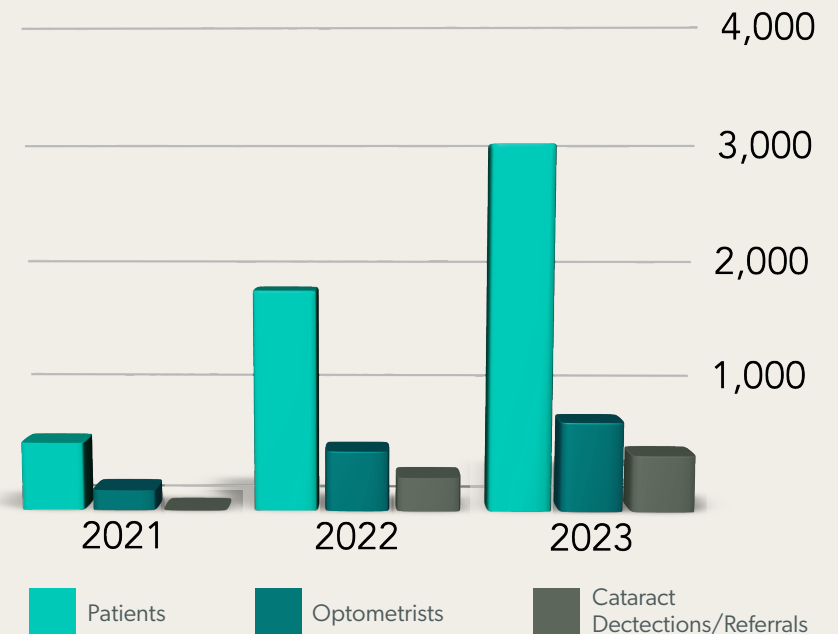
This 2023 annual report highlights a year of PazSalud's results and successes in its mission efforts in El Salvador.

PazSalud focuses on providing optometry missions to El Salvador's most vulnerable seniors in an effort to address this neglected national healthcare disparity. Partnering with U.S. Lions Clubs to procure glasses and with the Salvadoran University of Dr. Andrés Bello to provide the optometrist teams, PazSalud is able to serve thousands of patients a year by providing them with eye exams, glasses and cataract detection and referral for surgery.



## Optometry

- 3,004 Patients
- 2,154 Glasses prescribed
- 280 Cataract referrals for surgery
- 1,453 Bottles of lubricant prescribed
- 499 Total optometry team size
- 6,687 Total optometrist hours donated
- 14 Mission Sites



Through strong international and domestic partnerships, PazSalud builds coalitions of industry and medical professionals to perform charitable cataract surgeries on the most economically marginalized patients of El Salvador.

SEE International (a nonprofit humanitarian organization that provides vision services) and Alcon (a medical company specializing in eye care products) provide the surgical supplies, Rosales Hospital provides the medical teams and the mission site, and PazSalud coordinates the overall mission effort to deliver life-altering cataract surgery to hundreds of Salvadoran patients living in poverty.

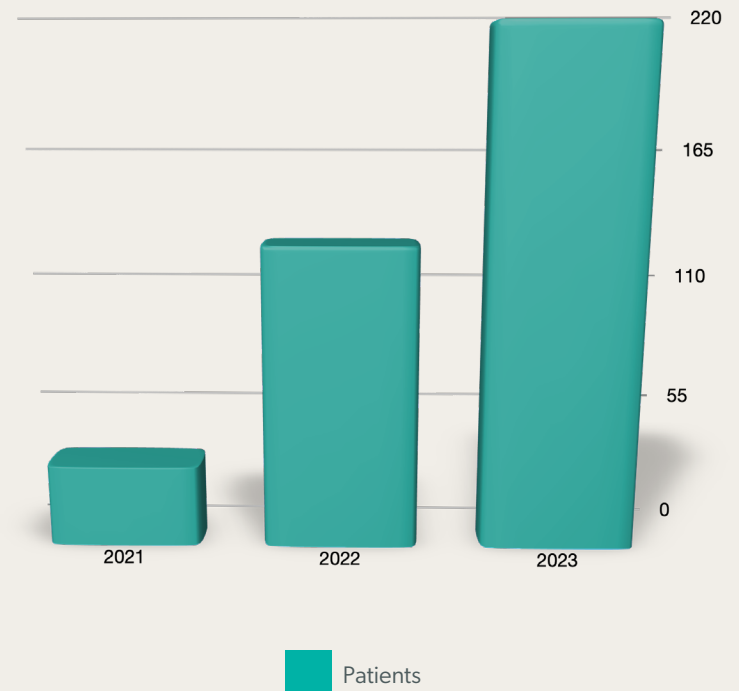


## Ophthalmology

217 Patients

6,687 Total ophthalmologist hours donated

\$187k Amount of donations from SEE International, Alcon, and PazSalud provided to Rosales Hospitals for the 2023 surgery missions



PazSalud focuses its efforts in El Salvador primarily in the areas of greatest need where it can make the biggest impact on the lives of the largest number of patients: optometry and ophthalmology missions. However, having a 23-year in-country presence enables us to identify and support programs, projects, and persons in need of assistance on their journeys to improving health care access in El Salvador.

Donations to PazSalud enable us to have a much bigger impact than otherwise possible. With donation dollars, we can purchase eye drops for our optometry patients, purchase additional surgical supplies and medications enabling us to see many more patients, provide scholarships to young Salvadorans aspiring to medical careers, and support local organizations and families striving to succeed.



## Donations

**\$17,107** Total spent on charitable projects/causes

