

Dear Friends,

We can all agree that 2020 was a year unlike any we have lived in generations. Aside from the COVID-19 pandemic, so many challenging and strange things happened all across the globe, including the US and Guatemala. Yet somehow most of us survived unscathed but forever changed.

When we look back at 2020, we hope to see that the decisions we made were appropriate given the circumstances, and aligned with our values and the information we had back then. What we can already conclude is that **together**, all of us – staff, patients, donors, community partners, and Board – built our **resilience**. Guatemala, our work, and our way of life have been transformed, but we are stronger because of it.

Thanks to the unwavering support of individuals like you, WINGS' staff's quick decision-making and strong internal processes, and the steadfast leadership of our Board, we are situated in a fortunate position and looking forward to 2021 and beyond. Because of this, we are grateful and ever more committed to the nearly 25,000 individuals we reach every year with sexual and reproductive health services and education. We know that, with your support, we will continue to be in a position from which we can provide these critical essential services to our patients at the community level. We must also continue to do our best at being agile, determined, and steadfast in our emphasis on high-quality, rights-based, patient-centered care as communities begin standing back up from the blow that COVID dealt us. Every day we make progress, and our vision for the future remains unchanged: to have a national presence through mobile units by 2025.

Guatemala and the US are both living in a traumatized state, but we must be optimistic that 2020 was a new beginning towards a better and **brighter future** for all, especially for the most vulnerable populations.

This new year marks our **20th anniversary**, and we invite you to celebrate with us. Because **together** we are **stronger**.

With many thanks for your solidarity and support,



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Theresa Wiemerskirch
President of the Board of Directors



Rodrigo Barillas Executive Director

# **ABOUT WINGS**

Founded in 2001, WINGS provides quality reproductive health education and services to underserved, primarily rural Guatemalan youth, women and men. We take a holistic approach to reproductive health that recognizes the diverse barriers to exercising rights at the local level and engages community members, including indigenous women and girls, to secure reproductive rights and bring their voices to the forefront of the decision-making process. Working in predominantly rural, indigenous, and low-income departments in Guatemala, we provide education and services through a network of Youth Leaders, volunteer health promoters, mobile units, and stationary clinics.

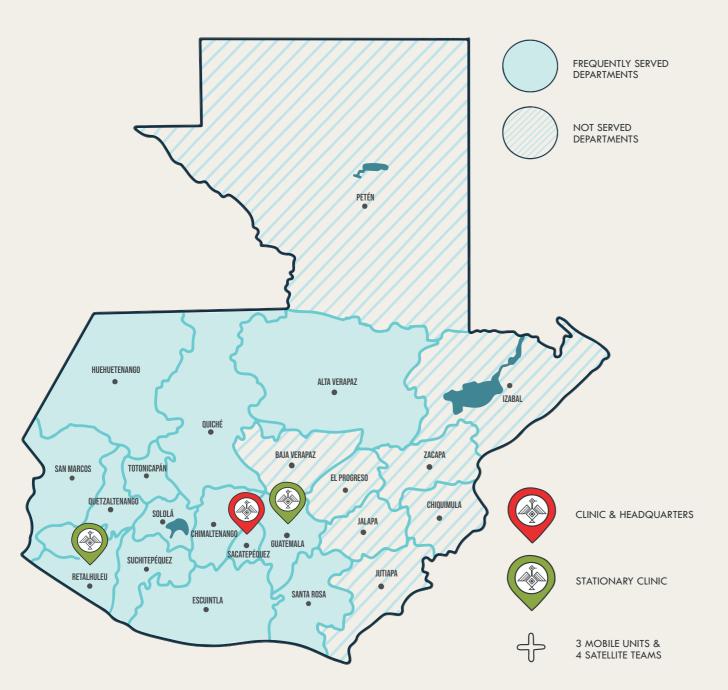
#### **OUR MISSION**

WINGS provides quality reproductive health education and services to underserved, primarily rural Guatemalan youth, women, and men.

### **OUR VISION**

WINGS envisions a future where all Guatemalans thrive and are able to fully exercise their sexual and reproductive rights.

# **OUR 2021 COVERAGE**







## VOLUNTARY SURGICAL CONTRACEPTION

## LONG-ACTING REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTION









540

#### **TUBAL LIGATIONS**

Beginning March 16, we were unable to provide tubal ligations. Fortunately, in December 2020 the Guatemalan Health Ministry authorized resumption of tubal ligations sooner than expected.

332

#### **VASECTOMIES**

Due to COVID-19, no vasectomy services were provided from March 16 through June 11.

699

#### IUDs

From March 16 through June 11, we were unable to provide IUDs due to COVID restrictions. 2,354

### SUBDERMAL HORMONAL IMPLANTS

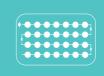
We could not provide subdermal hormonal implants from March 16 to June 11 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

5,380

**OUARTERLY INJECTIONS** 

1,890

MONTHLY INJECTIONS



1,660

BIRTH CONTROL PILL PACKS



25,458

CONDOMS

Even though clinical services were suspended because of the COVID-19 pandemic from March 16 to June 11, our short-acting reversible contraceptive methods were provided through our Volunteer Promotor Network. Condoms were also distributed through our Youth Peer Education Program Leaders.

#### SHORT-ACTING REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTION

2020 COVID-19 RESPONSE

In the best of times, Guatemala is one of the most disadvantaged countries in Central America in terms of access to contraception, maternal deaths, and adolescent birth rates. And we are most certainly not living in the best of times. The COVID-19 pandemic has had obvious consequences around the globe regarding of overall health, economic stability, and equity. The effects of strict quarantine orders in Guatemala and restricted intravillage movement had disastrous impacts on families who were already struggling to survive.

WINGS suspended all clinical services from March 16 through June 11. During that time, our administrative staff and youth program staff continued working from home, setting up home offices, virtual trainings, and relying on WhatsApp and Zoom more than ever. In June, we gradually re-opened our clinical services, starting with our clinic in Antigua, where we could have the most control to assure the highest level of contamination reduction and adherence to PPE use and protocols.

Despite the restrictions of the pandemic in 2020, WINGS ensured access to quality, affordable reproductive health services through a network of 30 Volunteer Health Promoters, 3 mobile medical units, 3 stationary clinics (Antigua, Retalhuleu, and Guatemala City Dump), and 4 regional satellite teams (Retalhuleu/Suchitepéquez, Santa Rosa, Chimaltenango, and Alta Verapaz), providing educational talks, private counseling, short and long-acting reversible contraception, cervical cancer screening/treatment, and permanent birth control procedures.



# 2020 TIMELINE

JANUARY 30

WHO declares COVID-19 a public health emergency

#### MARCH 15

Strict nationwide
lockdown begins; WINGS
suspends all clinical
services; all administrative
staff begin working from
home

#### APRIL-JUNE

WINGS keeps ALL staff on payroll; nursing team focuses on remote online learning, virtual check-ins, and skills-building

#### JUNE 18

Guatemala reports over 11,000 confirmed cases and 400 deaths from COVID-19

#### SEPTEMBER 14

All WINGS administrative staff working hybrid (remote+office)

#### NOVEMBER

Hurricanes Eta and lota cause severe damage to communities where WINGS works

#### MARCH 13

First case of COVID-19 diagnosed in Guatemala

#### APRIL 1

All Youth Peer Education Program activities moved to virtual platforms; Volunteer Promoter Network receives new inventory of short-acting methods delivered directly to their community to minimize their need to travel on public transportation

#### JUNE 11

WINGS reopens Antigua clinic with strict sanitation protocols in place

### **JULY 1-6**

WINGS opens
Guatemala City clinic;
Vasectomy services
resume; Mobile Unit
services begin in select
regions – all continuing
strict protocols

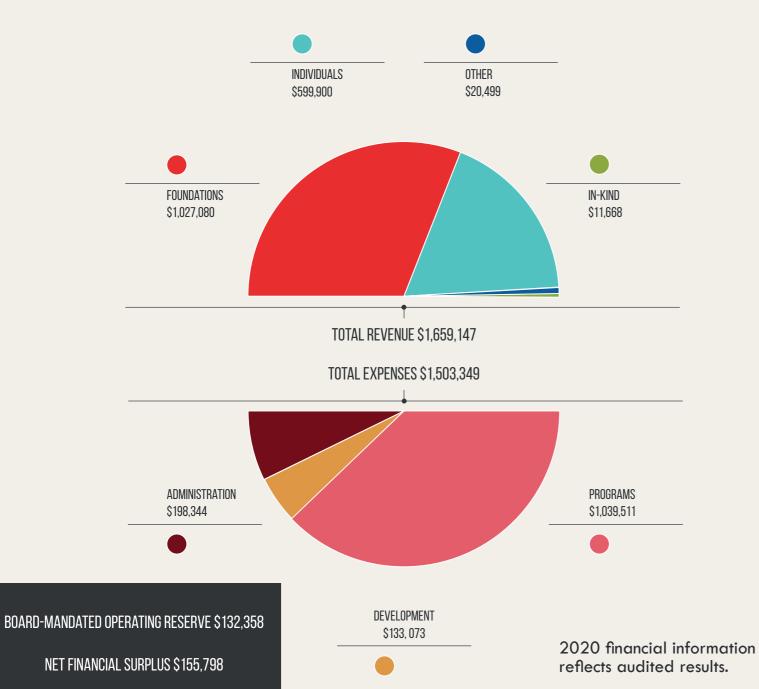
#### OCTOBER 1

Government ends 'state of calamity' be

### **DECEMBER 3**

Tubal ligation clinics begin in select regions

## 2020 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



\* Guatemala-mandated Severance Reserve. By law, Guatemalan-based institutions must accumulate the equivalent of one month's salary per employee per year of work. Current total reflects 85% of such obligations.

\*\* In December 2020, the Board of Directors approved the purchase of the office space WINGS had been renting since 2009 in Antigua. Under very favorable conditions, this decision solidified our financial position, as well as our presence in Antigua. This property houses both our administrative headquarters, as well as our flagship stationary clinic named after our Founder, Sue Patterson.

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2019	2020
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS	\$837,613	\$1,084,105
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	\$94,406	\$546,429
TOTAL ASSETS	\$932,019	\$1,630,534
	2019	2020
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$19,218	\$43,855
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES*	\$89,270	\$127,302
PROPERTY MORTGAGE**	\$0	\$300,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$108,488	\$471,157
	2019	2020
NET ASSETS		
WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	\$241,514	\$291,308
WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS	\$582,017	\$868,068
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$823,531	\$1,159,376
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$932,019 \$1,630,534

# 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



































### **THANK YOU**

To the 560 individuals and foundations around the world who made generous financial contributions to support our work;

To the 34 WINGS Sustainers that chose to give monthly;

To the 100 new supporters who joined our cause; and

To the many advocates, allies, and volunteers who believe in the power of reproductive rights to transform lives and make the effort to spread the word about WINGS.

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