



## **2020 IMPACT REPORT** CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF EMPOWERMENT THROUGH MOBILITY

Due to high costs and a lack of awareness, availability, trained personnel, policy, and financing,

9 out of 10 people in need do not have access to assistive technology.

- World Health Organization 2018 'Assistive Technology'

#### To our loyal supporters,

The verb "to break" in Spanish, is "romper." Fifteen years ago, when we came up with the name "Range of Motion Project" and the acronym "ROMP," we didn't realize how fitting this would be. ROMP has been *breaking* barriers, *breaking* limitations, and *breaking* the mold for what is possible for people living with amputation ever since.

It's been fifteen amazing years of serving our patients with high quality prosthetic care and growing from a small, prosthetic organization to a global mobility brand. We have raised the standards for the industry beyond delivering prosthetic devices, but also providing mobile clinic services, community based rehabilitation, and cutting edge technologies to the most marginalized people with amputation.

In 2020, humanity as a whole experienced a decrease in mobility due to the pandemic. For many, the lockdowns shed light on the fact that our physical mobility directly affects our mental, emotional, and financial health. This is why ROMP fights so hard for our patients.

In March 2020, we temporarily closed our clinic doors to keep our staff and patients safe, but the need for prosthetic care did not go away. We reopened in April and have not suspended clinical care since. Our donors and partners stepped up in major ways enabling us to continue our mission. We were able to keep 100% of our global staff and adapt to meet the needs of our community during these challenging times.

The fight is not over. There are millions of people around the world without access to adequate prosthetic care. With your support, ROMP will continue to adapt, persevere, and grow to meet that need.

#### We believe in Mobility for All. Join us in this vision and together we can change the world.

Dave Krupa Co-founder and Executive Director



Dave Krupa Co-founder and Executive Director Lauren Panasewicz Director of Development **Jonathan Naber** Chief Program Officer

#### Adapting During a Global Pandemic

ROMP has always prioritized the health and mobility of all human beings. When COVID hit in March of 2020, we sourced PPE for our staff, we adjusted to tele-health visits where appropriate, and we even started delivering mobile prosthetic care all while keeping our global staff fully employed. Prosthetic care is an essential service and our mission has continued despite the devastating impacts of the pandemic.



#### **CBR** Telehealth

Our Community Based Rehabilitation Program is even more relevant for our patients during a pandemic. In April 2020, we quickly switched to telehealth visits and supplied our CBR patients and their families with soap and PPE to keep them healthy.



#### Mask Campaign

In April 2020, we organized ROMP patients and volunteers to make and distribute over 2,000 masks to our staff, nurses, patients, families, and neighbors to minimize community transmission of COVID19.



#### Mobile Clinic

Local restrictions were a barrier for our patients to travel in Quito to our clinic. Dave turned his personal vehicle into the "ROMP mobile" and started driving to patients' homes. This model will continue as needed!



#### **Clinic Visits**

Once the clinic reopened, we adapted by serving one patient at a time with full PPE for staff.

#### **ROMP MODEL**

#### **Quality Clinical Care**

- Full-time clinical operations in Zacapa, Guatemala and Quito, Ecuador.
- Develop and distribute high-quality technologies at low cost.
- US patient care via partner clinics in 21 states.
- Apply evidence-based standards that offer the best outcomes.

#### Local Investment

- Train and employ local practitioners to provide services.
- Strengthen local health systems through strategic partnerships.
- Stimulate development through buying and hiring locally.

#### Research

- Performed nationwide mobility study to determine patient needs in Ecuador.
- Expanded evidence on Community Based Rehabilitation (2020).
- Measuring access to assistive technology using the WHO rapid Assistive Technology Assessment (rATA) in Guatemala.

#### Technology

- Track donated components using a QR Code System to directly connect our component donors with the patients they help.
- Increase provision of microprocessor knees, running foot technology, and high-impact prostheses.

#### Advocacy

- Raise public awareness of the global lack of prosthetic care.
- Enable those with disabilities to redefine their human potential.
- Connect people of all backgrounds around a common cause.



#### **ROMP VISION**

#### Prosthetic limbs are not simply medical devices, but instruments of personal empowerment.

**Empower** ROMP empowers our patients to invest in their future by making a small donation to our clinic for the services they receive. This keeps our programs sustainable, while ensuring each patient commits to their own healthcare.

**Equip** ROMP believes in appropriate technology regardless of income level. ROMP believes that everyone deserves access to the technology they need to live their best life, regardless of socioeconomic status.

**Equality** ROMP gives our patients a voice and treats everyone equally. In a world where the marginalized, disabled demographics are overlooked, pushed aside, and silenced, ROMP ensures all patients receive equal treatment and care. Everyone deserves the right to their own mobility.



#### 15 Years of Impact (2005-2020)

We are proud of the impact ROMP has had on our community and we look forward to continuing to grow to serve more people in need.



**\$4,062,389** RAISED SINCE 2005



3,940 DEVICES DELIVERED



**\$1,031** (AVERAGE COST OF DEVICE OVER 15 YEARS)

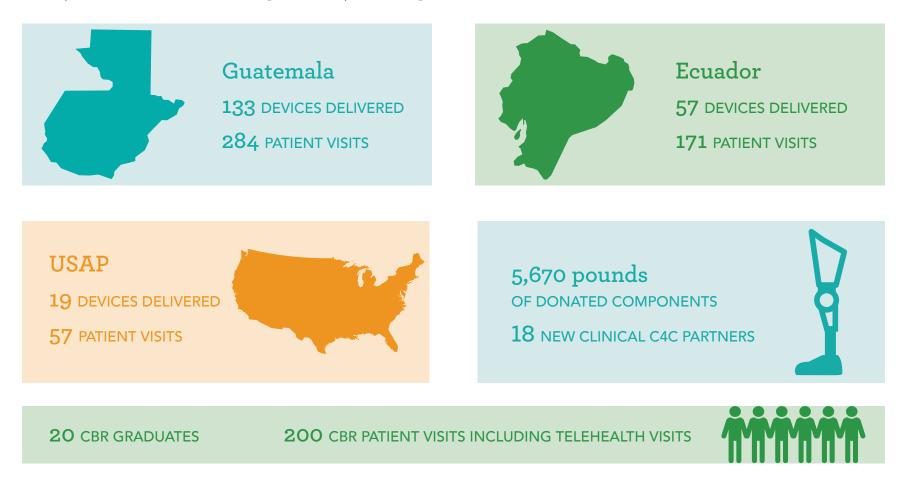




47 CBR GRADUATES

#### 2020 Impact in Numbers

Like many nonprofits, COVID19 had a significant effect on our ability to deliver care to our patients, which is reflected in our impact numbers for the year. Due to the pandemic, we saw a 44% decrease in devices delivered and a 60% decrease in patient visits. Despite the downturn in patient care, ROMP was able to adapt quickly to continue to meet our patients' needs and grow in other areas. Thanks to our incredible community and team, ROMP adapted and remained resilient in the face of this global pandemic, and is positioned better than ever to grow our impact moving forward.



#### GUATEMALA UPDATE

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ROMP Guatemala Team





#### **Clinic Highlights**

- Provided a considerable amount of prosthetic care by implementing a biosecurity protocol, reducing time from casting to delivery, and marketing services via social media in response to the decrease in traffic from the pandemic and two tropical depressions.
- Began offering microprocessor knees and running feet to high-activity level patients seeking better physical function.
- Won a proposal with the World Health Organization to conduct a Rapid Assistive Technology Assessment in the province of Sololá, in partnership with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the Liliane Foundation.
- Created a partnership with Fundación Guatemalteca para Niños con Sordoceguera Alex to establish a satellite clinic in Guatemala City in order to reduce geographic barriers to accessing prosthetic care.

#### Funders/Sponsors Highlight

- Thanks to Natalia Rosales (World Pediatric Project) and Stephen Herrick (For All Kids Foundation) for their commitment to ROMP's pediatric patients! These two amazing organizations sponsored 4 of the 7 kids that were helped through ROMP's program, Un Pasito en tus Manos, in 2020 and they will help ROMP continue to update their care as they grow.
- In the aftermath of two back-to-back tropical depressions that hit Zacapa in the fall, local organizations came together to help ROMP replace the roof and redo the interior paint. Thank you to Ferromax for our new roof, and to Pindegua for the paint donation!



#### Patient Spotlight MANUEL

Manuel, a ROMP patient since 2017, lost his leg below the knee in a 2013 transit accident. He wasted no time getting moving. In his first year as a patient, he summited a volcano in a Climbing for ROMP event.

This year, ROMP Guatemala worked with prosthetist David Rotter to provide running feet to select patients with athletic aspirations. With his positive attitude and adventurous spirit, Manuel was the perfect first match! He works as a field supervisor in a sugar cane farm and has proven to be a great fit for this new program. We are excited to have provided him with this highquality running foot to enable him to continue achieving his mobility goals and inspiring those around him to get moving.

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#### ECUADOR UPDATE





#### **Clinic Highlights**

- Canceled all volunteer clinical programs (which was previously our only method for providing patient care in Ecuador) due to pandemic shutdown.
- Transformed the ROMP Ecuador model to begin providing care in collaboration with our network of prosthetists at the Fundación Hermano Miguel, Protéus, and Krupa O&P.
- Launched mobile clinical services in June to deliver prosthetic care directly to patients in their homes and communities.
- Partnered with Krupa O&P (a private prosthetics clinic in Quito) to resume weekly patient visits beginning in July.
- Developed a new ROMP model for care in Ecuador including a permanent ROMP prosthetic laboratory in Quito.
- Created a plan to double prosthetic care for Ecuador in 2021 to focus expansion on underserved rural provinces in the Ecuadorian coastal region and the Amazon.

#### Funders/Sponsors Highlight

- US State Department via the Public Affairs Section of the US Embassy in Ecuador awarded ROMP a grant to support Mobility and Economic Empowerment of Amputees in Ecuador.
- With the US State Department, ROMP launched a public awareness campaign in Ecuador called "Me Falta Una Tuerca" ("I've got a screw loose") designed to call attention to the importance of mobility and proper prosthetic care for the social integration of people living with amputation.



#### Patient Spotlight HEIDY

Heidy lost her leg in a traffic accident in 2017. She lives outside Quito, Ecuador with her parents and three siblings in a one-room house. The drive to her home is so steep we needed a 4-wheel drive vehicle to get there. Lack of transportation and poverty are why Heidy's prosthesis was 6" too short and no longer usable by the time ROMP's mobile care reached her. Using electricity from a neighboring building, Heidy's prosthesis was custom fit right outside her front door. She dreams of running, playing and having fun with her friends and cousins again.

#### USA UPDATE





#### **Program Highlights**

- The US Assistance Program (USAP) was slowed by the pandemic due to restrictions on business activities and reticence to attend appointments for prosthetic care.
- Submitted a proposal to the Clinton Health Access Initiative and ATscale to start the Global Component Equity Initiative.
- Created a coalition of nonprofit organizations in San Antonio, Texas, to pilot CBR with a group of five patients in 2021.

#### Partner Spotlight

Barr Amputee Assistance Fund (BAAF) - BAAF's mission is to advance education and improve community support for amputees around the world. The Barr Amputee Assistance Fund strives to improve their quality of life through access to proper prosthetic care and by encouraging improvements in the care system. BAAF has worked with ROMP for many years in the US and abroad.



#### Patient Spotlight JAHID

Jahid is 32 years old and lives in Alexandria, Virginia. He lost his right leg above the knee in early 2020 after being hit by a vehicle. Jahid contacted the ROMP US Assistance Program one month later, already dreaming of being able to walk again.

Jahid received prosthetic care from USAP practitioner Sean Wooldridge from Medical Center Orthotics and Prosthetics in nearby Washington, DC. In reflecting on his experiences Jahid told us, "Be thankful in every moment of your life and live it preciously, because you can not expect what life can bring you!"

Jahid has shown great strength amidst the uncertainties and challenges of life, and ROMP is thrilled to have played an important role in his rehabilitation.

#### C4C UPDATE





#### **Components for a Cause Highlights**

- Launched QR code system to track component donations including all liners, knees, and feet. The system generates an email notification with the recipient info to directly connect our C4C donors and partners clinics with the patients they help.
- Components for a Cause (C4C) Program accelerated by 48% in 2020. We received 5,678 pounds of components to our warehouse in Denver.
- Stocked Guatemala and Ecuador operations with components throughout the entire year.
- Partnered with the Limbs for Life Foundation, which includes referrals of patients to the USAP and the exchange of components between our organizations.

#### Partner Spotlight

Ability Prosthetics and Orthotics provides a comprehensive prosthetics approach offering the physical and emotional support their patients need. ROMP's partnership with Ability is based deeply on our mutual goals of providing high-quality care and helping others.

"Ability strives to keep patients at the center of everything we do, which is what led us to partner with ROMP. We are perpetually collecting spare limbs and parts donated from all over the country. We host 'Limb Disassembly Days', in which we partner with volunteers and local organizations to dismantle and sort components before shipping them to ROMP. Not only have our patients been able to donate to ROMP, but ROMP has donated back to a few Ability patients who had fallen on hard times, allowing them to receive a prosthesis. It is a win-win relationship that enables us to rally our patients, our staff, and our communities to help those who are less fortunate receive a prosthesis."

> Eric Shoemaker, MS, CPO – Executive Director of Clinical Operations , Ability Prosthetics & Orthotics



#### Patient Spotlight NICOL

Ben Maenza donated two computerized knees that he was no longer using through ROMP Ambassador, Becca Cook. ROMP found the perfect candidate for these high tech knees: a dancer and double amputee, Nicol! Nicol has been fit with two sockets and training on stubbies for a few months to increase her balance and strength. She will walk for the first time on Ben's knees in 2021!

#### **Community Based Rehabilitation Highlights**

- Kept the ROMP CBR Program on-schedule in expanding access to more vulnerable people with amputation in Guatemala, in spite of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- Trained two additional community rehabilitation workers (CRWs) from partner organization Wuqu'Kawoq enabling us to expand services to people with amputation in the Chimaltenango province.
- Continued to provide services in the Guatemala and Sacatepéquez provinces.
- Switched to a teleCBR protocol, for all but our most critical patient visits, which proved highly effective in lieu of in-person visits.
- Partnered with TELUS International to provide additional peer mentoring to participants via video calls.
- Graduated 20 participants from three provinces in the second year of this project.

#### Partner Spotlight

**Pro Victimis Foundation** - A Swiss organization whose mission is to help victims of natural or man-made disasters, contributing to the safeguard of human dignity and the protection of vulnerable people. Pro Victimis Foundation is working with ROMP through a multi-year grant that funds the expansion and constant improvement of the Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program in Guatemala.



#### **CBR UPDATE**

#### Patient Spotlight ARMANDO

Armando is 33 years old and lives in the town of Patzicilla in the Province of Chimaltenango. When he was nine years old, his leg was badly damaged when he was run-over by a bus. As his bones grew with age, Armando underwent a total of nine surgeries, culminating in an above the knee amputation in 2019. Like Armando, many patients with limb damage, whether traumatic or vascular in nature, often undergo numerous operations in an attempt to salvage the affected limb.

The emotional impact of an amputation can be difficult. It was hard for Armando to accept the loss of his leg. He was saddened to see others walking knowing he was unable to do so himself. The First Lady's Social Works Program in the Province of Chimaltenango referred him to Community Rehabilitation Worker (CRW), Merida. Due to COVID-19, all of his home visits were conducted via video call by his designated CRW, Caty.

During his five months in the program, Armando received emotional support from Caty and Telus volunteer, Melanie, as well as mental health services from a psychiatrist. He learned how to deal with his own situation as well as his wife's poor health, which had been a great source of stress in his life. He also developed his self-esteem, which enabled him to start a second job in a bamboo business, bringing him a new source of income.

After completing his pre-prosthetic therapy, Armando traveled to Zacapa to receive prosthetic care, and begin his post-prosthetic therapy. His progress is reflected in his ability to ride a bicycle to his new job using his prosthesis. Armando also started a small agricultural project on a plot of land that he is renting, producing fruits and vegetables to sell as an additional source of income. He is now living a happier, more productive life because of the improvements to his mobility made possible by the CBR Program. Learn more about Armando's journey in the informational video "How we Mobilize Patients in their Communities," available at: https://vimeo.com/493882706.





#### MOBILITY EVENTS

#### **Mobility May**

Mobility May is ROMP's month-long mobility challenge and celebration of ROMP's birthday! Hundreds of people from all across the country participate each year to celebrate their mobility and to give back to ROMP's patients in need. Check out our tags on Instagram: #ROMP100 #MobilityMay #MobilityForAll







#### **Climbing for ROMP**

On July 26th, 2020, our global community came together on mountaintops and trails around the world to bring attention to the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) signing. Like the advocates that crawled up the Capitol steps three decades ago to fight for the passage of this civil rights act, WE STILL CLIMB for the future of disability rights.



#### The 2020 Elite Team Climb

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our attempt on Cotopaxi was postponed. Instead, our team decided to ascend 19,347 vertical feet together to represent the elevation of Cotopaxi. We surpassed our goal by 1,628 ft! See panel to the right for all the details.

#### **#WhatsYourMountain #WeStillClimb**



### QUINCEAÑERA

#### Quinceañera de ROMPer Barreras Celebrating 15 Years of Breaking Barriers

In 2020, we adapted our annual end of year in-person event to a virtual celebration and our global community SHOWED UP! We saw an increase in attendance and donations and we are so grateful to our community for their continued support.





#### The Future is Bright

ROMP is launching the Mobility Collaborative, a group of organizations, businesses and partners committed to changing the lives of ROMP patients. Together, we will promote systemic changes and partnerships to help tens of thousands more people with limb loss access prosthetic care and the support they need to live their fullest lives. We hope you will join us in that vision.

#### In the Next Five Years, We Will:

- Educate more colleagues throughout the Americas.
- Share the ROMP model with other non-profits and healthcare systems.
- Expand our prosthetic recycling network to Europe and other countries in the Americas.
- Increase service coverage through partnerships, mobile care, and new clinical operations.
- Climb hundreds of mountains, move thousands of miles, and continue to spread the message of mobility for all.



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