

Volunteer Programs Catalog

2025



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ROMP
Range of Motion Project

At Range of Motion Project (ROMP) we value human dignity, empowerment, sustainability, and community. We are driven by a mission to ensure access to high quality prosthetic care to underserved people, improving their mobility and independence.

If you are passionate about creating equitable access to prosthetic care, ROMP is the organization for you. Each year ROMP operates several volunteer programs with the dual purpose of increasing our capacity to move patients off of our waitlist, and exchanging knowledge between clinicians from different settings. We are searching for experienced clinicians to serve with us in the field during the 2025 year.

Volunteers work in our permanent prosthetics clinics in Ecuador and Guatemala. Clinics are staffed by local clinical and administrative personnel, and are fully equipped with machinery and materials. Each patient referred to us is administered a socioeconomic study to determine their eligibility for our services, which include the full range of pre- and post-prosthetic care. We run a nationwide component recycling program in the United States to keep our clinics fully stocked at all times.

We envision a world where every person with limb loss has mobility.



ROMP 2025 Volunteer Programs

21 Feb - 2 March	Guatemala	Special focus on suction and sealing systems
21 Feb - 2 March	Ecuador	Special focus on running feet
16 - 25 May	Ecuador	Innovation Only students and faculty from George Mason University
30 May - 8 June	Ecuador	Innovation Only students and faculty from Colorado State University
4 - 13 July	Guatemala	Special focus on microprocessor knees
1 - 10 August	Ecuador	Special focus on running feet
10 - 19 October	Guatemala	Special focus on upper-extremity

ROMP in Guatemala

In Guatemala, we operate our primary clinic in Guatemala City, and a nationwide community-based rehabilitation (CBR) program

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Conducted mobile clinics in Western and Northern Guatemala

Together with partner organizations, we identified patients in the San Marcos and Petén provinces. We made a series of visits to evaluate, cast, and deliver these patients. This reduces the geographic barriers to accessing prosthetic care.

Developed our own app for conducting CBR home visits

Our Mobilizers use this app to guide the home visits they conduct in our community-based rehabilitation (CBR) program. This allows us to ensure consistency in care delivery and enable program scaling.

[Volunteer in Guatemala in 2025](#)

ROMP in Ecuador

In Ecuador, we have our primary clinic in Quito, and a satellite clinic in the Amazonian village of Macas

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Expanded the prosthetics workshop space at our primary clinic

We installed three new workstations, with special areas and fixtures for lamination and assembly. This enables us to increase our production to meet the continually increasing demand for our services.

Engaged with remote communities throughout the country

We conducted mobile clinic visits and media interviews in numerous locations throughout Ecuador, especially in the Amazon region. This helps us to get the word out about our services and identify patients.

[Volunteer in Ecuador in 2025](#)

ROMP in the United States

In the United States, we run our global warehouse in Denver, and a nationwide component recycling program

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

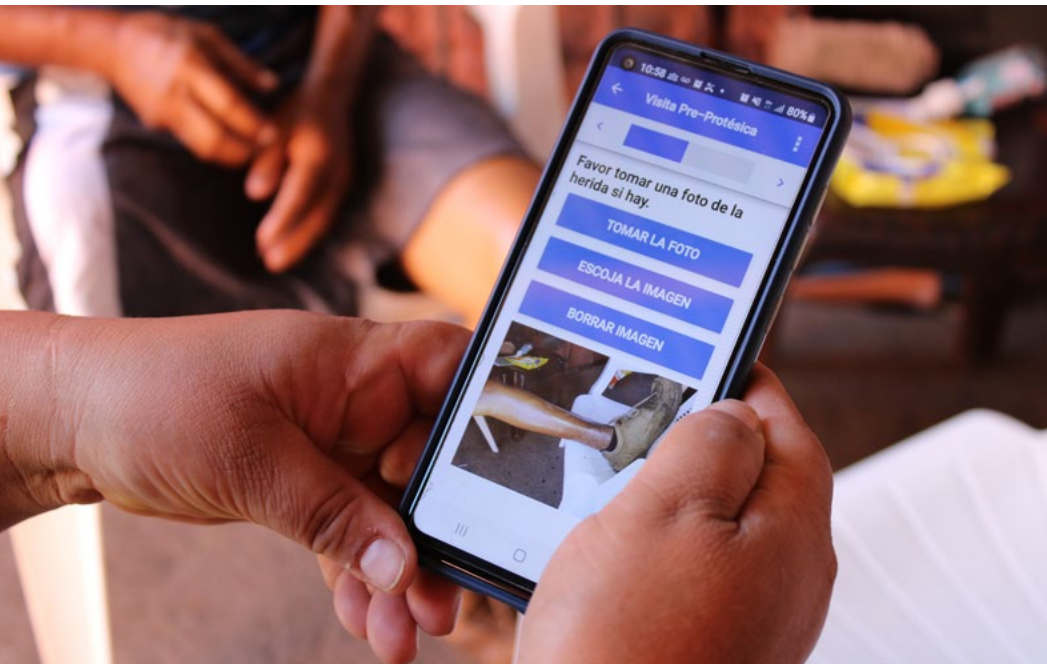
Expanded our global warehouse and hired a new manager

We increased capacity to receive component donations, conduct quality checks, and fill orders for our clinics. This allows us to improve the supply of prosthetic components in Guatemala and Ecuador.

Started a microprocessor knee program

We quality-checked and calibrated the microprocessor knees that have been donated to us. These knees will be used in 2025 with select patients in both of our clinical locations.

[Donate components in 2025](#)





ROMP Clinical Volunteer Program

Who we need: Certified Prosthetists, Technicians, Physical Therapists, and Occupational Therapists

Dates and focuses:

- 21 February - 2 March** Special focus on suction and sealing systems
- 4 - 13 July** Special focus on microprocessor knees
- 10 - 19 October** Special focus on upper-extremity

What to Expect

Each volunteer program is 10 days long. The first day is your travel day to Guatemala. When you arrive at the Guatemala City airport, you will be picked up by the hotel shuttle and taken to the hotel.

The next two days, you will get to know Guatemala outside the clinic. We will take you to Panajachel one day and then to Iximché and Antigua the next. You will have the opportunity to engage in organized tourism as well as some free time.

The following five days comprise the clinical week. Each day will begin with breakfast at the hotel and a short ride to the clinic. The first clinical day is dedicated to casting patients and modifying molds. The second clinical day is focused on modifying molds and fabricating check sockets. The third clinical day is for fitting check sockets and fabricating definitive sockets. The fourth and fifth clinical days are for delivering definitive prostheses. Therapists will provide pre- and post-prosthetic therapy to patients throughout the clinical week.

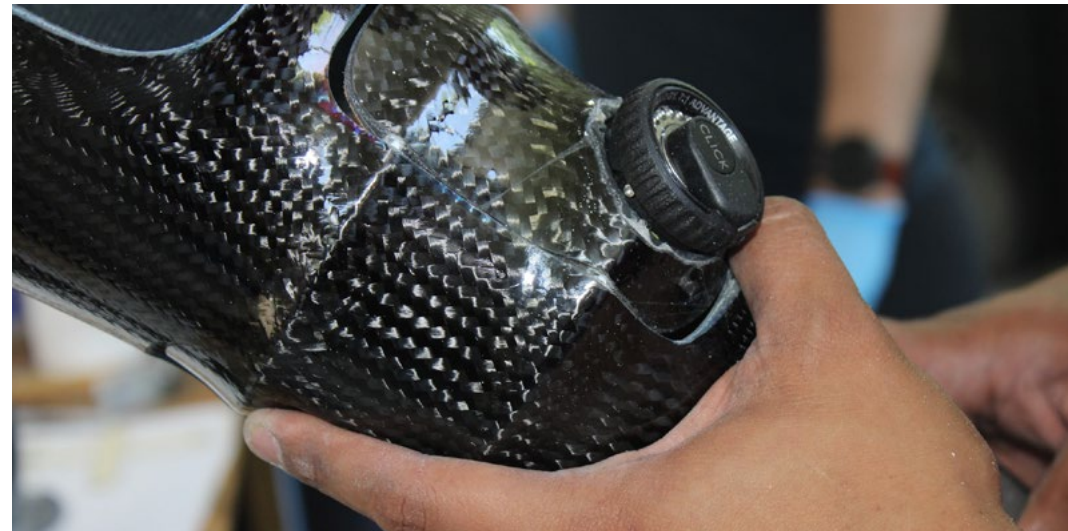
On day nine, you will have a chance to recover from the clinical week at the hotel and eat lunch and dinner out in the city.

On the final day, we will get you back to the airport on time for your trip back home. If you stay in Guatemala longer, you will be on your own from that point forward.

- Day 1 Arrival in Guatemala City
- Day 2 Panajachel excursion
- Day 3 Iximché and Antigua excursion
- Day 4-8 Clinical week
- Day 9 Guatemala City excursion
- Day 10 Departure from Guatemala City

“With zero Spanish speaking ability, I was able to help train the ROMP staff and others from the region in fabrication materials and methods. My goal was to equip the staff with basic knowledge of prosthetic fabrication and they surpassed my expectations. The staff took great care of us volunteers, showed us beautiful sights, and allowed us to see that their passion for providing exceptional care isn’t limited by their location or access. It was a professional bucket list item and I will always be grateful for the opportunity I had to serve with ROMP.”

– Nick Gambill, Prosthetic Technician



Serve in Guatemala

Cost

The program fee is **\$1,800** per volunteer and includes all in-country transportation, food, shared lodging, coordination, and materials in Guatemala. Please note: Fundraising/payment must be complete one month prior to departure for Guatemala.

Lodging, Food & Transportation

Lodging for our Guatemala programs is at the Hotel Vista 15 in shared rooms. This hotel is close to our clinic in Zona 15 of Guatemala City. Please note: single rooms are not available in our Guatemala programs.

All meals are coordinated for you by our Guatemala team. Breakfast is provided at the hotel each morning, lunch is provided at the clinic, and dinners alternate between the clinic and restaurants.

You are responsible for purchasing your own round-trip flight to and from La Aurora Airport in Guatemala City, arriving on day one and departing on day 10. Ground transportation is made via private shuttle coordinated by our Guatemala team.

 [Apply online today](#)

 [Guatemala Volunteer Video](#)



“It has been an honor for me to serve as a volunteer with ROMP both in Guatemala and Ecuador. I have witnessed over and over again the positive impact that providing a prosthesis has on these peoples lives. There are no words to describe my deep emotions when a man teared up telling me he could now go back to work and provide for his family because he could walk again and the joy on a little boys face as he was able to kick a ball. In being a part of ROMP, I get to do what I love while working with an amazing team and the most grateful patients.”

– Valerie Arntsen Certified PT

ROMP Clinical Volunteer Program

Who we need: Certified Prosthetists/Residents/Students, Technicians, Physical Therapists, and Occupational Therapists

Dates and focuses:

21 February - 2 March Special focus on running feet
1 - 10 August Special focus on running feet

What to Expect

Each volunteer program is 10 days long. Here's a breakdown of the time:

The first day is your travel day to Ecuador. When you arrive at the Quito airport, you will be picked up by our driver and taken to the hotel in a shuttle.

The next two days are a time to get to know Ecuador a bit. You will visit the equator line and explore Ciudad Mitad del Mundo one day. On the following day, you'll have the chance to hike to the stunning Cascada Condor Machay. You'll also have some free time to discover the historic center of Quito.

The next five days are in the clinic. Every morning, you will have breakfast at the hotel and then walk in a group over to the clinic. The first day in the clinic is focused on casting, modifying, and fabricating. The next four days are focused on further fabricating, fitting, and deliveries. PTs and OTs will have the chance to work with patients throughout the week on both pre- and post-prosthetic care.

On day nine, you will have a full day to further explore the City of Quito through some planned activities and free time.

On the last day, we will shuttle you back to the airport in time to catch your flight back home. If you choose to keep going in Ecuador, you would be on your own starting then.

Day 1	Arrival to Quito.
Days 2-3	Tour in and around Quito
Day 4	Casting, modification, and fabrication
Day 5-8	Fabrication, fitting, and delivery
Day 9	Tour and free time in Quito
Day 10	Departure from Quito

“It was a humbling experience to be part of such a life-changing endeavor, working with the dedicated practitioners and fellow volunteers in Ecuador. Together, we delivered more than just prostheses—we delivered hope, mobility and independence. The smiles, tears and sheer gratitude we encountered were a testament to the transformative impact of our work.”

– Elizabeth Nicklaus, CPO



Cost

The program fee is **\$1,800** per volunteer and includes all in-country transportation, food, shared lodging, coordination, and materials in Ecuador. Please note: Fundraising/payment must be complete one month prior to departure for Ecuador.

Lodging, Food & Transportation

Lodging for our Ecuador programs is at Apartamentos los Quipus in shared rooms. This hotel is close to our clinic in La Floresta neighborhood of Quito. Please note: single rooms are available in our Ecuador programs for an additional fee.

All meals are coordinated for you by our Ecuador team. Breakfast is provided at the hotel each morning, lunch is provided at the clinic, and our team coordinates all meals out.

You are responsible for purchasing your own round-trip flight to and from Mariscal Sucre Airport in Quito, arriving on day one and departing on day 10. All ground transportation is made via private shuttle coordinated by our Ecuador team.

 [Apply online today](#)

 [Ecuador Volunteer Video](#)

“I’ve seen lives changed because of the gift of mobility made possible by ROMP. In turn, it has changed my life by the friendships formed with the amazing ROMP team members and volunteers. I continue to support ROMP because of its vision and mission to provide access to high quality prosthetic care to underserved people. ROMP is a truly amazing organization that has and will continue to improve so many lives amidst so many challenges in this world.”

– Brodie Rice, Certified Prosthetist





Make the Most Out of Unused Components

Gently used prosthetic components have tremendous value for patients in need. We currently have a special need for the following items:

- Feet sizes 19-23
- Hydraulic knees
- Locking liners sizes 32-45
- 3 prong adapters
- Rotating receivers
- Rotating pyramids
- 4 hold base plates
- Any others!

To donate prosthetic components, visit rompglobal.org/components-for-a-cause to request a shipping label.

“This experience reminded me of the magic that comes with receiving a new prosthesis. Nothing is routine when it comes to providing the locals with their prosthetics, they are the most grateful, humble and appreciative people to work with. The fight that they carry in their hearts and their amazing attitude is something that you can not describe until you experience the magic of ROMP.”

– Isaac Yoder, Certified Prosthetist



Earn
CEUs for
your Service

Now Offering Continuing Education Units

Any ABC-certified prosthetist volunteering with ROMP in Guatemala or Ecuador can earn eight CEUs for the clinical week! You will provide your ABC certification number as part of the online application, and we will handle the reporting to ABC.



“Working together and learning from other clinicians with a similar passion is an experience like no other. I took home a renewed love for what I do and feel I made a difference for so many people in Guatemala that truly touched my heart. ”

– Lauren Jones, Physical Therapist, Mary Free Bed

Enrollment is easy! [Click to get started](#)

What is the process of signing-up and preparing for a program?

After selecting a program, please complete the online application using this link. We will review your application, and if selected, you'll receive a link to QGive where you can register with a \$200 deposit, which goes toward your total program fee and secures your spot in the program. From that point, you can use your QGive campaign to fundraise. You will receive a confirmation email with preparation instructions for your trip. One month before departure, you will be invited to a pre-departure call to discuss final details and address any questions you may have. Additionally, we will add you to a WhatsApp group chat where you can ask questions and receive updates as your departure date approaches.

How does my program fee work?

ROMP charges all volunteers a program fee of \$1,800, which covers in-country transportation, lodging, meals, components, and operating expenses.

Through QGive, you can set up a fundraising campaign to help cover your program costs. Invite your family, friends, and colleagues to make tax-deductible donations through your QGive campaign or by sending a check to ROMP at the address provided below. Any funds raised beyond the program fee will be donated to ROMP to support more patients.

If you decide not to fundraise via QGive, the full program fee must be paid by one month prior to departure. You can send your payment quickly and safely via ACH to Range of Motion Project at Chase Bank:

Account number 592385105, Routing number 102001017

It is your responsibility to raise or pay the full program fee at least one month before departure; failure to do so will result in your exclusion from the program. We do not make refunds under any circumstance; if you cancel your participation, we can only issue a note of credit for use in a future program.

How do my flights for my program work?

You are responsible for booking your own round-trip airfare for your program.

For all Guatemala programs, please ensure you arrive at La Aurora International Airport in Guatemala City (GUA) by 7:00 PM on day 1 of your program, and you can depart from the same airport at any time on day 10.

For all Ecuador programs, you should arrive at Mariscal Sucre International Airport in Quito (UIO) by 11:30 PM on day 1 of your program, and you can leave from the same airport at any time on day 10.

What tools, materials, or components should I bring?

All programs are fully equipped in-country with the necessary machines, tools, and raw materials.

Each volunteer will be asked to carry a small load of components in their luggage for use during the program. We encourage volunteers to inquire with the ticketing agent about the possibility of waiving baggage fees for these humanitarian items. If this is not an option, ROMP will reimburse volunteers for the cost of one standard checked bag. Please keep in mind that you should adhere to airline baggage weight restrictions, as overweight bags can incur significant fees.

Details

What should I pack?

Volunteers should bring comfortable, casual clothing suitable for clinical activities; scrubs and/or t-shirts are encouraged, and closed-toed shoes are required. Don't forget to bring a swimsuit and flip-flops, as well as an outfit for outings during the excursion portion of the trip.

For Ecuador programs, pack clothes for cooler temperatures.

For Guatemala programs, pack clothes for warmer temperatures.

Bring sunscreen, bug spray, and any personal medications you may need throughout the program.

We recommend avoiding large amounts of cash; instead, withdraw cash from ATMs as needed while in-country.

What happens if I have to cancel my trip?

If you can no longer participate in the program you have enrolled in, please notify us via email at volunteerprograms@rompglobal.org. We do not make refunds under any circumstance; if you cancel your participation, we can only issue a note of credit for use in a future program.

We always recommend that volunteers purchase flights that can be rescheduled in case of unforeseen changes in plans.

What happens if ROMP has to cancel my trip?

There have been occasions when ROMP has had to cancel trips due to significant national or international issues, such as the COVID-19 pandemic and instances of political instability. If your program is canceled for any reason, we will provide a credit for all funds you have paid or raised up to that point, which can be applied to any future program.



“The impact of ROMP extends beyond the patients; it profoundly affects the staff and volunteers involved positively. As a volunteer, I have found each experience deeply rewarding and profoundly educational. ROMP provides an unparalleled opportunity to engage with a diverse community and overcome barriers to care, making a lasting difference in the lives of many that we only hope to take home with us. No words can truly capture the full extent of ROMP’s influence, but it is clear that the project is a beacon of hope and progress for all involved.”

– Leslie Martinez, CPO, Northwestern University

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