

Stand With Me

2nd Quarter 2017

Year to date we have built 133 standing frames in the workshop in Guatemala, and our total so far is **559 standers since 2014!** During the last 3 months we have been preparing the team for our 3 week GuatUp 2017 summer project to Guatemala. The project began this weekend, and we will be sending out weekly newsletters during the project to keep you up to date on the latest developments.

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The main story

During our 3 week journey to Guatemala. Our goals are to 1) update our current workshop, 2) host a successful physical therapy conference to teach about standing therapy and how therapist can interact with our organization, and 3) to follow up with our patients and therapist currently using our standing frames.

We have a stellar team this year composed of 2 high school students (Thomas Fitzgerald and Trey Walsh), 2 college students (Riley and Emory Lieber), 1 law student (Emily Donaldson), 1 medical student (Scott Mitchell), 1 doctor (Dr. Susan Cheff)

Along the way we will be creating a manual on how to replicate the efficient standing frame workshop, expanding our web-presence, increasing the amount of data that we get back about each patient, and of course recording many of the incredible stories of people who use and interact with the standing frames. It will be an action packed trip and we hope that you will come along with us for just a few moments each day by taking a min to read our daily blog and weekly newsletter. Remember to bookmark and follow our daily [our blog](#) for the most up to date and detailed info on the activities of the team!

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Arrival

On Friday night, the team arrived at the Hope Haven factory. They briefly toured the facility before settling in.

Recovery and Planning

On our first full day, Saturday, the team recovered from the journey and set to organizing teams to address each of the specific tasks that are being worked on during the project.



Upcoming

On Thursday, July 20th, Stand With Me and Hope Haven will host 30 physical therapists from all over Guatemala to learn about our standing frame!

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