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All donations to the SDMS Foundation are distributed through programs that benefit the sonography community.
In January 2020, financial assistance provided by the SDMS Foundation enabled Jody Berg, MS, RDMS, RVT, RT(R) to travel to Falmouth, Jamaica on a medical mission. The team of healthcare professionals provided support at Falmouth Methodist Church Medical Clinic, a primary care clinic in Falmouth, as well as some smaller outreach clinics in surrounding remote areas.

Falmouth is a small town on the north side of Jamaica, about an hour east of Montego Bay. Many of the people in the region depend on the clinic, which was started by Dr. Wallace Carpenter in 1990, for their healthcare needs both because of personal financial difficulties and the amount of time it takes to be seen at a hospital.

The 17-person medical mission team was comprised of physicians, nurses, sonographers, and mental health professionals. The team also brought much needed supplies including two ultrasound machines and medications. Jody performed a variety of ultrasounds and some minor procedures. Both she and the radiologists used handheld devices that attached to iPads to scan patients. Jody also assisted at the nearby hospital and provided much needed hands-on training to a local radiographer. During the trip, the team was also able to set up an outreach clinic at a local resort where employees were able to come in throughout the day and receive assistance with their healthcare needs.

According to Jody, participating in a trip such as this can help sonographers refocus and see ultrasound in a brand-new light when they may feel burned out and exhausted. “These kinds of trips really make you appreciate what you have, pushes you outside your comfort zone, and makes you a better sonographer” Jody said. She also encourages others to consider taking advantage of the SDMS Foundation International Assistance grant. Though Jody has been to the area before, this was her first trip with this group, and she hopes to return in the future.

Jody has been a sonographer for over 20 years and currently works as the Program Director of Multispecialty Sonography at Nebraska Methodist College in Omaha.
To support sonographers who were dealing with the global economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the SDMS committed to donating all profits from 2020 Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month product sales to the SDMS Foundation.

Thanks to the generosity of sonographers and their support of the United We Scan campaign, the SDMS was able to donate over $14,000 TO THE SDMS FOUNDATION to fund grants and scholarships that benefited the sonography community.
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New for 2021
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