

Baylor Black Sea Foundation

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Annual Report - 2017



**Centrul Clinic de Excelență
Spitalul Clinic de Boli Infecțioase
Constanța
Baylor College of Medicine
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OUR VISION

Baylor Romania`s vision is to live in a stigma-free community, and to stop the transmission of serious illnesses such as HIV, tuberculosis, sexual transmitted infections and viral hepatitis.

OUR MISSION

Baylor Romania`s mission is to help the community develop efficient services for the prevention and care of infectious diseases.

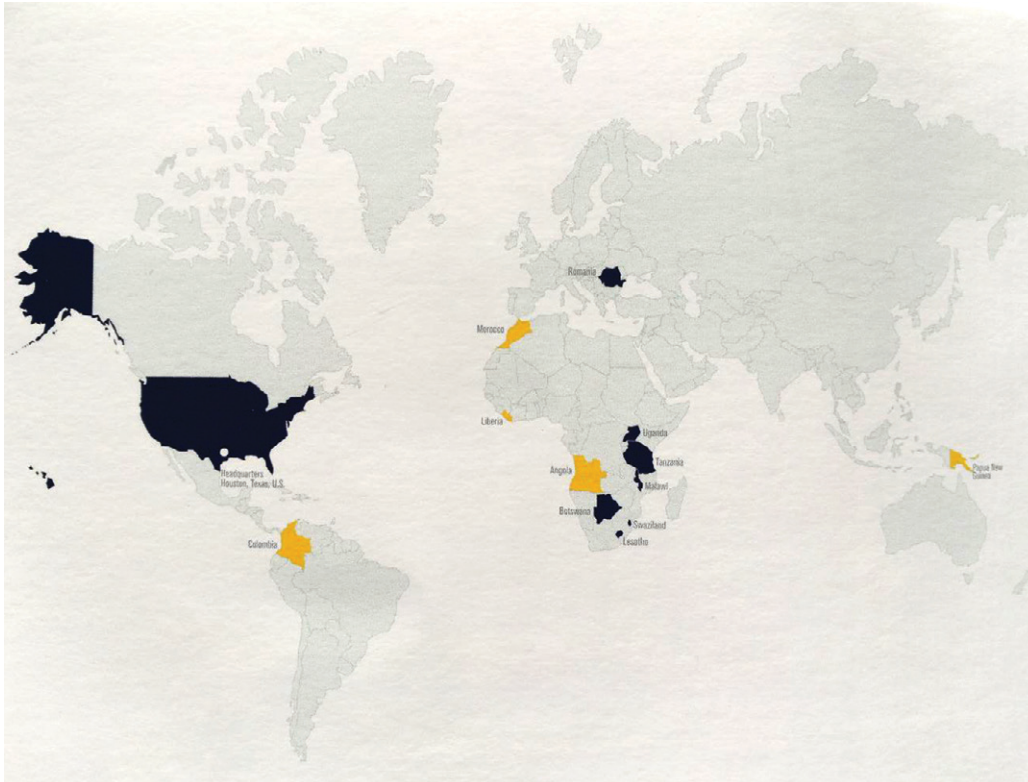
About Us

Baylor Black Sea Foundation is part of Baylor International Pediatric AIDS Initiative (BIPAI) at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, Texas. The mission of BIPAI is to provide high-quality, high-impact, highly ethical pediatric and family-centered health care, health professional training and clinical research, focused on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, malnutrition and other conditions impacting the health and well-being of children and families worldwide.

The Center of Excellence or the Romanian-American Children's Center was opened on April the 6th, 2001, and the Baylor Black Sea Foundation was established in 2004. The Center was founded by Dr. Mark Kline, who wished to help the children infected with HIV whom he met during his first visit to Romania in the late '90s. The

Center became the largest pediatric clinic in Europe for the care and treatment of HIV. Baylor Romania is part of a network of centers with headquarters in Houston, Texas, USA at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital. The network includes 20 countries in Africa, North America, South America and Eastern Europe. Today, the Baylor Foundation has an extended mission in preventing, treating and caring for infectious diseases. Baylor operates a center of excellence in Constanta, three rapid testing and counseling offices in Dobrogea area (the first ones in Romania) and a mobile testing laboratory. Baylor Black Sea Foundation works towards minimizing the impact of infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, tuberculosis and sexually transmitted diseases.





BIPAI Universe

BIPAI operates in 14 countries, providing family-centered medical care, pediatric treatment, and, specialized education for medical and research professionals.

Centers of Excellence

Gaborone, Botswana

Maseru, Lesotho

Lilongwe, Malawi

Constanța, Romania

Mbabane, Swaziland

Mbeya, Tanzania

Mwanza, Tanzania

Kampala, Uganda

Headquarters Houston, Texas, United States of America

Satellite Excellence Centers

Botha-Bothe, Lesotho

Leribe, Lesotho

Mohale`s Hoek, Lesotho

Mokhotlong, Lesotho

Q`acha`s Nek, Lesotho

Hlatikulu, Swaziland

Manzini, Swaziland

Global Health projects

Angola

Colombia

Liberia

Marocco

Papua New Guinea

Argentina



Michael B. Mizwa, Chief Operating Officer/Senior Vice President for the Baylor College of Medicine International Pediatric AIDS Initiative (BIPAI) at Texas Children's Hospital; Director, Global Health, Texas Children's Hospital and dr. Rodica Mătușa, a Romanian – American combined effort that positively influenced thousands of lives.



Baylor Romania employees taking part in training sessions moderated by Terrie Walsh, organizational development consultant at Texas Children's Hospital, Houston Texas



Michael B. Mizwa, Chief Operating Officer/Senior Vice President for the Baylor College of Medicine International Pediatric AIDS Initiative (BIPAI) at Texas Children's Hospital; Director, Global Health, Texas Children's Hospital



“Our Drive is Promoting Social Change”

In my opinion, AIDS has changed the way medical care is provided in Constanta. Nowadays, the standard package of care at the Baylor Center of Excellence means the patient has, right from the start, direct access to a team of experts in care. There is a wide array of specialists working together for the patient: physicians of different specialties, clinical psychologists, and social workers. The care includes not only provision of medical care for HIV, but also annually to prophylaxis programs incorporating early detection of various illnesses. Patients are taught self-management skills, as well as how to be an expert in their own health.

Building on the same model, we have developed and implemented good practices for the services provided to the members of our community who came to Baylor for testing. We have established a well-designed program that allows up-take and patient navigation for those diagnosed with viral hepatitis. Furthermore, Baylor team is involved into providing health related checked facts and updates to medical care providers, as well as to the persons affected by serious infectious and chronic diseases.

With every new project that Baylor initiates, the goal remains the same: to replace the typically negative experience that the Romanian patient encounters in the traditional system, with one of care, respect and mutual understanding. Romania remains a country where challenges and difficulties appear to be insurmountable, but we remain confident that every one of us, either Baylor team members, our patients or collaborators represent enablers of positive changes. This vision of promoting social change will continue to drive us in the next years!

Ana-Maria Schweitzer, Baylor Black Sea Foundation`s Executive Director

At a Glance

Budget	698.190 USD
Number of employees	46
Total tests since 2007	66.574
HIV patients enrolled in 2017	1.035
HIV patients ever enrolled (since 2001)	1.581
Hepatitis patients ever enrolled (since 2014)	1.274
Persons who participated at trainings organized at Baylor Romania	154





We know many of our patients since they were children. We have become friends and we know from what they tell us how painful it is to be ashamed because you are an HIV-infected person

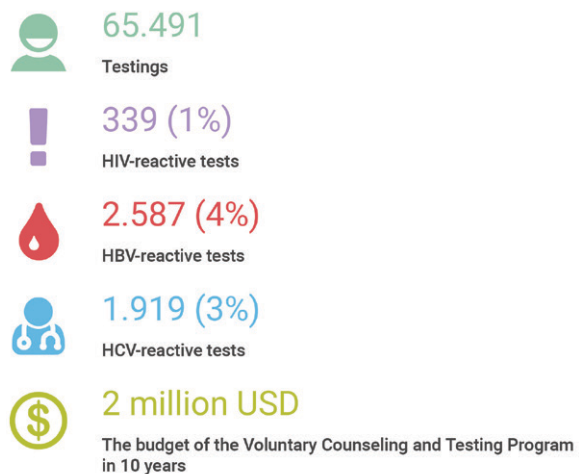
2017: Facts and Figures

Testings in 2017: 7001

Reactive test results in 2017:

- HIV – 1%
- Hepatitis B – 5%
- Hepatitis C – 4%

The amount allocated to free of charge lab tests for patients with hepatitis B and C: approximately 80.000 USD in 2016 and 2017



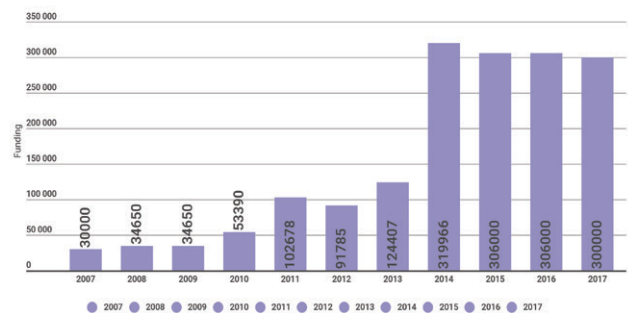
Data collected between November 2007 and October 2017

Ten Years of Free Testing

Baylor Romania celebrated ten years since the inauguration of the Voluntary Counseling and Free Testing for HIV and Hepatitis Program. On this occasion, Decebal Făgădău, the Mayor of Constanța, visited for the first time the Baylor Center of Excellence. During its first 10 years, the program demonstrated its positive impact on the community life. Many people from Dobrogea area found out their health status and either had access to treatment or, the luckiest of them, received the certainty of a good health. Over the last decade, Baylor Romania has invested nearly 2 million USD in free testing and care for patients with infectious diseases. The amount represents: the free of charge testing, identifying reactive patients, diagnosing HIV and hepatitis B and C infected patients, and offering them free care. The budget has increased significantly from one year to the next, starting at about 30,000 USD, and reaching 300,000 USD in the last years. Over the past two years, Baylor Romania has allocated a budget of about 80,000 USD for free blood tests for patients with hepatitis B and C.

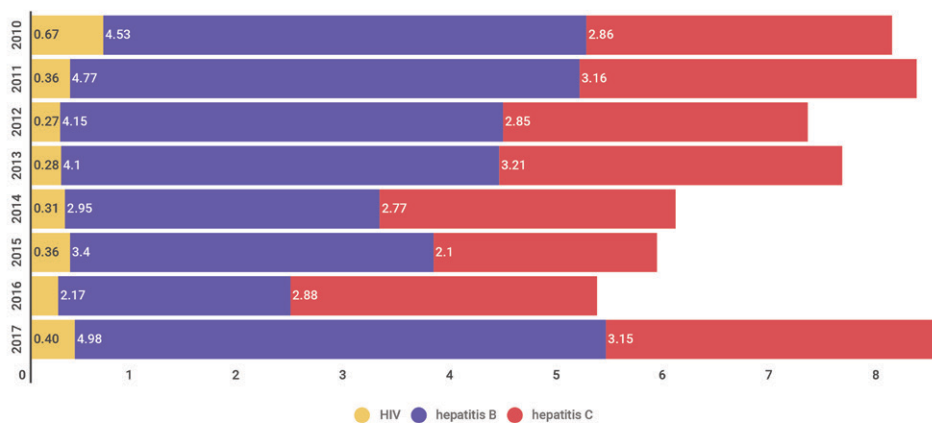


Decebal Făgădău, the Mayor of Constanța, visiting Baylor Center of Excellence



The Testing Program`s budget – the figures are expressed in USD

HIV, HBV and HCV prevalence identified through the VCT program



European Testing Week, in Communities with Low Access to Medical Services

Baylor Black Sea Foundation celebrated, again in 2017, the European Testing Week. The Baylor teams tested the residents of the retirement home from Constanța, but also the employees of the institution. Approximately 70 people were tested for HIV or hepatitis B and C. In addition, in order to support testing in communities with low access to medical care, Baylor Black Sea Foundation joined the campaign “Together for Rural Health” a project of the Bucharest Society of Medical Students. The campaign was carried out in Șinca Nouă and Hârseni, villages in Brașov county. Over 330 people received free medical primary care. Baylor Romania has contributed to this action with HIV tests. On the occasion of the European Testing Week, Baylor Black Sea Foundation initiated a partnership with Tulcea Penitentiary to test detainees for HIV and hepatitis B and C.



“We Hug; We DO NOT Discriminate!”



Every year, on December 1st, we commemorate all those who lost the fight against HIV and AIDS.

World AIDS Day is also an opportunity to recognize the long, difficult but full of hope road that, HIV-infected people walked while fighting against the virus, other people's preconceived ideas, unfriendly attitudes or discrimination.

Discrimination is the real enemy of HIV-infected persons in Romania and around the world. That's why we, Baylor Black Sea Foundation, are spreading this message: "We hug, we do not discriminate!"

We interact daily with HIV-infected people. We are not afraid! We understand the importance of a hug, a smile or a kind word. And we never avoid a person living with HIV. We have learned how to prevent the infection and we know that a hug is no threat to our or to any other person's health. The first step towards a healthy life is prevention, instead of discrimination! We have learned that kindness makes miracles.

HIV is not transmitted by: hugs, kisses, shaking hands, using the same phone, tablet or the same computer as an HIV infected person, bathing in the sea, swimming pools or lakes, using public toilets, sharing cups, cutlery or plates.

It is important to know how to prevent the infection, the ways HIV is transmitted, and not to discriminate.

For All Patients

The Health Literacy program helps Baylor patients to better understand the medical concepts about HIV and hepatitis B and C. Furthermore, using videos playing in the waiting areas, patients are advised by our doctors or nurses to quit smoking with medical arguments. In the same videos Baylor team explains medical terminology and provide details about treatment, partner testing, or the possibility to have healthy children.

These explanatory films are played on the screens at the ground floor and the 1st floor of the Baylor Center of Excellence and are highly appreciated by the beneficiaries. One can also view these online at www.baylor.ro.



American students Interested in Romanian Patients' Problems

Baylor Black Sea Foundation hosted a team of students from the Bush School of Government & Public Service at Texas A & M University. The group was led by Mr. Eduardo Aguirre, Ambassador of the United States (Ret.), Chairman & CEO Atlantic Partners Group, L.L.C. The six students and their teacher visited Romania in an international research project entitled "Lessons From The Field: From a

Community Viral Hepatitis Program to a National HCV Prevention, Screening, and Treatment in Romania". Within this project, the American team collected relevant information through interviews, focus groups, meetings with representatives of non-governmental organizations, patients, doctors involved in providing healthcare to these patients, representatives of other institutions, etc. The research initiated and conducted by the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A & M University aimed to evaluate the response to the problems encountered by patients living with hepatitis C at various levels : available community services, public policies and patients' point of view.



“Where We Were and Where We Are Now” – The Story of Children with HIV at TEDx Constanta

Dr. Rodica Mătuşa, Baylor Black Sea Foundation`s former medical consultant was invited to speak at the second edition of TEDx Constanța.

Having as stage partners familiar names from Romania, such as Raed Arafat, Chief of the National Emergency Department, Andrei Rosu, Tedy Necula or Ioana Chicet-Macoveiciuc, dr. Mătuşa touched the audience with a speech about the HIV infected children from Constanța County, Romania.

„When we diagnosed the first HIV infected children, everybody told us that we can`t do anything for them, but we had to try, to find the best solutions. This is what we`ve fought for and that was my path”, told dr. Mătuşa to the audience. She spoke about death, but also about life, about sorrow, but most of all about hope, about lack of solutions and about miracles, moving from the time when nobody gave the HIV infected children a chance to our times, when they are adults and proud parents of healthy children.



“Where we were and where we are now” were in fact, the words of a happy grandmother who, after struggling for many years with her son`s HIV infection, held in her arms a precious gift - her healthy grandson.

Applauded by everyone, congratulated by the Mayor of Constanța, Decebal Făgădău, dr. Rodica Mătuşa, conveyed the message of hope, perseverance and excellence in medicine, the same way it was received by her, almost 17 years ago, when, with the support of Dr. Mark Kline, Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children`s Hospital the world`s first Baylor Center for HIV-infected children was dedicated in Constanta.

This was the last event dr. Rodica Mătuşa participated in as Baylor Romania`s representative before retiring from her professional activity.



Multidisciplinary Care Activities

The HIV clinic has been treating patients and their families for more than 16 years. The medical team has a close collaboration with the psychosocial department and the results of their joint work are remarkable:

* 889 active HIV/AIDS patients benefited from psychosocial and medical assistance

* 77.51% of treatment-initiated patients had an adherence of > 95% (considered optimal for the anti-HIV treatment)

* 48 new patients accessed family planning service in 2017; most of them are in the 25- to 29-year age category

* Over 78% of patients who accessed family planning services use an effective contraceptive method

* 37.96% of all psychosocial and medical interventions unfolded in the community, at beneficiaries' homes.



60%

of the beneficiaries were screened for tuberculosis in 2017



651

of the infected or affected beneficiaries received psychological services



2.680

psycho-social sessions in 2017



30%

of the psycho-social sessions in the community

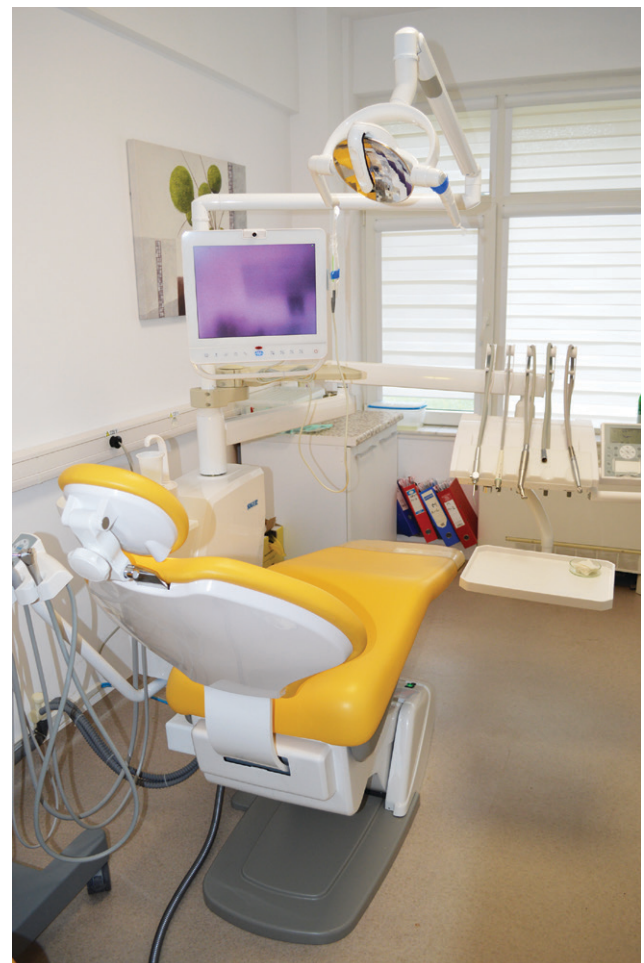


Healthy children born to HIV-infected parents give us hope and confidence that our team strive improves our beneficiaries' lives

Treatment at High Standards

Baylor Black Sea Foundation strives to provide its patients with the highest standard services, using the best equipment. The Foundation's dental office is unique at national level, can be accessed by HIV-infected people from Constanta county and offers free of charge high quality dental care. The latest acquisition made for modernization of the dentistry office is the SIGER U200 chair, a top of the line equipment that helps the dentist to provide high-quality services, similar to those offered in private practices. The dental unit combines an attractive design, the top technology, the performance, the reliability, and the optimal quality to meet the highest requirements. Thanks to the design, the quality materials used in the construction of the unit and the exceptional finishes, the equipment meets the European hygiene, environmental and safety standards. The Baylor project's goals are to provide free dental care to HIV-infected patients who benefit from all basic dental medical services needed, regardless of their social status. Through this program Baylor also fights against the discrimination people living with HIV face within the health care system. This helps avoid unpleasant incidents encountered in other dental practices where patients had to deal with refusals when they disclosed their HIV diagnosis.

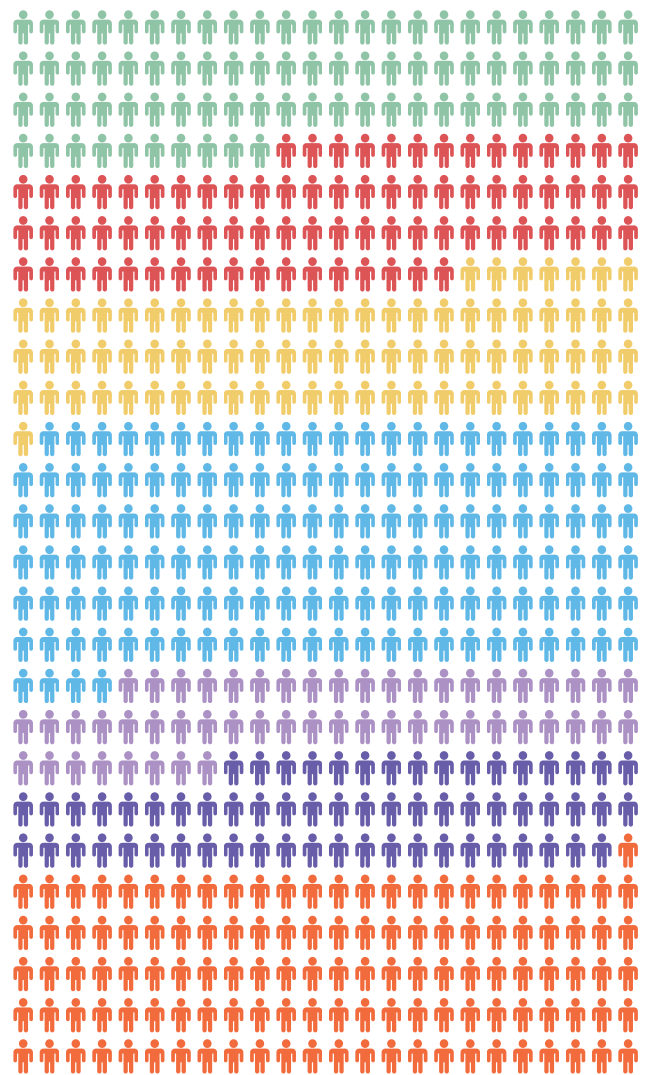
The investment for the dental chair is of approximately 10,000 EUR, funding ensured by the NGO.



Adherence to Treatment - The Key to a Healthy Future

Baylor teams are working hard to monitor the extent to which the patients take their medication as prescribed, this is a requirement for maintaining their health and an undetectable viral load. By monitoring our patients' adherence to treatment, we make sure that we all live in a healthy community, free of infectious diseases.

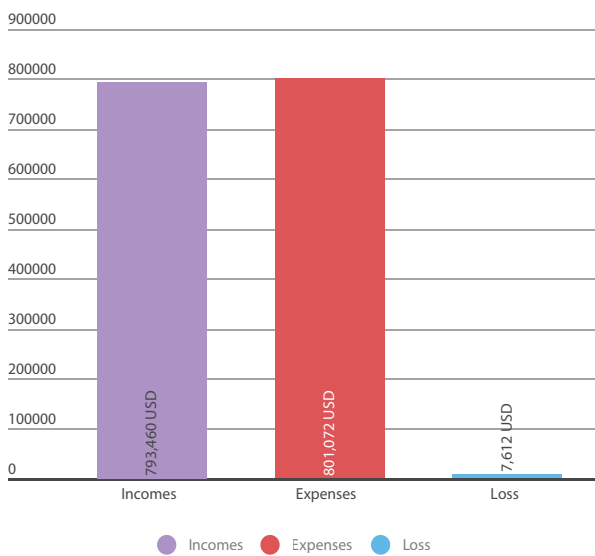
Baylor patients also benefit from free of charge multidisciplinary medical and psychosocial services assist them in having the knowledge and skills to take their treatment in accordance with the doctor's recommendations.



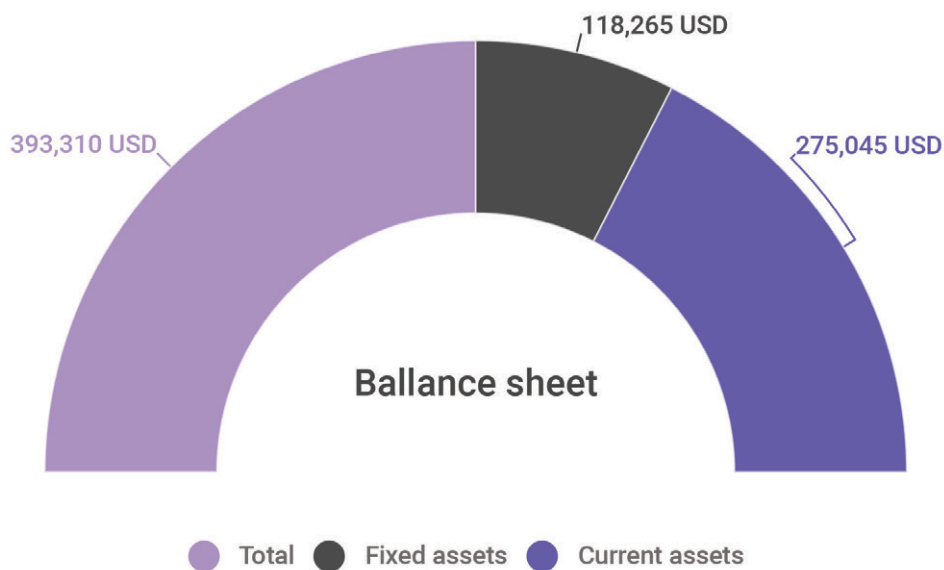
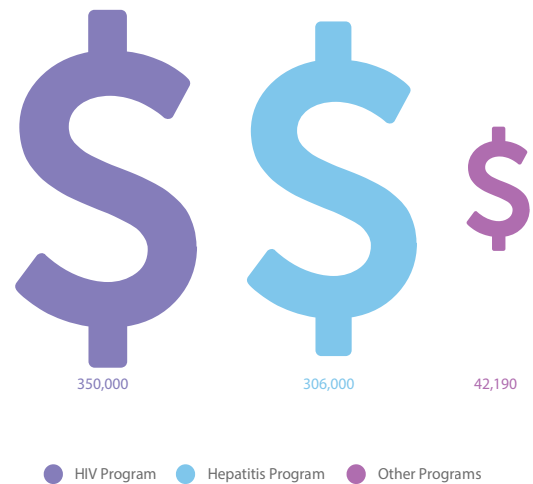
- Dentistry - 150* ● Dermatology - 145* ● Obstetric and Gynecology - 146*
 - Pneumology - 269* ● EKG - 96* ● PAP smear tests - 115*
 - Family planning - 221*
- *Unduplicated patients

Consolidated Finances

Incomes and Expenses



Programs Budgets



Donors



We would like to thank to all of the citizens and private businesses who donated 2% of their income tax or 20% of their profit tax to Baylor Foundation.

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