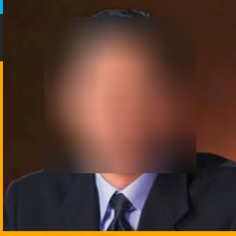


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I was extremely energized by our National Meeting and how far we have come together as a team and as a community. Starting the meeting, I saw how folks were in awe, inspired by the music during the Music Paradigm and drawing parallels to our work. We got to know each other even better during the Moth stories, coming together as a team, willing to be open and share with each other. What energy we created cooperating to organize 1200 care packages for patients! I've received very positive feedback on the time we spent enhancing our skills during the workshops (I also heard a lot of laughter from one of them!). In addition, I felt so proud during the poster and showcase sessions - we had so much great work to share and everyone wanted to learn more.

The focus of our meeting was about how we are evolving the medical organization to meet the changing internal and external landscape. Thinking and working in different ways will be essential to ensure that we are leading from the front. This will be an ongoing process, and it started

teams have put significant effort behind what needs to be different in response to the changing environment. This will be a critical element of our success, and I commit to keeping you up to date on new initiatives and projects as we plan for the future.

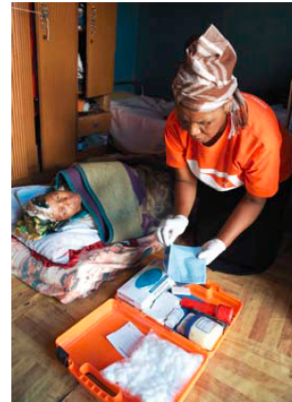
I recognize that the National Meeting is the one time that all get together, however I hope the impact of this Meeting will be seen in what we achieve throughout the year. We should continue the energy that we have built until we get together at next year's National Meeting. Again, many thanks to the National Meeting committee for all the planning and thinking!

Best regards,
John Tsai



Helping Hands Team

"Building the caregiver packages collectively as a Medical organization was a very rewarding activity and served as a reminder of why we come to work every day... to make a difference in the lives of patients"



Building the caregiver kits proved to be a memorable part of the meeting as we came together to build 1200 kits. The kits shipped directly from the hotel to caregivers in Africa will support 60,000 visits to AIDS patients over the next year. Many thanks to the team that gave up their time to get everything ready the day before and then helped the event run as smoothly as possible on the day.



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