

# *We Exist to Serve the Poor*

Our goal is to improve health outcomes in poor communities through primary healthcare, nursing services, public health, dental care, nutrition and education.



*Shoulder to Shoulder*

# UPDATE

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## Major Quake Strikes Honduras

*A powerful earthquake struck off the coast of Honduras on May 28th, damaging buildings and killing at least six people. The 7.1-Magnitude quake, which occurred in the early hours of the morning, was reportedly felt as far away as Cancun, Mexico. A number of the quake's victims were killed in home collapses, though one man in the coastal town of Tela died of an apparent heart attack. Honduras' largest port, Puerto Cortes, was temporarily shut down due to damaged machinery and equipment but reopened shortly afterward, and in El Progreso one of two bridges connecting San Pedro Sula to the rest of the country collapsed. The area that Shoulder to Shoulder serves was unaffected by the quake.*

### Poor Suffer Most In Global Downturn

The current global economic slowdown is being felt most strongly in the homes of the world's poor. As job opportunities dwindle and already tight food budgets for families are stretched even further, the recession hits hardest those who can least afford it. And poor families aren't the only ones feeling the pinch. The recession is also hurting the organizations that serve them, with many government programs and non-profit organizations critically short on funds at a time when their work is most needed. Please keep in mind that Shoulder to Shoulder's needs are greatest when it is most difficult for our supporters to donate.



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### You Have To Be Rich To Be Poor

That's the conclusion from this article from the [Washington Post](#) detailing the high cost of living in poverty. "The poorer you are, the more things cost. More in money, time,



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hassle, exhaustion, menace. This is a fact of life that reality television and magazines don't often explain. So we'll explain it here. Consider this a primer on the economics of poverty."

**Dr. Jeff Heck Receives Yet Another Honor**



Shoulder to Shoulder's founder & CEO has been inducted into the University of Toledo's Medical Mission Hall of Fame. Dr. Heck, along with two other physicians, was chosen because of his "significant contributions for the advancement of medical needs worldwide." Dr. Heck becomes the first graduate of The University of Toledo/Medical College of Ohio to be inducted into the Medical Mission Hall of Fame. [You can read more about this year's nominees here.](#)

**Check Us Out Online!**

[www.shouldertoshoulder.org](http://www.shouldertoshoulder.org) is new and improved! So check it out, along with its creator, Ms. Tracy Boyer, who will be spending 5 weeks in Honduras this summer learning about the organization and the communities it serves in an effort to further improve the site. Use the link on the home page to send her suggestions, criticisms, and of course, compliments.

To donate online, please visit [www.shouldertoshoulder.org](http://www.shouldertoshoulder.org) or, if you would prefer to pay by check, please make your contribution payable to **Shoulder to Shoulder, Inc.** and mail it to:  
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