

Baylor Black Sea Foundation



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Our vision

Baylor Romania`s vision is to live in a stigma-free community, and to stop 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 in 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 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 that he met during his first visit to Romania in the

late '90s. The Center became the largest pediatric clinic in Europe for care and treatment of HIV. Baylor Romania is part of a network of centers with headquarters in Houston, Texas, USA created by Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital. The network includes 14 countries in Africa, North America, South America and Eastern Europe. Today, the Baylor Foundation has an extended mission in preventing, treating and caring for patients with infectious diseases. Baylor operates a Center of Excellence in Constanta, three rapid testing and counseling offices in the Dobrogea area (the first ones in Romania), a mobile lab and a housing complex for vulnerable youth. BIPAI Romania works to minimize the impact of infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, tuberculosis and sexually transmitted diseases.





BIPAI network

BIPAI operates in 14 countries, providing pediatric medical care, professional education for health professionals and research into pediatric health. Below are listed the primary health conditions that BIPAI focuses on in each country.

1. Angola: Sickle Cell Anemia
2. Botswana: tuberculosis, hematology & oncology, HIV/AIDS, emergency medicine
3. Colombia: Malnutrition, pediatrics, OB/GYN
4. Lesotho: HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis
5. Liberia: Medical Education in Pediatrics and OB/ GYN
6. Malawi: HIV/AIDS, malnutrition, tuberculosis, hematology & oncology, surgery & anesthesia, pediatric emergency medicine, OB/GYN
7. Morocco: Training in pediatric subspecialty care
8. Papua New Guinea: Medical education in pediatrics, OB/GYN, public health
- 9. România: Dentistry, tuberculosis, hepatitis B&C, HIV/AIDS**
10. Swaziland: HIV/AIDS, TB, maternal care
11. Tanzania: HIV/AIDS, TB, palliative care, malnutrition, hematology & oncology
12. Uganda: TB, HIV/AIDS, OB/GYN, hematology & oncology
13. Argentina: Maternal health
14. Texas Children's Hospital USA Headquarters Office – Treats HIV, trains in public health, pediatrics



„None of us can do this alone. But together we can do anything”

“The dedication of the modernized Baylor Romania Center of Excellence gives signals of a new era of hope. When Dr. Kline, my good friend and colleague, and our leader at Baylor and Texas Children`s Hospital made his first trip here in 1996, he was fortunate and honored to meet and work with probably the greatest child advocate ever in Romania, Dr. Rodica Mătuşa. That friendship soon turned into an obsession, an addiction, a drive to provide the best quality care for HIV-infected children in Romania. When the Center of Excellence opened in 2001 we saw an immediate effect. Children weren’t dying, they were living. Children became adolescents who are now adults. This was a true test to the quality of care, to the commitment of the entire Baylor team. As a result of the quality and the improvements in care here in Constanta, we were able to replicate the Romanian model and we now have the largest pediatric HIV care and treatment program in the world. I would like to recognize our dear partners Abbott and AbbVie Foundation. Their tireless and continued support have allowed us to be who we are today. I hope we can continue this public-private partnership between the City of Constanta, the Infectious Diseases Hospital, AbbVie, Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children`s Hospital. None of us can do this alone. But together we can do anything” - **Michael B. Mizwa, Chief Operating Officer/Senior Vice President, Baylor College of Medicine International Pediatric AIDS Initiative (BIPAI); Director, Global Health, Texas Children’s Hospital**



Melissa Walsh, Michael B Mizwa and Dr. Rodica Mătuşa
7 June 2016, inauguration of the new floor at the Clinical Center of Excellence

“When I found out about what we do here in Romania, I understood that the work that we have been supporting was the right work, in the right place, for the right patients. What we are the proudest of are the smart and caring, dedicated and committed members of the teams that make all this work possible. The newly modernized Center of Excellence and the work done here for liver disease patients, and particularly Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C, is literally built upon the first two floors of the HIV-AIDS program that we have supported for so long and that has had such amazing results. It’s truly a terrific metaphor for the growth of this program and the lives that have been impacted. We are very truly proud of supporting the great work done here” - **Melissa Walsh, Vice President, AbbVie Foundation**

“The new Center offers respect to our patients and motivates the staff to work with dedication and passion”



The Baylor Center of Excellence, opened in 2001 for approximately 500 children suffering of HIV/AIDS, was a modern and suitable space for the needs of that time.

The patients aging and the expansion of services for those infected were important growth milestones. In addition, the Center started to offer services for viral hepatitis, meaning that an additional 1500 persons became our patients every year. Hundreds of medical professionals continue to participate in the courses offered by the Foundation. I emphasize these situations in order to highlight the fact that the Center became too small.

Membership in the BIPAI network, together with the standards of care to which we adhere, led to the initiation of this building expansion project. The AbbVie Foundation understood the importance of funding that directly responds to the present needs of patients and community.

Building another floor to the Center and modernizing the existing floors represent another materialization of the promise made 20 years ago by Dr. Mark Kline, president of BIPAI, to our city: providing the Romanian patients, in their country, services comparable to those they would receive in Houston.

In the coming years, the Center aims to:

- Prevent the spread of infectious diseases in our community, through initiatives that combine education, good practices and screening
- Reduce the physical, psychological and social impact of these infections, and
- Increase the abilities of patients and families affected by these diseases to self-manage through evidence-based behavioral change interventions

I would like to express my gratitude to the patients and employees of the Center that, during the expansion and remodeling work, have proven patience and adaptability. My colleagues helped with setting up and cleaning the Clinic, just as they would have done it for their own homes. This new Center offers respect to our patients and motivates the staff to work with dedication and passion. It also demonstrates that public-private partnerships and international collaborations represent a solution in order to improve the Romanian health system.

Ana-Maria Schweitzer, Executive Director of Baylor Black Sea Foundation

At a glance

Budget	4,628,824 USD
Number of employees	42
Total tests provided	62,000
HIV patients ever enrolled	1,007
Hepatitis patients ever enrolled	819





2016: Facts and figures

- 13,834 test and care sessions for patients with HIV and viral hepatitis
- 1,340 patients infected with HIV and/or hepatitis B or C viruses accessed free of charge clinical, medical and psychosocial services at Baylor Romania
- 263 doctors, nurses, psychologists, students and graduate students participated in continuing education courses provided by Baylor Romania
- 41 community actions run by volunteers
- 16 partners received donations of specialized medication with a total value of 16,149,765.50 LEI

A Step Forward for Baylor Romania

During 2016, the Baylor Center of Excellence's expansion and remodeling work was finalized. Inaugurated in 2001, the Center now receives its patients in a modern, clean and well equipped space, a model for the Romanian health care system. The building in which Baylor Romania and the Infectious Diseases Hospital are unfolding their activities has a new floor, modernized offices and allows for diversification of services delivered. This new step in the Baylor Center of Excellence's history, an investment of USD 346,000, would not have been possible and the unconditional support of AbbVie Foundation, Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital, and the contributions of donors and Romanian citizens that chose to give 2% of their income tax to the Baylor Black Sea Foundation.



Flower House, a new beginning

Not only was the Baylor Center of Excellence reconditioned, but the Residential Complex in Lazu, or Casa Florilor (Flowers House), also went through the reconditioning process. Repairing the building, painting the walls and replacing the furniture transformed the space where HIV-infected residents live.

Located only 2 km away from Constanta, Casa Florilor was home to over 60 HIV-infected children and young people throughout the years. Inhabitants of Casa Florilor are counseled by psychologist and “social mothers” and are helped to take steps towards adulthood with improved self-management skills, such as management of financial resources or taking care of the household on their own.



Multi-million dollars help for the public healthcare system

Medication donations continue to help patients all over the country. In 2016, with the support of AmeriCares Foundation, over 10,000 patients in the public healthcare system benefitted from medicines donated by Baylor. The Infectious Diseases Hospital in Constanta, Emergency Clinical Hospital in Vaslui County, Emergency Hospital Barlad, Infectious Diseases Hospital Brasov, Fundeni Clinical Institute, Elias Emergency Hospital and Emergency Hospital Petrosani benefitted from these donations.

During the past ten years, AmeriCares donated medicines valued at nearly \$65 million to the Romanian healthcare system, through Baylor Romania.

In 2016, partner hospitals received antiretrovirals, vitamins, antibiotics, anticonvulsants, analgesics, antidiarrheals; and cardiovascular, respiratory and dermatologic treatments.



3,8 millions USD

value of donated medicine



10,021

patients received treatment through the Baylor donation program



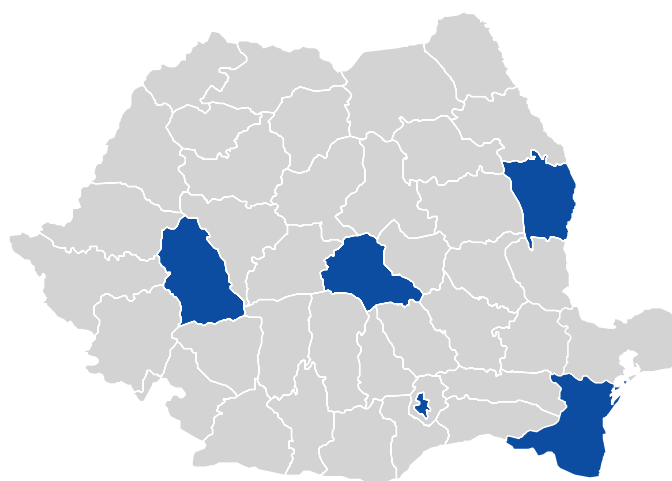
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medicine transports



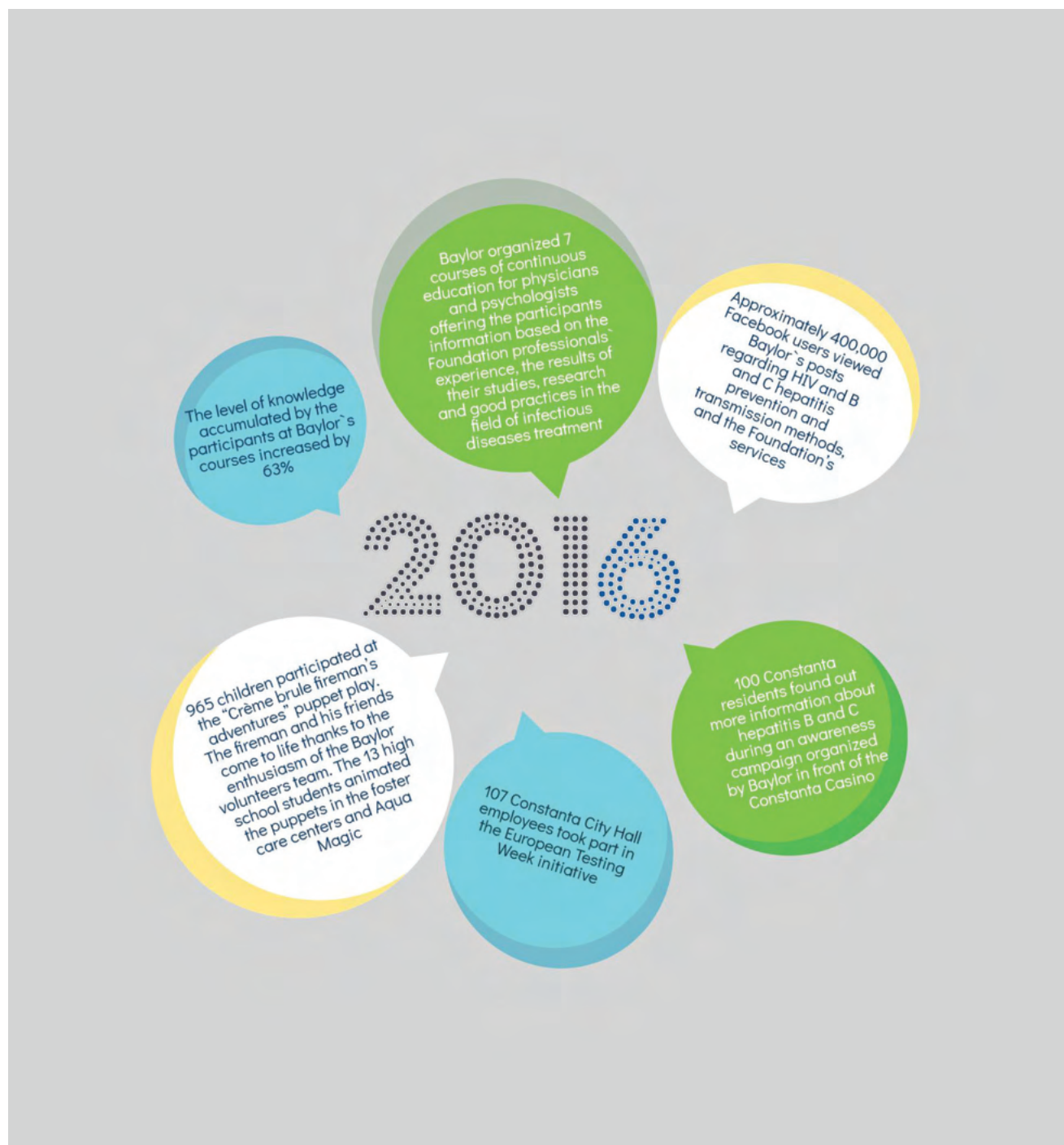
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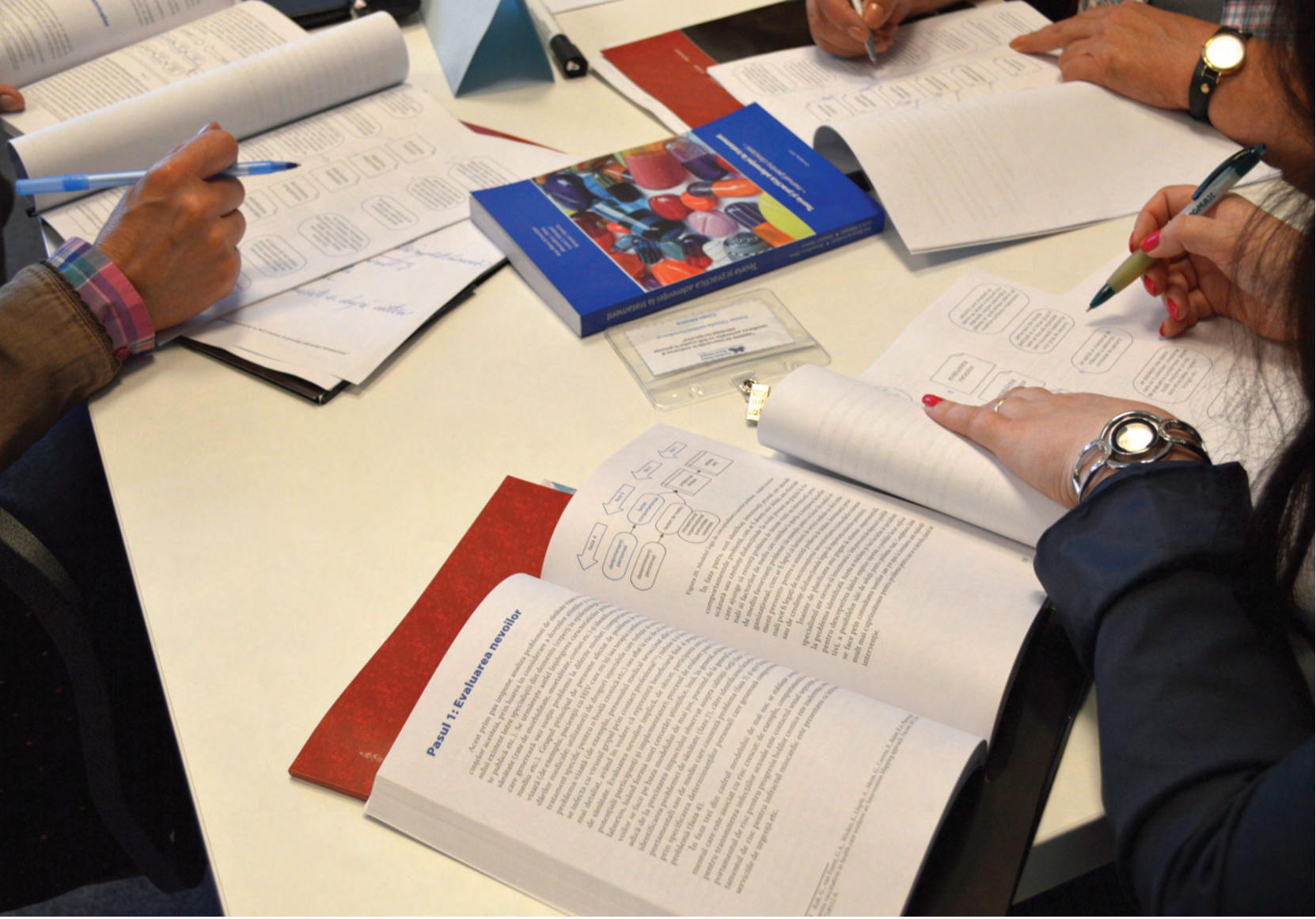
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Knowledge, the best ally against viruses

In 2016, Baylor Black Sea Foundation organized numerous campaigns and initiatives with the aim to inform the community about HIV and viral hepatitis transmission and prevention methods. In addition to this, Baylor remained a training center for doctors, nurses, psychologists, students and graduate students who participated in continuing education courses delivered at the Center of Excellence.





Treatment for life

The HIV Center has been providing care for patients and their families for over 16 years. The medical team works closely with the psychosocial department, and their common achievements are outstanding:

* 77% of patients who initiated treatment had an adherence of >95% (considered optimal for anti-HIV treatment)

* 49.5% of HIV-infected women treated at the Center accessed family planning services and 70.7% stated using a contraceptive method

Out of 1,007 beneficiaries in the active medical care 88.48% are on antiretroviral treatment



● HIV beneficiaries: 1,007 ● beneficiaries on treatment: 890



159

patients received dental care and have improved dental health



699

consults and interventions made in the Baylor's dental practice



104

patients received TB prophylaxis



71%

of patients were screened for TB



64

HIV-positive women received free of charge HPV testing

* 613 people benefited from the support of the psychologists and social assistants team

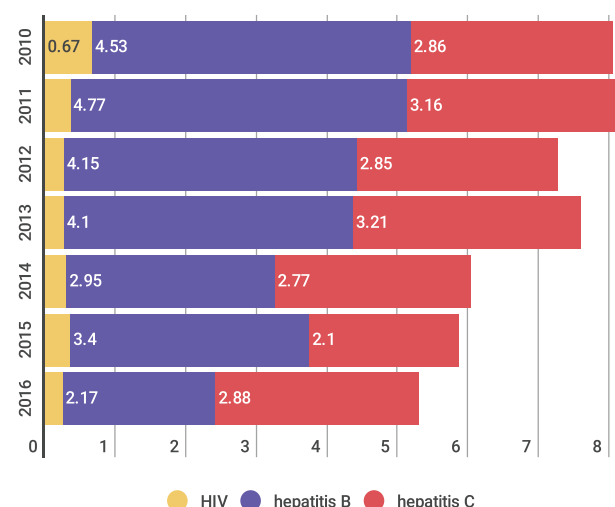
* 94% of patients accessing Baylor services obtained legal benefits with the help of Baylor's psychosocial team

* 27% of psychosocial and medical interventions were community visits

Community testing

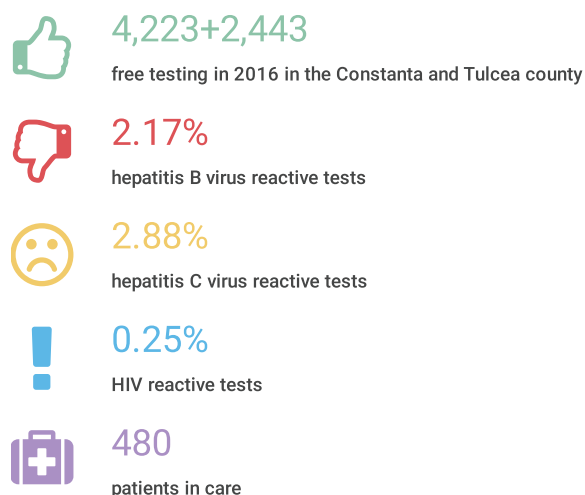
Since its establishment nine years ago, the Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) department has helped over 62.000 people to find their health status. Year after year, the number of those aware of the importance of HIV and hepatitis B&C testing has increased.

Prevalence of HIV, hepatitis B or C cases identified through the Baylor's testing program

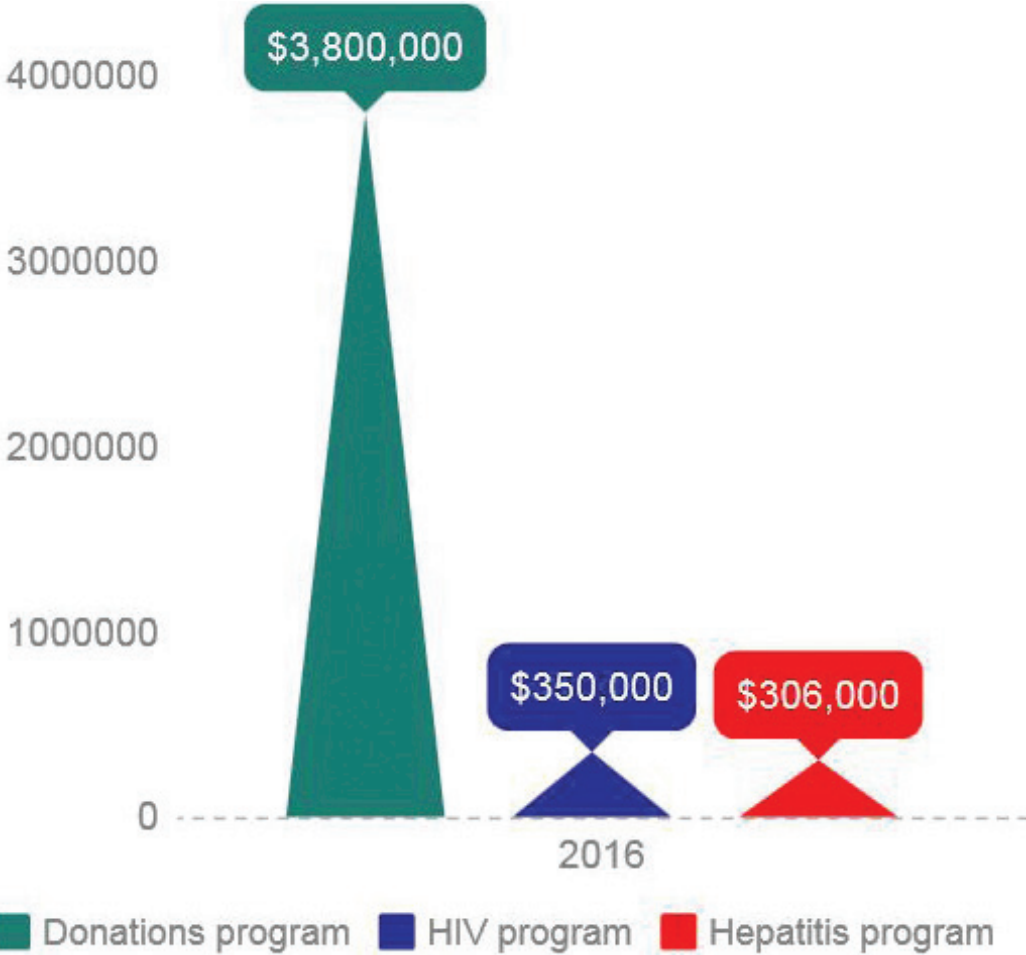
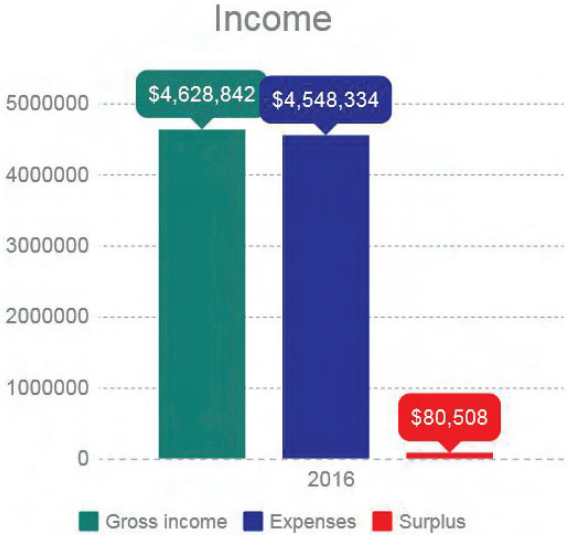


European Testing Week

Approximately 20% of Constanta City Hall employees were tested for HIV and viral hepatitis. The initiative unfolded during European Testing Week and was organized by the Baylor Black Sea Foundation in partnership with Constanta City Hall. Baylor teams tested 107 municipal employees. The conclusions from the week were that people are eager to be tested, but don't do it because of barriers such as lack of time, difficulties in leaving the workplace during the week or difficulties in obtaining a referral for free testing from their general practitioner. Baylor's project eliminated barriers, of time and place.



Consolidated Finances



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

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Bine ați venit la Centrul de Excelență Baylor!

Program de funcționare:
luni – vineri, 8.00 - 16.30

Consultații pacienți:
luni-vineri, 8.00 – 16.00

Testare HIV și hepatite:
luni – joi, 08:50 - 11:30

Pentru programări:

- consultații cabinete medicale: 0241/680.547
- testare: 0241/691.730
- cabinete Spitalul Clinic de Boli Infecțioase: 0241/484.550

Vă puteți programa online pe www.baylor.ro

Intrarea A

Recepție pacienți și vizitatori



Intrarea B

Recepție testare și asistență psihologică



Fundația Baylor Marea Neagră activează în domeniul prevenirii, tratării și îngrijirii bolilor infecțioase cronice.
Ne desfășurăm activitatea la centrul de Excelență Clinică și în cadrul centrelor de consiliere și testare rapidă.
Ajutăm spitalele publice din România prin donații de medicamente și oferim personalului sanitar cursuri specializate de educație medicală continuă.
Lucrăm după standardele Baylor College of Medicine și Texas Children's Hospital, în strâns parteneriat cu Spitalul Clinic de Boli Infecțioase Constanța.

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In recognition of the generous support
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for the addition of a new floor
of the Centre of Excellence.



În semn de apreciere, pentru sprijinul
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în ridicarea unui nou etaj
al Centrului de Excelență.

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