ROMP is an international nonprofit organization working to provide high-quality mobility services to people with amputation facing barriers to accessing this human right in the Western Hemisphere.

We provide prosthetic care and community-based rehabilitation services to hundreds of patients each year in Guatemala, Ecuador, and the United States. Volunteer programs play a key role in this effort, helping our local practitioners to provide the highest-quality care to our most vulnerable patients, and exchanging knowledge and skills with our local staff. If you are a student, resident, or practitioner of prosthetics and orthotics, physical therapy, occupational therapy, physical medicine, engineering, public health, or social work, we invite you to apply to serve through one of our many volunteer programs in 2020 and to help us achieve our mission: empowerment through mobility.

“Volunteer programs deliver quality prosthetic care to our patients, create meaningful opportunities for our staff’s professional growth, provide unforgettable experiences for our volunteers, and strengthen human bonds between countless individuals across international borders.”

- David Krupa, ROMP Founder and Executive Director

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**Guatemala - Zacapa**

All year round, ROMP operates the largest prosthetics clinic in the country of Guatemala. The permanent clinic is locally-staffed and stocked with all of the components, materials, and tools needed to provide high-quality prosthetic care to patients with all levels of amputation. ROMP also operates a mobile clinic that arrives to remote areas of Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico, and it also operates a community-based rehabilitation (CBR) program to address its patients’ full range of needs in their communities.

*Volunteer through a 2020 volunteer programs in Guatemala!*  

**Update from Zacapa - Microprocessor Knee Program**

ROMP firmly believes in providing the highest quality of care to all patients, regardless of their socioeconomic status. In 2019, ROMP provided a total of 13 microprocessor knees to high K-level patients, in special collaboration with Scott Moore at Bulow OPS. Scott collects and tests microprocessor knees that are fit to patients in Guatemala. He will be leading the April volunteer program in Guatemala, which will feature a major deployment of microprocessor knees to qualified patients.

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**Ecuador - Quito**

ROMP works with the Fundación Hermano Miguel (FHM) - an Ecuadorian foundation dedicated to rehabilitation services - to provide high-quality prosthetic care to Ecuadorians with amputation. It also works with academic, nonprofit, and private innovators to develop and pilot the next generation of prosthetic technologies, and conducts climbs in the Andes Mountains to promote human mobility.

*Check out the 2020 innovation and clinical volunteer programs in Ecuador.*

**Update from Quito - Studying the Needs of Patients**

Based on the success of the ROMP CBR Program in Guatemala, ROMP decided to study the needs of its Ecuadorian patients. In 2019, ROMP partnered with the Loma Linda University School of Public Health to conduct in-depth interviews of patients in their homes, and key governmental and nongovernmental organizations. The results will be used to develop a future CBR program in Ecuador.

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**United States - Denver**

**Update from the US - Tracking Component Donations with QR Codes**

Components for a Cause Program is ROMP’s nationwide component recycling program through which clinics donate new and gently-used componentry for use in Guatemala and Ecuador. ROMP is now using a QR code system that allows us to inform clinics which patients receive their components.

*Take five minutes to enroll as a C4C site today and share mobility from your clinic!*
ROMP Clinical Volunteer Program in Guatemala for Students, Faculty, and Practitioners of Prosthetics and Orthotics, Physical and Occupational Therapy

This program gives volunteers the opportunity to work alongside ROMP-Guatemala staff to provide care to Guatemalans with amputation and to exchange best-practices in prosthetic care and physical and occupational therapy. Volunteers will put their skills into action, taking a group of patients from evaluation and casting to delivery and training in an intense clinical week in Zacapa. They impact both patients and staff, and walk away with a greater understanding of the issues facing people with amputation in Guatemala.

Overview

Volunteers will arrive to the Guatemala City airport and will be shuttled together to Hotel Atlantico in Santa Cruz via private bus. Each day volunteers and ROMP Global staff will travel from the Hotel to the clinic via a private shuttle.

Volunteers will meet ROMP Guatemala staff and receive a tour of the clinic. The first two days of the clinical week will focus on evaluating, casting, modifying, and providing therapy to patients. The next two days will focus on continued modifying and fabrication, and the final two days will focus on delivering, training, and providing therapy to patients. There will be an end-of-week event to recognize the achievements of the clinical week.

Each day, a Lunch & Learn is given to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, skills, and ideas between local staff and international volunteers. Volunteers are welcome to lead a Lunch & Learn - let us know if you are interested!

Frequent topics include:

- Clinical techniques and case studies
- Community-based rehabilitation
- Guatemalan public health system
- Personal experiences with amputation
- ROMP advocacy and continued involvement

Following the clinical week of the program, the group will have the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful country and culture of Guatemala through a weekend excursion to the city of Antigua, Guatemala. Volunteers will be shuttled to the airport on time for their flight out of Guatemala.

Itinerary

The agenda for this program is the following:

Day 1  –  Arrival to Guatemala City and travel to Zacapa, Guatemala
Day 2  –  Welcome, Patient Evaluations, Casting, Physical/Occupational Therapy
Day 3  –  Patient Evaluations, Casting, Physical/Occupational Therapy
Day 4  –  Fabrication, Deliveries, Training
Day 5  –  Fabrication, Deliveries, Training
Day 6  –  Deliveries, Training
Day 7  –  Deliveries, Training, Closing Activity
Day 8  –  Travel to Antigua, Free Time in Antigua
Day 9  –  Free Time in Antigua
Day 10 – Departure from Guatemala City

“Over these past two years, volunteering with ROMP has helped me to have a deeper understanding of what it means to provide compassionate, patient-centered care. It is a unique experience that allows you to grow as both a healthcare provider and a person.”

– Kaycee Anderson, Loma Linda University Prosthetics and Orthotics Program
Program Dates
April 17-26, 2020 Open enrollment, special focus on microprocessor knees
May 8-17, 2020 Open enrollment
September 5-13, 2020 Open enrollment
October 9-18, 2020 Open enrollment

Cost
The program fee is $1,600 per volunteer, and includes all in-country ground transportation, food, and lodging in Guatemala. Volunteers are invited to use Classy to fundraise with family, friends, and colleagues.

Accommodations and Ground Transportation
Zacapa Accommodation
Hotel El Atlántico
Address: Carretera Atlántico, Santa Cruz, Guatemala
Phone: +502 7942 0000
Type of room: Double or Triple Cabaña

All weekend excursion site lodging is made at sites verified by ROMP Global. All in-country ground transportation is made in private shuttle arranged by ROMP Global.

Apply online today

“Working with the ROMP Guatemala team was a rewarding and inspiring experience unlike anything else in my residency. The program provided me with opportunities to discover unique problem solving skills for patient care, learn valuable lessons for navigating barriers with communication, network with practitioners and partners from around the globe, and ultimately gain experience that will help me better serve my patients throughout my professional career.”

– Jennifer Penner,
Baylor College of Medicine Prosthetics and Orthotics Program
Make the Most Out of Unused Components

ROMP is a global nonprofit organization dedicated to providing prosthetic care to those without access to this service. Gently used prosthetic components have tremendous value for patients in need. We are currently accepting the following types of donations.

- Feet
- Socks
- Liners
- Knees
- Modular components
- Supplies
- Entire prostheses

How You Can Help

Collect items that have accumulated in your storeroom / that are not billable, or set up a collection bin in your office. Securely box up items for shipping to ROMP headquarters. Request your free UPS shipping label on the C4C website or by emailing C4C@rompglobal.org.

Visit rompglobal.org/components-for-a-cause to enroll as a C4C site today and to request UPS shipping labels. Your company logo will be added to the ROMP website as a C4C partner.

“I look at it like this, ROMP is just as eager and appreciative to receive the components and redistribute them to folks in need, as Ability is to receive the donated limbs and partner with nonprofits to disassemble them. True partnerships help both entities achieve their goals.”

– Jeff Brandt, CPO and CEO Ability Prosthetics and Orthotics

Purchase Products Made by ROMP Patients

ROMP provides prosthetic care to people with amputation facing barriers to access in the Western Hemisphere. In Guatemala, ROMP provides prosthetic care year round to access-limited patients. But a prosthesis alone is not enough to bring someone back from an amputation. ROMP provides a wide range of support to patients, in their homes and communities. As part of our program, we help patients learn a new trade, start a business, and sell their product. Every purchase through Patient Products by ROMP keeps these patients on the road to recovery, and helps ROMP empower more patients through mobility in Guatemala.

🔗 Click here to purchase Patient Products
Each day, a special lecture will be given to share the knowledge and experience of expert ROMP innovators with volunteers. Key topics include:

- Key Clinical Techniques and Case Studies
- Design Thinking Tools
- Materials and Manufacturing
- Sustainability and Recycling
- Business modeling
- High-Performance Technology

Following the clinical week of the program, the group will have the opportunity to enjoy the stunning scenery and fascinating culture of Ecuador through a weekend excursion to the beautiful areas of Mindo or Otavalo. Volunteers will be shuttled to the airport on time for their flight out of Ecuador.

**SERVE IN ECUADOR**

**ROMP Innovation Program in Ecuador for Students, Faculty, and Professionals in Engineering and Design**

This program gives volunteers the opportunity to assess needs for innovation in prosthetic technology and care delivery, while assisting ROMP-Ecuador and Fundación Hermano Miguel practitioners in delivering prosthetic care and physical therapy to Ecuadorians with amputation who face barriers to this human right. The unparalleled access to patients and practitioners in an access-limited setting, as well as the expert coaching by ROMP staff, will prepare students to develop user-centered technologies in senior design projects and beyond. Prototypes may be piloted with ROMP patients in Ecuador and Guatemala as the volunteers develop their ideas.

**Overview**

Volunteers will arrive to the Quito airport and will be shuttled together to Hotel Sandmelis via private shuttle. Each day volunteers and ROMP Global staff will enjoy a 10 minute walk from the Hotel to the Fundación Hermano Miguel where this program is based.

Volunteers will meet ROMP Global and Fundación Hermano Miguel staff, and receive a tour of the clinical facility. The first two days of the program will focus on evaluating, casting, modifying, and providing therapy to patients. The next two days will focus on continued modifying and fabrication, and the final two days will focus on delivery, training, and providing therapy to patients. There will be an end-of-week delivery activity to acknowledge the achievements of the clinical week.
**Itinerary**

The agenda for this program is the following:

- **Day 1** – Arrival to Quito
- **Day 2** – Welcome; Patient Evaluations and Castings; Physical/Occupational Therapy
- **Day 3** – Modification, Fabrication, and Assembly of Devices
- **Day 4** – Modification, Fabrication, and Assembly of Devices
- **Day 5-6** – Fitting, gait training, and continued assembly of prostheses; Physical/Occupational Therapy
- **Day 7** – Fitting, gait training, and continued assembly of prostheses; Physical/Occupational Therapy; Closing Delivery Activity
- **Day 8** – Travel to Mindo/Otavalo, Free Time in Mindo/Otavalo
- **Day 9** – Free Time in Mindo/Otavalo; Return to Quito
- **Day 10** – Departure from Quito

**Program Dates**

- March 13-22, 2020 - **Open enrollment**
- May 22-31, 2020 - **Colorado State University**

**Cost**

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**Accommodations and Ground Transportation**

Quito Accommodation

Hotel Sandmelis

Av. Tomas de Berlanga E8-128 y Av. de Los Shyris, Quito, Ecuador

(593) 2 242-6225/442

[www.sandmelis.com](http://www.sandmelis.com)

All weekend excursion site lodging is made at sites verified by ROMP Global.

All in-country ground transportation is made in private shuttle arranged by ROMP Global.

[Apply online today](#)

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"Volunteering with ROMP was truly a hands on experience that helped me realize that mobility is more than just movement, and that a life fueled by passion yields the greatest results."

– Karrigan Smith, Volunteer in the June 2019 Innovation Program
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- Clinical Techniques and Case Studies
- Community-based Rehabilitation
- Product Development and Testing
- Personal Experiences with Amputation
- ROMP Advocacy and Continued Involvement

Following the clinical week of the program, the group will have the opportunity to enjoy the stunning scenery and fascinating culture of Ecuador through a weekend excursion to the beautiful area of Cotopaxi National Park. Volunteers will be shuttled to the airport on time for their flight out of Ecuador.

SERVE IN ECUADOR

ROMP Clinical Volunteer Program in Ecuador for Students, Faculty, and Practitioners of Prosthetics and Orthotics, Physical and Occupational Therapy

This program gives volunteers the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with practitioners from ROMP and Fundación Hermano Miguel to provide world-class prosthetic care and physical and occupational therapy to Ecuadorians with amputation who otherwise do not have access to these services. Volunteers will serve through an intense clinical week at the world-class Fundación Hermano Miguel rehabilitation facility. They will play a key role in remobilizing Ecuadorian patients and exchanging knowledge and skills with local practitioners.

Overview

Volunteers will arrive to the Quito airport and will be shuttled together to Hotel Sandmelis via private bus. Each day volunteers and ROMP Global staff will enjoy a 10 minute walk from the Hotel to the Fundación Hermano Miguel where this program is based.

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“Our impact the volunteers made will forever be unmatched, however, the impact of the experience with ROMP assisting highly active and motivated amputees in reaching their goals will never be forgotten.”

—Emily Tierney, MSPO, CPO, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
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Day 8  –  Travel to Cotopaxi National Park, Free Time in Cotopaxi National Park
Day 9  –  Free Time in Cotopaxi National Park; Return to Quito
Day 10  –  Departure from Quito

Program Dates

July 31 - August 9, 2019 - Open enrollment

Accommodations and Ground Transportation

Quito Accommodation
Hotel Sandmelis
Av. Tomas de Berlanga E8-128 y Av. de Los Shyris, Quito, Ecuador
(593) 2 242-6225/442
www.sandmelis.com

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“Reassurance that I have chosen the correct career path and that spending ten days in Ecuador can forever change a patient’s life and your own.”

– Daniel Prusi,
Century College Prosthetics and Orthotics Program
Enrollment is easy! **Click to get started.**

What is the process of signing-up and preparing for a program?
Once you have selected a program, please complete the online application at this link. We will review your application and if you are selected, we will send you a link to Classy where you will register with a $100 deposit, which counts towards your total program fee and formally enrolls you in the program. From that point forward you can use your Classy campaign to fundraise. You will receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to prepare for your trip. One month before your trip, you will receive an invitation to a pre-departure call during which we discuss the final details of your trip and answer any questions you might have.

How does my program fee work?
ROMP charges all volunteers a program fee of $1,600, which covers all in-country transportation, lodging, food, components, and operating costs. Through Classy, you can create a campaign to fundraise for the cost of your program. Invite your family, friends, and colleagues to make a tax-deductible donation through your Classy campaign or by mailing a check to ROMP at the address below. You can fundraise through your Classy campaign until one week prior to your departure date, at which point you will need to pay the remaining balance. Any amount raised beyond the program fee will be donated to ROMP to help more patients.

If you chose not to fundraise via Classy, the first half of your program fee is due two months prior to your program departure date, and the remaining half is due one week prior to departure. You can make this payment via credit card or by check to Range of Motion Project at the address below. Please make sure that all checks for your program fee list your name in the memo line.

Range of Motion Project, NFP
PO Box 100915
Denver, CO, 80250

How do my flights for my program work?
You are responsible for purchasing your own round-trip airfare for your program. For all Guatemala programs, you should arrive to Guatemala City La Aurora International Airport (GUA) by 2pm on the first day of your program, and you can leave the same airport anytime on the last day of your program. For all Ecuador programs, you should arrive to Quito Mariscal Sucre International Airport (UIO) by 1130pm on the first day of your program, and you can leave the same airport anytime on the last day of your program.

What tools, materials, or components should I bring?
Volunteers are welcome to bring their own tools if they desire, but all programs are fully-equipped in-country with the necessary tools, materials, and components. Each volunteer will be asked to carry a small load of components in their luggage for use in the program. **We encourage volunteers to ask the ticketing agent if the airline will waive the baggage fee for their components considering that they are for a humanitarian cause.** If they do not, ROMP will reimburse volunteers for the cost of one standard checked bag. Please remember to stay within airline baggage weight restrictions as overweight bags incur a significant cost.
What should I pack?
Volunteers should pack comfortable, casual clothing for use in the clinical activities - scrubs and/or t-shirts are welcome, closed-toed shoes are a must. For all Ecuador programs, volunteers should pack some clothes for cool mornings and evenings, and for all Guatemala programs volunteers should pack clothes for heat. Bring a swimsuit and flip flops, as well as an outfit to go-out in the excursion part of the trip. Volunteers should bring sunscreen, bug spray, and any medicines they need for the duration of the program. We recommend that you do not bring large amounts of cash but instead withdrawal cash from ATMs in-country, as needed.

What happens if I have to cancel my trip?
In the case that you can no longer serve in the program in which you have enrolled, you should inform us via an email to volunteerprograms@rompglobal.org If you wish to change to a future program, we will send you a note of credit that counts towards that program fee. If you do not wish to serve in a future program, we can reimburse any check payment that has been made up to one month before departure date. The $100 enrollment deposit is non-refunded.

“It was an honor working with Cipriano, building him tools to help him gain his independence back. A grave injustice befell this kind man. Only ROMP makes it possible to put the resources and people together to help a person like Cipriano when no one else would or could. It is an honor to serve with like minded members of the ROMP family whose sole focus is to do what we can to restore people back to function.”

– David Rotter, CPO and CEO David Rotter Prosthetics
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