



# **Serbian American Medical Association**

**Dinner Fundraiser  
Topaz Café  
Burr Ridge, IL  
October 24, 2023**



# Serbian American Medical Association

- **MISSION:** Improve quality health care in Serbia and Balkans – focus on primary care
- **HOW:** Non-cash donation of equipment, infrastructure, education
- SAMA is supported by volunteers and private donations/grants
- SAMA oversees the entire project lifecycle, from selection, implementation, and compliance
- SAMA maintains transparency and all transactions are available on [www.serbianama.org](http://www.serbianama.org) and/or upon request
- Overhead cost < 2%



<https://www.guidestar.org/>



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## 2022 FINANCIALS

### FUNDRAISING

General Donations	\$33,806.85
SAMA Tennis Open	\$12,800.00
Project Ivanjica	\$112,100.00
Dragačevac Slava	\$2,740.00
Medić Party	\$1,830.00
Project Pancevo	\$20,000.00
Project Sevce Kosovo	\$1,725.00
Chicago Fundraiser	\$126,000.00
Aksentijevich Slava	\$16,525.00
<b>Total funds raised</b>	<b>\$327,526.85</b>

### TOTAL FUNDS SPENT ON PROJECTS

Project Uzice Hospital	\$(115,968.37)
Project HC Ada	\$(7,561.38)
Project HC Laplje Selo KIM	\$(3,987.42)
Project HC Novi Becej	\$(7,405.04)
Project DZ Ivanjica Phase 1	\$(42,338.77)
Project Pancevo Hospital	\$(19,144.79)
Project DZ Ivanjica Phase 2	\$(137,022.24)
Project HC Barajevo	\$(10,191.23)
<b>Total funds spent on projects</b>	<b>\$(343,619.24)</b>

### OVERHEAD COSTS

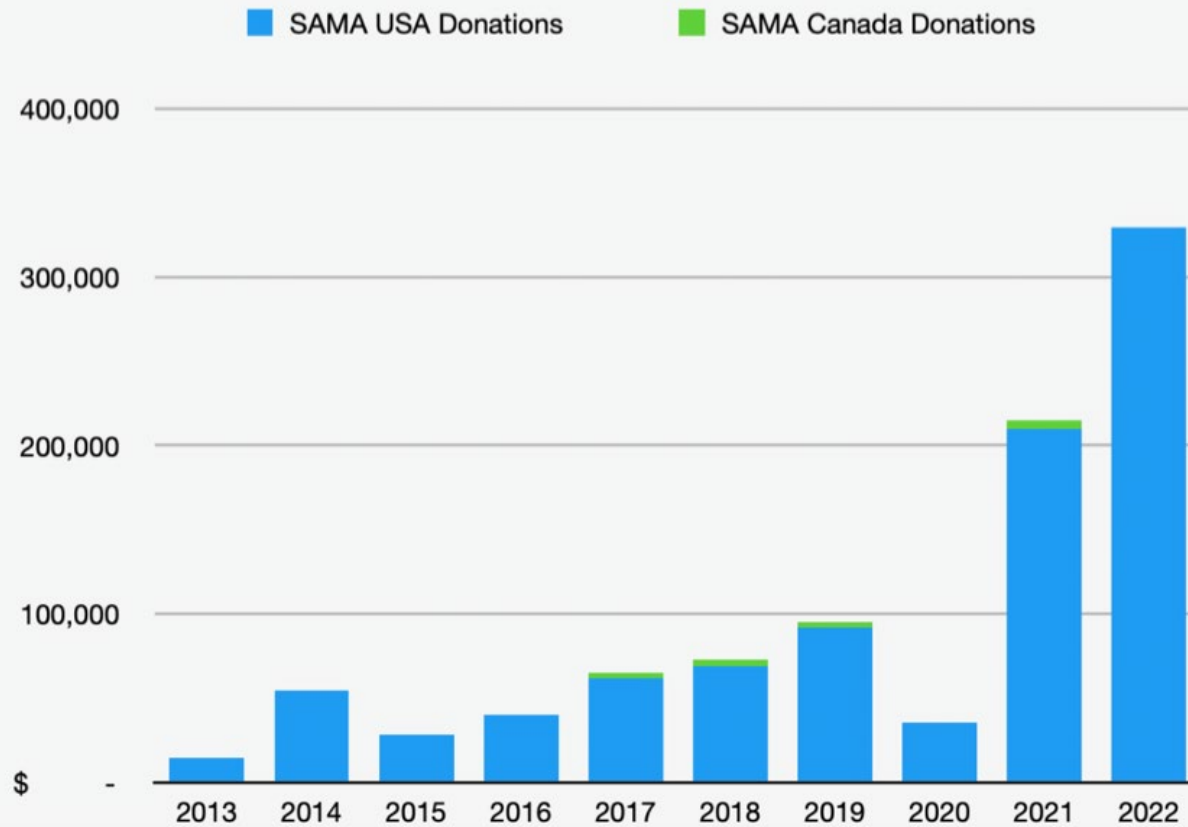
Bank Transfer fees	\$(738.30)
SAMA Walk T Shirts	
PayPal, Pledglink, Benevity Fees	\$(633.47)
<b>Total Overhead Costs (~1.7%)</b>	<b>\$(1,371.77)</b>
<b>Total funds spent on projects and overhead</b>	<b>\$(344,991.01)</b>



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## 2013-2023 Donations

SAMA invested **\$1,014,499.66** in various health care related projects in the period 2013-2023.





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## Issues affecting primary care in Serbia and BH:

- Infrastructure in disrepair
- Out-dated or inexistent equipment
- Patients have to pay out-of-pocket for certain services or medications not covered by the public healthcare system
- Rural areas often have limited access to local healthcare facilities or services, leading to longer travel times for medical services
- There is a shortage of medical professionals, leading to longer waiting times for appointments and poor service
- Bureaucracy



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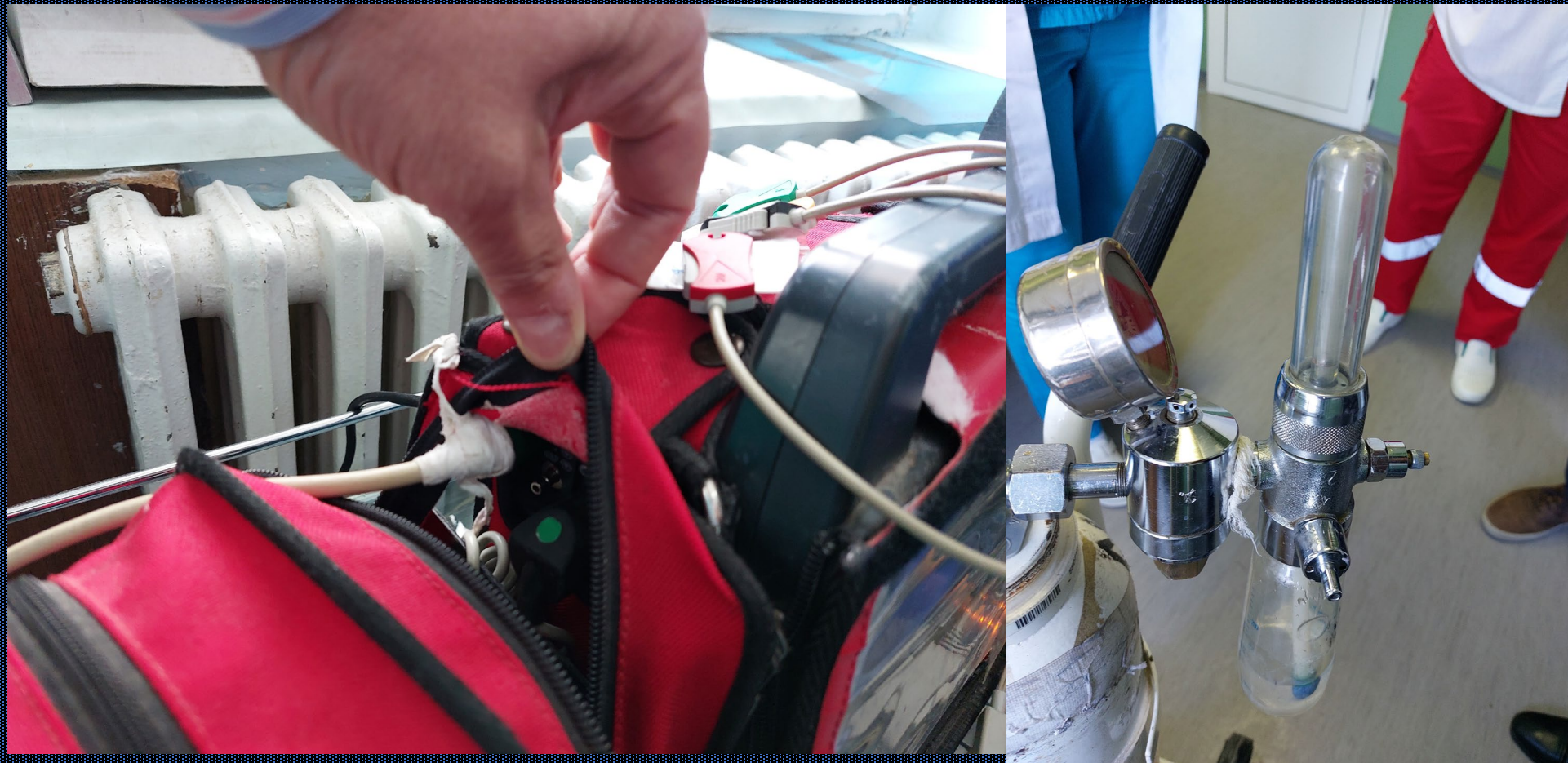


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## Health Center Ivanjica

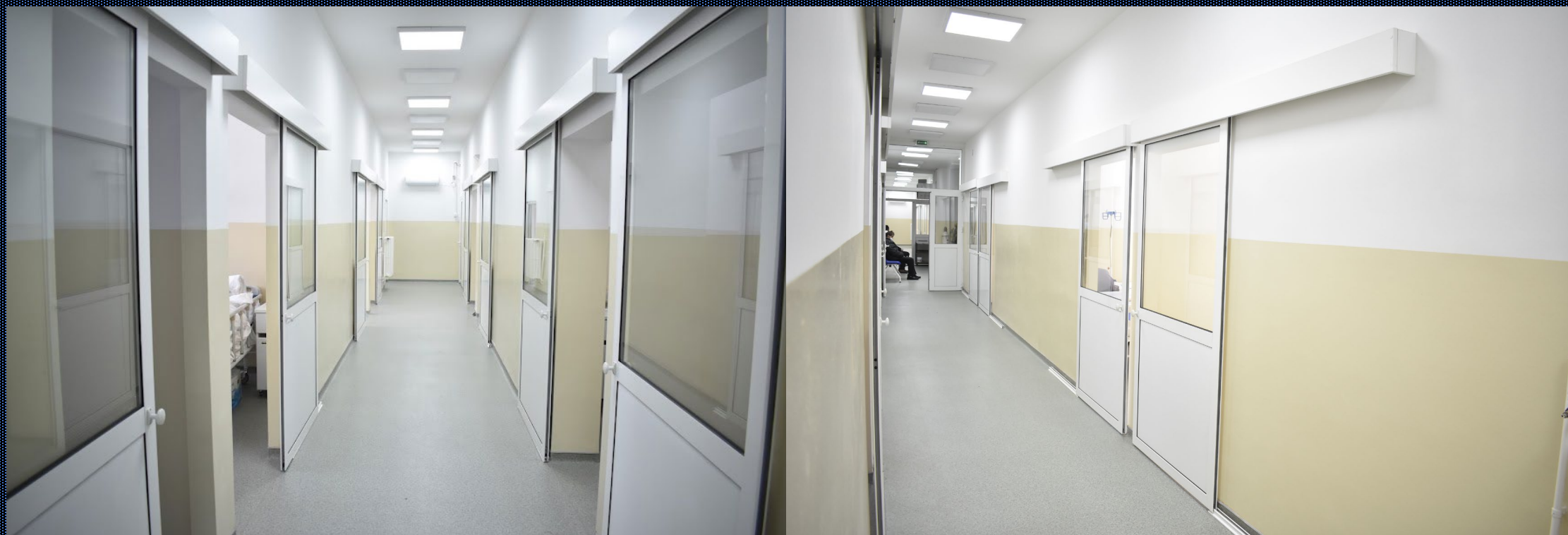


Chicago 2021 fundraiser



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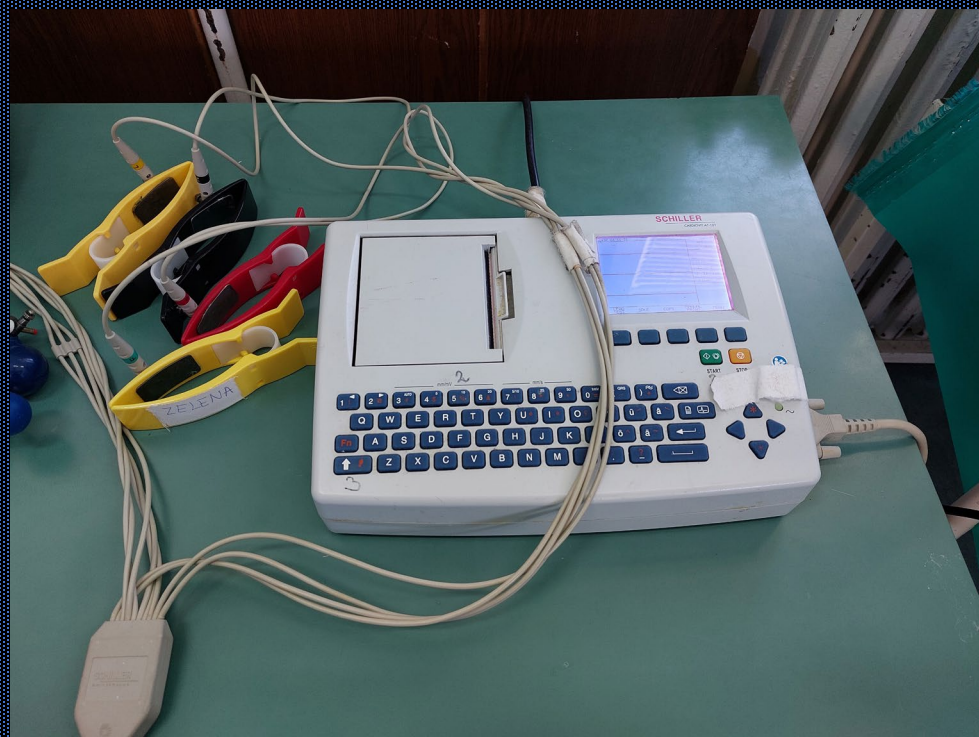
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## Užice Hemodialysis Center





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2022 Chicago fundraiser: \$126,000

## What was done:

1. Replaced/repaired sewer pipes
2. Replaced ceiling
3. Remodel nonfunctional bathrooms and patient wardrobe
4. Replaced floors
5. Repair and replacement of electrical circuit and lighting
6. Paint walls, windows and radiators
7. Donation of 22 new hospital beds, including weighing beds (for patients unable to stand) along with hosp furniture
8. EKG
9. Ultrasound with vascular and abdominal probes.

Project Cost: \$168,968.37



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**“Patients now have hemodialysis in human conditions!”** Mirko Tuba, president of the association of patients on dialysis and kidney transplant in Western Serbia.





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“With your generous contributions, our lives have been profoundly touched. Your gifts have not only brought smiles to our faces but have also enhanced the quality of care we can provide. Thank you for helping us create a positive impact on those in need.” Dr. Rangelov, Chief of Hemodialysis Center, Užice.

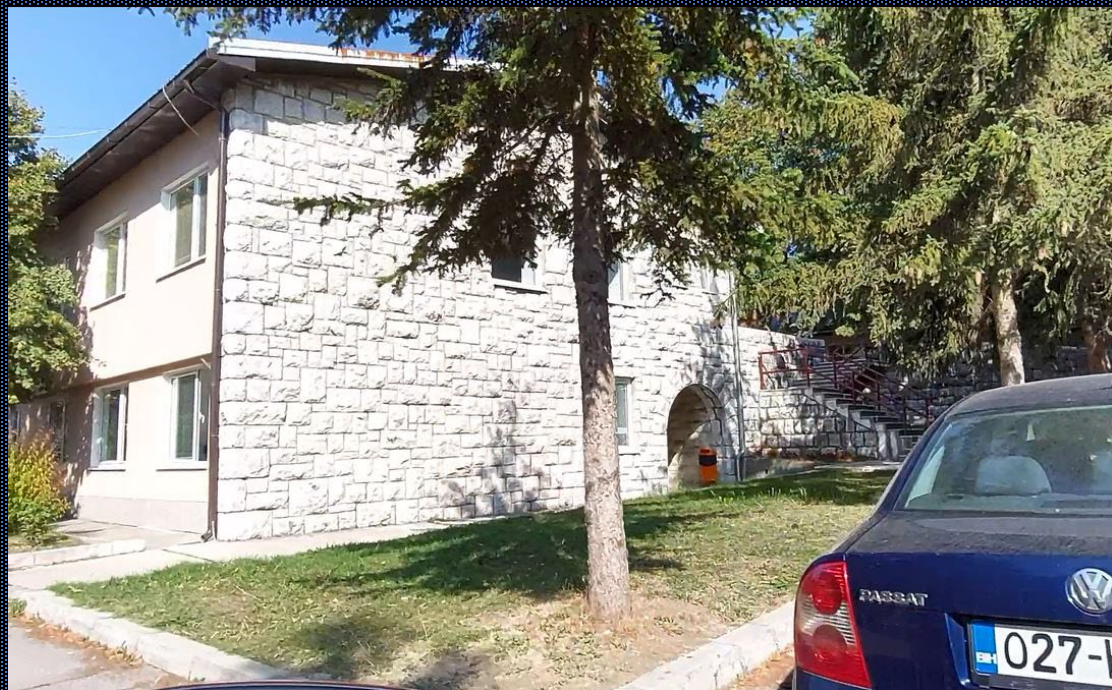




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## Health Centers Gacko and Kozarska Dubica

Gacko Health Center



8,990 inhabitants

Kozarska Dubica Health Center



11,566 inhabitants



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The use of a chemical analyzer in a local health center can significantly impact the lives of the community it serves:

- It contributes to early diagnosis
- Timely treatment
- Better management of chronic conditions
- Overall improved healthcare accessibility, which collectively save lives and enhance the well-being of the population

**Estimated cost: \$35,000 per analyzer**



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Your donations are making a significant difference for both patients and the dedicated medical staff who are providing essential care.

Your support is a lifeline that ensures better healthcare, and improved well-being and give dignity to both patients and medical staff

Thank you for being a vital part of this transformative process, and for standing with us in our mission to create a positive impact on primary care and the people it serves.