This report represents Somos Amigos Medical Missions’s responses to Charting Impact, a joint project of BBB Wise Giving Alliance, GuideStar USA Inc, and Independent Sector. Charting Impact uses five simple yet powerful questions to encourage strategic thinking and help organizations share concise information about their plans and progress toward impact.

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**Mission:**

Somos Amigos Medical Missions is an organization which provides medical, dental and humanitarian services and support to people living in medically under-served areas of developing countries. For nearly twenty years we have operated a medical and dental clinic in a rural community in the Dominican Republic. Volunteer physicians, dentists, hygienists, nurses, assistants, pharmacists, and translators travel to Naranjito, Dominican Republic several times per year to operate the clinic and treat patients. Our clinic operates in an area where there is no significant economy and where most people do not have access to quality medical or dental care. We maintain records on more than 4500 patients and typically treat more than 800 patients on one of our trips. Patients pay nothing for medical and dental services, medications or vitamins.

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does it represent fulfillment of the BBB Wise Giving Alliance’s *Standards for Charity Accountability*. For more information on Charting Impact, visit [www.guidestar.org/chartingimpact](http://www.guidestar.org/chartingimpact)
1. What are we aiming to accomplish?
We strive to deliver quality medical and dental care to an unserved population, and we strive to deliver that care with humility, dignity and compassion.

2. What are our strategies for making this happen?
Our volunteer caregivers and the other volunteers who support the caregivers deliver our care with humility, dignity and compassion. We staff our clinic periodically throughout the year with volunteer physicians, dentists, nurses, hygienists, and others.

3. What are our organization's capabilities for doing this?
We have patient records for nearly 5000 patients and have been providing care for nearly twenty years. Our facility is well-equipped and well-stocked, and our providers are respected, active, experienced practitioners.

4. How will we know if we're making progress?
On each of our trips to staff our clinic, more than 80% of our patients are returning, regular patients. Our medical and dental records allow us to monitor progress. Patients are healthier as a result of our caregivers' interventions. Indeed, some patients are alive as a result.

5. What have and haven't we accomplished so far?
We continue to ask ourselves how we can serve more patients, and how we can continue to raise the level of care we offer. We would like to reach more isolated communities. We would like to supplement some of our on-site diagnostic capabilities. We would like to expand our education, prevention and outreach programs. We would like to add an additional trip to our yearly calendar. We would like to staff our clinic periodically when we are not present, to allow us to monitor certain patients.