**Benjamin Hulefield, VP of Business Development**

*What makes you perfectly suited for your job?*

It’s actually pretty simple for me. The greatest quality I have for this job is that I’m good at, and really enjoy, developing long-lasting professional relationships. I seek out and facilitate the kinds of relationships that allow both my company and the vendor or partner’s company to grow. On a broader scale, I truly enjoy being abroad and experiencing different cultures, and want to help create a business that makes sense for the local community while simultaneously opening it up to a larger international market.

*What moments in your professional history are you most proud of?*

When I was working for the Puntacana Ecological Foundation, I was able to bring Chris, Mark and Jeff to the table with Grupo Puntacana, and I was there the moment Hospitals International Holding Company was born. So I’ve had the opportunity to take Hospitals International from the “dream stage” to an actual reality, where we are now building a truly unique health center and medical campus in partnership with Dominican physicians, U.S. healthcare entities and academic institutions. It has been the most enriching professional experience of my life.

*Why do you believe Hospitals International is the right place for you?*

Hospitals International was founded to bring advanced healthcare to as many people as possible in this region and to push for continued innovation in how care is provided. Right now, every day is new. The company is in a pure growth and development phase, which means even the most minimal advances are significant, and we can see the results of our work almost immediately. Five years of planning and patience is paying off, and it’s incredibly exciting to see something new and worthwhile being built.

*What makes healthcare a valuable pursuit for you?*

Healthcare was not a planned pursuit for me at all, but I can honestly say that I am passionate about creating something that will improve the lives of many, many people. Medicine is part of human history and we are living in a time of unprecedented change, growth and advancement in modern medicine. Plus, I find myself surrounded by brilliant people with clear visions for how we can better serve the healthcare needs of our local communities and the world at large.