

**ReSound US Employee Communications – Courtesy Copy**

Article originally published on MyGN intranet on Thursday, January 31, 2019

**Dr. Fagan delivers the gift of sound ... again**

*The gift of hearing is worth repeating*



A new group of Dominican Republic youth and adults experienced the gift of sound when audiologist Dr. Roger Fagan, owner of Maine-based Fagan Center for Audiology, embarked on his 22<sup>nd</sup> hearing-care mission trip on January 19-26 to help more than 100 people in need of hearing aids.

The mission team, comprised of 16 volunteers from Alaska, Florida, and Maine — including two audiologists, two hearing aid dispensers, and a speech pathologist — provided care as part of the Rotary Club of

Portland, Maine's 3H (Hearing, Hands & H<sub>2</sub>O) program during a Jan. 19–26 visit to the Dominican communities of La Romana and Santo Domingo.

"It's deeply rewarding to know you've changed the life of a child who may never have heard family voices, or an adult who feels more empowered through better hearing," said Fagan. "The experience brings joy to those being helped and to those doing the helping, so we're excited to return."



In partnership with ReSound, which donated digital, programmable hearing aids, Fagan and team members fitted some 148 hearing aid patients. The help didn't end there: they saw 120 patients at clinics in four different cities spread over the island, doing a combination of fitting patients with prosthetic hands/devices they made for them and seeing/evaluating new patients. They also provided some 80 solar lights and 80 water filtration systems. It was a record for them for a single week of work!

Three hospital nurses already trained by Fagan and his wife, Liz, a speech-pathology doctor, will provide ongoing hearing aid assistance between mission trips.

*Thanks to Charles Stover, Senior Marketing Manager, Audigy Venture Group, LLC, for surfacing this story.*