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CELEBRATING OUR 7TH YEAR!

WINTER 2011

ABOUT

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Faces of Hope is a children's health Rotary project started in 2004 by the Rotary clubs of District 5170, in the Bay Area.

We serve the needs of Guatemalan children born with cleft lips and palates who can not afford surgery any other way.

By providing these services and our continued support of our Guatemalan partners, Faces of Hope helps families overcome stigma, helps children to grow up with hope for their future and helps further our Rotary moto of Service Above Self.

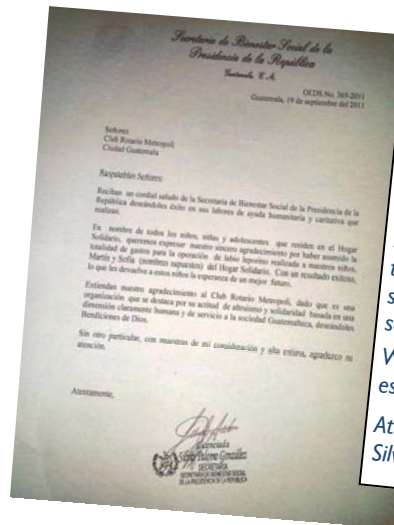


Love, Faith and Courage

Our dear Sofia was abandoned at a hospital in Quetzaltenango shortly after her birth. The orphanage that took her into their care arranged to bring her and another little one named Martin to us to receive surgery. Sofia was a particular favorite of everyone on our team for the fight she put up to gain the health and strength she needed for surgery. We expect to see her again in 2012 for a re-evaluation of her needs and we look forward to reporting on her progress. After our return

home, we received a note from the office of the President of Guatemala thanking Faces of Hope and our Guatemalan Ro-

tary partners for our work with these children. We in turn want to thank you for your support of our work.



Respectable Gentleman,

Receive this cordial greeting from Social Welfare Secretary of the President of the Republic wishing you all success in all your humanitarian and charitable efforts.

In the name of all the children, youth that reside in the Supportive Home, we want to express our sincerest appreciation for having to take all surgery expenses for cleft lip made to our children Martin and Sofia (assumed names) from Supportive Homes. With a successful result, what these children receive in return is the hope of a better future.

Extend our appreciation to the Rotary and Faces of Hope, since they are organizations that stand for its altruistic attitude and solidarity based on a distinctly human dimension and service to society of Guatemala, wishing you God's Blessing.

Without further ado, with samples of my consideration and high esteem, I appreciate your attention.

Attentively,
Silvia Palomo Gonzalez

From the Directors

Jolene Bortz, Oakland Sunrise, CA Rotary

Rose Padilla-Johnson, San Leandro, CA Rotary

It is gratifying to be a part of a group of dedicated volunteers that mirrors the Rotary moto of Service Above Self. The 2011 mission was the inspiring success that we have come to expect from our Faces of Hope family and we have begun a process of transition to take us into our next phase of being.

Change is tricky and 2011 brought us change in many areas. The FoH family faced it all by placing the love of our patients and our purpose first, above the challenges of adjusting to new things, new people and new places.

Our greatest joy and inspiration at FoH is watching the faces of

parents when their child awakens after surgery to their new life. We ask our teammates both old and new, our contributors and supporters take a moment to reflect on the impact each of you have made...and smile! On behalf of the hundreds of children and families we have touched since our inception, we thank you.

Reaching Beyond

Always responsive to the changing needs of the children of Guatemala, and thanks to the vision and passion of small group of Faces volunteers we began planning a mission to Clinica Barbara. This clinic challenged us to redouble our efforts to meet the increasing needs of children in a more rural area while providing an opportunity for Faces of Hope to develop and enhance our



partnerships. The camp style environment added a whole different element to our usual trip! The 6 day Clinica Barbara mission was headed by Drs. Tomlinson and Dominguez and provided 21 children with life changing surgery. Over half of the surgeries were cleft lip while the rest were burn reconstructions performed by Drs. Santiso and Fuenmayor, two dynamic Guatemalan plastic surgeons specializing in burns. We are very proud of this effort and look forward to deepening our commitment to work with Guatemalan medical professionals.



Growing up with Faces Jessica Johnson, Casa de Fe Team Leader

As a teacher, I'm often asked how I spend my summers and I love telling people about Faces of Hope and Casa de Fe. When I'm asked what is Casa de Fe, my response is always the same: home. It's a place where families come together, share stories, eat, laugh and share some tears of fear before a child goes into surgery and more tears of joy after.

Our volunteers at Casa become part of each family's story and their journey. We provide comfort, support, education and some entertainment for the children and their families. The young adults of the Casa de Fe team each have their own story to tell of how Casa has changed their lives and helped them

achieve their goals. Terren is an excellent example of a young woman who's life has changed because of her time spent with Faces of Hope. Terren has said she's "grown up with Faces". After several years she is now a sophomore at the University of Portland studying nursing and she is fulfilling her goals and remembering her times with Faces of Hope. The last 6 years for me and our volunteers are full of memories and opportunities. Although we met along different points in our lives, whether in high school or college, we have all continued on our own paths, staying connected and making sure to keep a place in our hearts for Casa de Fe and each other.



We miss you Dr. A

For many of us, one defining person in addition to our beautiful patients, forever tied our hearts to Faces of Hope. A doctor who gave his all to our mission, our patients and the education of our medical



students and non-medical volunteers. Dr. Don Allari has retired from our work but his influence continues to be felt and his humor, emotion and example is missed by all.

Thank you for all your beautiful gifts.

So many people donate to Faces of Hope in so many ways. We want to thank those who support us financially as



well as those who give of the talents for sewing and last but not least those who donate coloring books, crayons and the stuffed animals and puppets that help entertain our little ones while they await surgery.



Yes, I want to support Faces of Hope.

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