



ANNUAL REPORT 2017

Mission: Improve access to surgical care in underserved communities and support multidisciplinary health care through education, local partnerships and telemedicine.

ACHEIVEMENTS

OUR 2017 PROGRAMS

- CMI International Fellowship for Dr. Wone Banda, Malawi's first natively-trained plastic surgeon from Malawi, with partners in Mexico City and Boston
- 18 scholarships for medical students at Hue University (Vietnam)
- CMI International Nursing Exchange Program: 9 days of collaborative training for 18 U.S. nursing students and their counterparts at Hue University in hospitals, clinics and community settings in Hue and communes near Nam Dong (Vietnam)
- 4 clinical and surgical "jornadas" (work days) at the CER Hospital (Tijuana, Mexico), with telemedicine broadcasts to UCSD and University of Massachusetts Schools of Medicine and other participants
- 3 CMI Research Scholarships for residents presenting innovative research on craniofacial issues at international conferences
- 18 Visiting Scholarships for surgeons, speech therapists and orthodontists serving low-income youth throughout Mexico in specialized training and techniques benefitting pediatric craniofacial patients
- 2 self-esteem camps for cleft patients that incorporate psychological counseling and art therapy (Tijuana, Mexico)
- 2 cleft patient appreciation "fiestas" (Tijuana, Mexico)
- orthodontic treatment for 80 children with cleft lip and palate from poor, remote areas of Chiapas (Mexico)

IMPACT

\$402,685.04

Estimated value of medical services provided directly by CMI team

634

Medical training hours provided for nurses, plastic surgery trainees and related specialists dedicated to giving back to their communities

166

Patients who received medical or surgical care

42

Specialists from under-resourced communities who received educational or training opportunities to better serve their communities

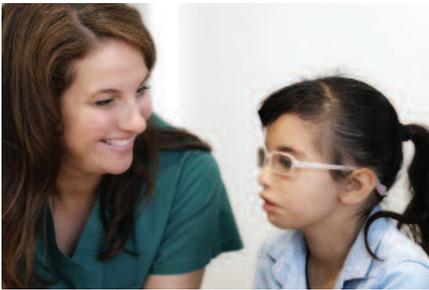
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Scholarships granted for specialized research or training

6

International educational conferences about global surgery and reconstructive practices

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER



In 2017, ConnectMed continued our small but purposeful steps to improve access to surgical care in resource-poor communities in Mexico, Vietnam and Malawi. **4.8 billion people around the world - 90% of the population in low and middle income countries - lack access to safe, timely surgical care.** Mortality rates from conditions correctible by surgical intervention, including congenital deformities and injuries, have increased, and are higher than mortality rates from HIV/Aids, Malaria and Tuberculosis combined.

One critical step is education: global health research has found that supporting educational and research opportunities for health care providers already practicing in underserved communities is the most effective and ethical way to make safe surgical care more accessible. **In fact, 1.27 million surgeons need to be trained by 2030 to meet improved health outcomes.** Thus, CMI's primary focus has been to continue and expand our support of training and continuing education for specialists dedicated to giving back to their communities. They learn or improve professional skills that meet the needs of their own patients with deformities and injuries.

For example, we launched our first International Fellowship, an intensive training program for plastic surgery graduates working in underserved communities who seek growth in reconstructive specialties. Our first International Fellow is Dr. Wone Banda, Malawi's first natively trained plastic surgeon. She will share her skills not only with her patients but with other surgical trainees in her home community to build up a local plastic surgery practice. We supported the research of three plastic surgery residents from Mexico City, and funded specialized training for Mexican specialists that work with cleft patients. From our partner site in Tijuana, Mexico, we broadcast clinics and surgeries to U.S. medical schools - to the benefit of participants on both sides of the broadcast. Our International Nursing Exchange, dedicated to enriching the education and cultural competencies of nursing students, brought nursing students to Hue to exchange clinical skills and experiences with Vietnamese students and instructors.

The big picture objective remains the same since our inception 8 years ago: comprehensive medical care for low-income young people, focusing on those with deformities and disfiguring injuries. We strive to help these young people live "normal", productive lives with school, friends and opportunities they might otherwise not have, while also heeding the mandate of the World Health Organization to improve surgical access through steps that strengthen local healthcare communities.

Your support in 2017 allowed us to continue our partnership with local healthcare professionals already serving resource-poor communities. At CER Hospital in Tijuana, Mexico, we collaborated with Mexican specialists to provide care in state-of-the-art facilities to the most vulnerable in the community: a total of 4 "jornadas" with 36 evaluations and 18 surgical procedures in 2017. We supported the work of Drs. Cuellar Sr. and Jr. in Chiapas, Mexico, resulting in orthodontic and speech therapy treatments for 80 low-income children from around the state.

Local sustainability through education, collaborative direct care and telemedicine remains the cornerstone of our mission at ConnectMed International and it is a challenge I am excited to continue tackling. I hope that you will continue on this journey with us, both with your interest and your support.

Sincerely,



Amanda Gosman, M.D.
President and Founder

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We believe everyone should have access to ethically responsible surgical care, regardless of where they live or their economic means. This means safe, quality care by surgeons trained in their specialties, a multidisciplinary approach and ongoing follow-up.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31st, 2017

Revenue

Contributions, Gifts, and Grants (including in kind donations)	\$	95, 920
Fundraisers	\$	131,925
Total Revenue	\$	227,872

Expenses

Program Services	\$	151, 214
Fundraising	\$	45,827
Administrative	\$	35,242
Total Expenses	\$	232,282
Net Operating Revenue	\$	(4,410)
End of Year Assets	\$	336,497

FINANCIALS

ConnectMed International relies on donated medical supplies, equipment and volunteers so that the majority of our donations go to direct patient costs. We partner with local medical personnel so that our patients receive the follow up care they need with local providers in the months following surgery.

ConnectMed International files a Form 990 with the Internal Revenue Department each year in compliance with 501c3 public charity status.

The twelve members of the CMI Board of Directors are comprised of medical and business leaders to ensure that funds donated to CMI and the use of all assets are used efficiently and effectively for the highest level of charitable purposes.

A copy of our current 990 is available at our website: ConnectMed.org

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