ConnectMed INTERNATIONAL

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION: Improve access to surgical care in resource-limited communities and support sustainable healthcare through education, partnerships, telemedicine and research

PROGRAMS

- International Fellowship for Dr. Le Hong Phuc, plastic and orthopedic surgeon from Hue, Vietnam, with partners at Duke University and UCSD
- 11 Scholarships for low-income nursing students at Hue University (Vietnam)
- Research Scholarships for specialists conducting or presenting innovative research on issues impacting craniofacial patients
- Visiting Scholarships for surgeons, speech therapists and orthodontists in specialized training and techniques benefitting low-income pediatric craniofacial patients
- International Nursing Exchange Program: 9 days of collaborative training for 18 U.S nursing and public health students at Hue University (Vietnam) in hospitals, clinics and community settings in Hue and nearby communes
- 2 medical workdays or "jornadas" at the CER Hospital in Tijuana, Mexico, with telemedicine broadcasts to UCSD, University of Massachusetts School of Medicine and other participants
- 2 self-esteem camps for cleft patients that incorporate psychological counseling and art therapy
- Camp Cosmos, our first ever recreational day camp for Southern California craniofacial families

IMPACT:

$129,203
Estimated value of medical services provided by CMI

132
Medical care for low-income patients globally

17
Scholarships/educational support for nursing students and medical specialists from resource-limited communities

4
Supported research projects for Latin American partners

2nd
International Fellowship benefiting a surgeon from Vietnam hoping to meet his community's surgical needs

195
Registered participants for Camp Cosmos, CMI's recreational day camp benefiting families affected by craniofacial differences

126
Engaged volunteers

LETTER TO OUR SUPPORTERS

In 2018, we focused on helping to collaboratively build healthcare capacity in resource-limited communities for the benefit of people in need of reconstructive surgeries and comprehensive medical care. We deeply believe that the most efficient and sustainable approach is to train and empower local healthcare professionals in resource-limited communities to care for their own patients. In 2018 we supported surgeons, speech therapists, orthodontists, psychologists and nurses who care for people in low-income populations through opportunities for professional development, hands-on training, research support, scholarships and more.

What about hands-on patient care? Our ConnectMed team provides direct patient care, such as our medical "jornadas" at our partner site in Tijuana, but only if coupled with opportunities to train others.

Our eyes remain on the prize: to make it easier for people of all ages from remote or low-income populations get the specialized, multidisciplinary care to bravely face their world and live their lives fully. An example of this is Dany, an 11-year old patient from Tijuana with Moebius Syndrome, which causes facial paralysis. She could not speak properly or smile at all, and she was bullied so much at one school that she left in the middle of the year. Dany needed specialized facial reanimation surgery that her family could not afford and that was not available in Tijuana. ConnectMed covered the cost for her to travel to and from Mexico City and receive surgery and follow-up care from Dr. Cardenas and his team, many of whom we have supported with training and professional development opportunities.

Back in Tijuana, she is evaluated regularly by our team to monitor her recovery and to make sure that she is doing her physical and speech therapy exercises. Within just a couple months of surgery we were rewarded with lots of her hugs, kisses and – for the first time – the beginnings of smiles!

2018 was also the inaugural year for Camp Cosmos, Southern California's only day camp for children with craniofacial differences and their families. We were thrilled to give our 150+ participants the opportunity to engage with San Diego healthcare professionals – including doctors and nurses from their treatment teams- while playing Giant Jenga, tackling inflatable obstacle courses, participating in self-esteem building activities and more. The special day allowed these families to come together in a safe space where they not only could feel comfortable in their own skin but felt celebrated! As one mom commented after: "I just wanted to thank all who were involved in helping make Camp Cosmos available…My son had such an amazing time and it meant so much to him having other kids with scars like him. I seriously spent the whole day fighting back grateful tears!"

Huge thanks to all of our 86 volunteers and 10 community partners - we look forward to building on this in 2019!

Sincerely,

President
Amanda Gosman, M.D

Executive Director
Rita Albert, J.D

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31, 2018

REVENUE

Contributions, Gifts & Grants (including in kind):	$212,621
Fundraisers	$165,200
Total Revenue	**$377,821**

EXPENSES

Program Expenses	$257,242 (69.2%)
Administrative Expenses:	$32, 710 (8.8%)
Fundraising Expenses:	$81,351,20 (21.9%)
Total Expenses:	**$371, 302**
Net Operating Revenue:	**$6,519**

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.

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