ConnectMed INTERNATIONAL

Celebrating our 10th year!

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

2019 IMPACT

66 PATIENTS who benfited from medical or surgical care

$175K VALUE OF MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED

24 SCHOLARSHIPS for educational or research opportunities

136 VOLUNTEERS local and international

112 BENEFICARIES average number of patients who will benefit per scholarship

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Surgical outreach and educational conference**, helping launch Hue University School of Medicine's Division of Plastic Surgery (Vietnam)
- 7th annual **International Nursing Exchange Program** allowing cultural and educational exchanges between American and Vietnamese nursing students
- 4 "jornadas" (**medical and educational "workdays"**) at Clinicà CER, Tijuana with local specialists providing surgeries, medical care, speech therapy, and art therapy
- **2nd Annual Camp CARE** in partnership with the national Children's Craniofacial Association, providing therapeutic support at its Annual Retreat
- **2nd Annual Camp Cosmos** with 212 registrants from San Diego and Tijuana
- 2 **self-esteem building camps** in Tijuana for children with craniofacial differences, led by a local psychologist
- **International Fellowship** for microsurgeon Dr. Mohamad Ramadan from Jakarta, Indonesia, providing hands-on training and research opportunities at UC San Diego and sites in Mexico City
- **Collaboration with Dr. Wone Banda** from Lilongwe, Malawi, to advise about **meaningful support of African healthcare infrastructure and capacity-building**, and to bring the voices of African surgeons to the forefront.

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER

A DECADE AGO, ConnectMed (CMI) was launched with the commitment of about a dozen people unified in the belief that the "gold standard" of comprehensive care that we take for granted in the U.S. should be consistently accessible regardless of location or means. This standard recognizes that successful treatment of congenital or acquired conditions requires numerous surgeries and extensive follow-up from a team of specialists, including orthodontists and speech therapists. Our founding group understood that in many low and middle income countries (LMIC's) the demand for this specialized and comprehensive treatment is more than the local healthcare infrastructure can provide.

From the beginning, we wanted to do things differently from the traditional medical mission. Consequently, **direct care in LMIC's is only one component of our work**, and provided only upon the invitation of and in partnership with local healthcare professionals (HCP's) who can provide critical follow-up care. While these outreach trips provide incredibly powerful opportunities for hands-on care, their impact is necessarily limited by the number of surgeries and evaluations that can be completed with the time that we have.

Our larger goal has been to **build healthcare capacity in LMIC's** through (1) innovative and long-term partnership with HCP's that facilitate the delivery of care, and (2) educational opportunities and research support that HCP's identify as needing for providing optimal care to their own communities.

One example is our **International Fellowship**, our research-based, hands-on training opportunity for LMIC's surgeons, now in its 4 th year. Our 2019 International Fellow, Dr. Mohamad Ramadan, is from Indonesia, where there is a strong interest and need to train residents in microsurgery to improve treatment for patients with trauma, cancer, or congenital defects. Dr. Ramadan participated in educational conferences and hands-on training in the U.S. and Mexico City to further improve his skills and enable him to train others. He also initiated research on improving and testing a simulative, low-cost, easy-to-construct microsurgical training "box" that would greatly reduce the barriers to training in this critical technique, which typically involves expensive equipment, and ultimately benefit thousands of patients.

Our emphasis on comprehensive care includes psychological and emotional health. In that vein, we have successfully rolled out **psychosocial outreach programs** benefitting children and families in San Diego through Camp Cosmos, our recreational and therapeutic family camp, and nationally through Camp CARE at the CCA Kids Retreat.

We are incredibly proud of how CMI has grown, and what we have accomplished over the last 10 years. In many ways, growing ConnectMed has been like raising a child: it has evolved and matured while its essence and core have stayed the same. And like raising a child, **it has and does takes a village to move ConnectMed forward each year!** We are so grateful to each and every volunteer, donor, collaborator, advisor and EACH OF YOU for being part of that village.

Now come, eat some cake and celebrate with us for ConnectMed's 10th birthday party!

OCTOBER 3RD AT 6PM
AT THE FARMER AND THE SEAHORSE!

President, Amanda Gosman, M.D.
Executive Director, Rita Abbati Albert J.D.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of January 2020

REVENUE

Contributions, grants & gifts (including in-kind):	$285,600
Fundraisers:	$143,044
Total Revenue:	**$428,664**

EXPENSES

Program Expenses:	$338,266 (76%)
Fundraising Expenses:	$73,143 (17%)
Administrative Expenses:	$32,395 (7%)
Total Expenses:	**$443,804**
Net Operating Revenue:	**($15,140)**

HELP US MOVE FORWARD IN THE NEXT DECADE!

The ConnectMed Team has strategized and prepared to take some critical steps in the next few years with the goal of building capacity and multiplying the number of patients who have long-term access to quality, comprehensive care in resource-limited communities. Of course, completing each step relies on collaboration with partner sites, organizations, academic institutions and the like...but, most of all, your understanding and support of our mission.

Please visit our newly renovated website at connectmed.org to learn more and make a one-time or recurring donation - and help launch us into the next decade!