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- Visit us at **www.partnerforsurgery.org** to make a secure online donation.
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Lives transformed through medical care

Our Story



Todd Peterson, serving as a Peace Corps volunteer from 1997 to 1999, recalls two people in the rural village of Paquip who changed him forever:

*“The patriarch of my ‘adopted family’, **Don Ricardo**, had a band wrapped tightly around his waist. It concealed a **hernia he had endured for 25 years**. **Virginia** never left her parents’ home in the daylight for 22 years because of her **cleft lip and palate**.*

*“I convinced them both to travel with me to Antigua to seek help from a volunteer surgical team. Villagers began **raising money for their funerals** because they saw hospitals as places one went to die. They survived, and in fact **thrived!** Don Ricardo lived a long life with mobility, and **Virginia got married**. Their lives were changed, and **mine was too**”.*

Todd’s parents visited Guatemala and were overwhelmed by what the people in Todd’s village had to endure. In 2001, Todd and his father **Frank** co-founded Partner for Surgery. Since then **over 50,000** Guatemalans have received medical attention and health education, and over **9000** have had access to life-changing surgery.



Our Passion

Partner for Surgery’s mission is to provide **impoverished Guatemalans** with sustainable access to medical and surgical care. We have a presence **year-round** in Guatemala, and our patients receive general and plastic surgery, as well as **specialized care** from gynecologists, neurologists, and urologists. From treating children with cleft palate to screening women for **cervical cancer**, we provide an array of medical and surgical services to patients who have no other options.



In addition to surgery, we educate and improve health within communities. Many of our cleft **babies are malnourished** due to an inability to nurse, so we developed an **Infant Nutrition Program**. We supply specially designed bottles to the little ones and breast pumps to their mothers. We also offer our patients **a place to stay** in preparation for surgery and during recovery. The photos above show **Jonathan** as a newborn, and then again a few months after his life-changing cleft surgery.

Our Network

Each year, 30 international surgical missions rely on Partner for Surgery to connect them with the **patients most in need**. We operate surgical facilities in collaboration with our Guatemalan sister organization, Asociación Compañero para Cirugía.

We pioneered the use of **Health Promoters** who live and work in the communities our patients call home. They understand the local language and culture, thereby building the trust our **Mobile Medical Missions** need to deliver compassionate care. Our partners include the **Peace Corps, George Washington University, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Rotary International**, and a host of North American surgical teams.



You

Your help can mean the difference between life and death. We need volunteers, supplies, and your financial support. **No gift is too small.**

\$ 35 Provides cleft lip/palate child with one month of life-saving nutrition

\$100 Provides 10 women with cervical cancer screening/pre-cancerous cell treatment

\$200 Provides life-changing surgery for one child