HOSPITAL INFANTIL DE LAS CALIFORNIAS

OUR FIRST 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

our history

THE NEED

Until 1994, Baja California was the only Mexican State bordering the U.S. without a medical specialty care center for children. A group of concerned pediatric professionals along with civic, business and academic leaders from Mexico, Canada and the United States, formed a tri-national effort and formed three non-profit organizations to create a viable solution to address the need.

A TEMPORARY SOLUTION

The solution began in the form of a pediatric specialty clinic as the first stage of a planned project, "Hospital Infantil de las Californias." In 1994, a small pediatric specialty clinic was opened in Mesa de Otay, Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico.

This non-profit center has provided medical care, nutrition and education services to children and their families, with the mission "To Improve the Health and Nutrition for the Children of the mega-region." "The Hospital Infantil de las Californias" project has since gained national and international community support. The project also provides medical, education and research programs that include the international exchange of medical technology, plus professional growth opportunities for professionals, students, families and the community in general.

THE NEED FOR EXPANSION

A need for expansion of the clinic quickly arose. Thanks to the San Diego Padres, government support, various institutions, companies of the region and the community, in 2000 the construction of the current facility was started. This building opened on April 28, 2001, and includes elements of environmental design made possible through a NAFTA grant from Canada. These environmental components serve as a model for border projects on the North American Continent.

MEETING THE NEED TODAY

Currently, the facility offers over 3,500 pediatric consultations per month from 25 plus specialties and services. The initial clinic building and the expansion of the "Hospital Infantil de las Californias" are an exemplary working model with 60% of the medical staff donating health care services. Patients pay a fee for services on a sliding scale with indigent care subsidized through the generous support of sponsors and philanthropists.

CONTINUING TO MEET THE EVER-INCREASING NEED

Through a generous donation from the Harland Sanders Foundation, HIC is proud to announce its opening of the Harland Sanders Surgery Center. At 26,000 sqaure feeet, the building houses three surgical suites, recovery rooms and support offices, although it does not currently provide overnight hospitalization or emergency care. The surgical center opened its doors in April 2012.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS INCLUDE

- National recognition for having the largest ongoing volunteer assisted hospital team in Mexico.
- International Educational Opportunities for medical rotations, internships and residencies in over 25 related medical fields.
- Collaboration agreements with several institutions including: Rady Children's Hospital; UC San Diego; San Diego State University; University of San Diego; UC Irvine; UC San Francisco; UC Los Angeles; UC Davis; Purdue University; Loma Linda University; University of Calgary and Mount Royal College, Canada; Shriner's Hospitals, our collaboration in Mexico includes Universidad Autonoma de Baja California and Centro de Enseñanza Tecnica y Superior.
- An ecologically designed building demonstrating a model for the entire border region.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-FOUNDERS

On August 2012 the Hospital Infantil de las Californias (HIC) inaugurated its beautiful new surgery center with three operating rooms thanks to continual support and generosity from our donors. This enables HIC to increase the number of children treated.



Dr. Elizabeth G. Jones

We are proud of our remarkable medical staff and dedicated assistants, as they continue their provision of excellence in healthcare. In 2016, we opened our third operating room fully equipped to expedite the scheduling of even more needed surgeries.

In collaboration with HIC, Shriners Hospitals for Children, began treating patients at the *"Shriners Ambulatory Center at Hospital Infantil de las Californias"* in April 2012. This, in place of transporting their patients from Baja to Los Angeles for care, created a convenience for patients and families. Shriners' specialties include orthopedics, burn, hand, ear and cleft reconstruction. HIC continues to provide over 25 medical and surgical specialties, plus assisting many of Shriners' cases with essential ancillary services.



Dr. Gabriel Chong King

Additionally, well-qualified pediatric specialists have moved into their new office suites on the second floor of the new surgery center. HIC counts on advanced pediatric expertise and accessibility for our patients/families.

You and your friends are cordially invited to tour our facilities and see how contributions are impacting and making amazing changes in the lives of our children.

THANK YOU for your interest in being a vital part of our tri-national collaboration!

For the Children,
Dr. Elizabeth G. Jones EdD, MPH, RD
Dr. Gabriel Chong King, MD

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P.A.P.I. PROGRAM



Approximately 68% of the patients who come to Hospital Infantil de las Californias (HIC) are economically challenged, meaning they can only afford to pay a portion of their medical expenses. Of that percentage, approximately 25% cannot afford to pay anything at all. The hospital established the P.A.P.I. Program (Programa de Apoyo a Pacientes Infantiles) to assist with these medical expenses and insure that any child, regardless of their ability to pay, will receive the surgical and medical care they need.



The average cost of a comprehensive surgery at HIC is $1,000.00. This is an incredibly low cost considering costs for the same procedure in San Diego could average as much as $10,000.00. Our consultation costs range from $22.00 to $28.00 for a specialty consultation. The hospital is able to maintain these prices and low overhead, because of volunteer hours put in by surgeons, nurses, administrative assistants and para-professionals. In 2018 the P.A.P.I. Program provided aid to 40,000 patients.



SMART CHOICES PROGRAM

This health promotion nutrition education program is for primary school children/families. Annually 15 school principals are selected and enrolled in the program to understand nutrition, its connection to psychology, physical activity and dental health. The principals are charged with sharing their newly gained knowledge with the 5,000 students in their schools.



YOUTH IN LEADERSHIP ORPHANAGE PROGRAM

This annual, life-changing program is targeted for the oldest 3 orphans in each of 6 orphanages in Tijuana housing young children. The program aims to prepare adolescent orphans for their eventual departure from the orphanage, as the orphanages are intended for children under 18. Classes for the adolescent orphans include nutrition, psychology, dental care, leadership, vocational orientation and First Aid/CPR certification.



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

accomplishments

Our tri-national organization is a non-private institution having tax-exempt status in each of the three collaborating countries. Our provision of service celebrated its 25th anniversary in the spring of 2019:

- Since seeing our first patient in orthopedics on May 16, 1994, to date there have been over 600,000 consultations; 18,000 surgeries; 421,000 volunteer hours; and 406,000 hours of disease prevention and health promotion education
- The average payment for a consultation is presently $22.00 ($28.00 to see a specialist).
- The cost of the average surgery is $1,000
- Our P.A.P.I. program (“Program Assistance for Infant Patients”) is maintained to assist qualified indigent families with their medical expenses
- Patients come from as far north as San Francisco and as far south as Chiapas, Mexico.
- The largest numbers of patients are seen in dental, orthopedics, rehabilitation, ophthalmology and surgical specialties
- Education is considered of prime importance if we are to have a long-term impact. We provide over 2,000 hours each month in medical and support services for families, students and professionals
- We’ve established over 40 community partnerships and affiliations with 20 universities.
- We’re privileged to have students from all over the US, Mexico and Canada to conduct internships and pediatric residency
- Our pharmacy is staffed with graduates from the Universidad Autónoma de Baja California (UABC) Facultad de Ciencias Quimicas e Ingeniería
- The main building has environmentally friendly components (a first for a public building in Northwestern Mexico)
- The exemplary voluntarism is a unique model for the entire country of Mexico and some volunteers are proudly participating for their 25th year

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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE...

our future

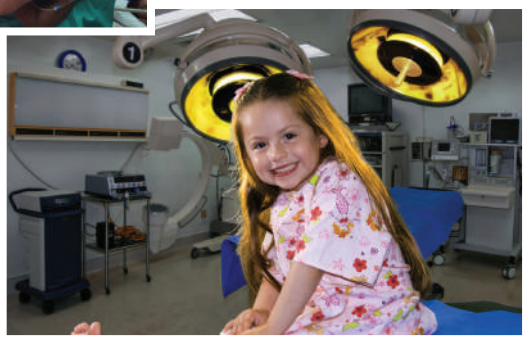
The Hospital Infantil de las Californias' Medical Complex is always in a state of expansion. The hospital recently implemented a full-service pediatric dental clinic with the support through a grant from Price Philanthropies. The addition of the orthodontic specialty was later added in January 2017 through the generosity of the Harland Sanders Foundation.

In looking forward, HIC hopes to be able to build a dentistry building, in order to keep up with need to see more patients. The current clinic can only service three patients at a time.

Donations are currently being raised by the Mexican, Canadian and U. S.

foundation for the children of the californias







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ACCREDITATIONS AND AWARDS

2009 - Certification of Institutional Transparency CEMEFI

2013 - "Pedro Romero de Terreros" national award granted by "Nacional Monte de Piedad"

2013 - "XV State Altruism Award 2013" awarded to Dr. Elizabeth Jones and Foundation for the Children of the Californias

2013 - Mexico / United States Transnational Innovation and Cooperation Award

2013 - 1st. Solar Building sponsored by the Baja California State Government through the C.E.E. And North American Development Bank

2014 - Accreditation for Seguro Popular

2016 - Institutional Certification by the General Health Council of Mexico

2016 - "Recognition of Commitment for Others" awarded by the Mexican Center for Philanthropy AC. (CEMEFI).

2017 - American Telemedicine Association "2017 ATA Humanitarian Award"

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