

# Rescuing Smiles Since 1983



*Portrait of one of our patients, he has been continuously coming to our association since he's mother pregnancy.*

Costarrican Association for Children  
with Cleft Lip/Palate

## Comprehensive Care Program



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## Temporary Shelter

The Costa Rican Association for Children with Cleft Lip and Palate (LPH) was founded by Dr. Guevara Fallas 34 years ago. He also founded the Cleft Lip & Palate Clinic at Children's Hospital 50 years ago.

LPH is a non-profit organization, with the purpose of providing support for cleft lip and palate (CLP) patients to complete their long-term treatment and to be productive and fully capable members of the Costa Rican society.

These two institutions worked collaboratively to implement comprehensive cleft care, with the goal of reaching isolated indigenous communities. Upon Dr. Fallas' retirement in 2010, the Hospital made changes and rehabilitation care services were no longer exclusively for CLP patients. Since then, LPH has managed to provide support services such as dentistry, speech and language therapy (SLP) and counseling without disrupting the multidisciplinary approach and coordination with the Children's Hospital.

*Our shelter receives more than 25 families every month, either for a surgery or an appointment at the Hospital.*

*Here is a portrait of a mother and her child with CLP, they attend every month for check ups and other procedures.*

# Specialized Speech Therapy Service



Pregnancy and new borns: first approach to the association, case history and orientation. Acceptance process and NAM process. Development follow-up



1 to 3 years: specific attention to the problem in each child



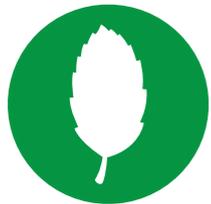
Teenagers: IVF control, acceptance process.



# Psychology Service



Acceptance process.



Post Partum Care.



Preparation for different types of treatments and surgeries.



Self-esteem and social skills.



*Before and after the first surgery: lip closure.*

# Laboratory for Special Equipment

## Objetives



- Eliminate waiting lists of the National Children's Hospital that patients have to endure for attaining the various devices necessary for effective cleft treatment.
- Improve oral communication skills of children/young adults with VPI through a Pharyngeal Bulb appliance.

*Our Lab Technician working to make the different appliances our children needs for their treatments.*



## Donations

Since the foundation of our association we have provided all the families that need it with special pacifiers for their child's food, diapers, milk, clothes, food and many other aids with which they can count from month to month depending on the needs of each case.

