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Ashley Williams Raises Funds

After visiting Hope Foundation sites in Bangladesh, Ashley Williams committed to raising funds to treat women with uterine prolapse. For more details see page 2.

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Global Giving connects individuals with causes and countries, including four Hope Foundation projects. More information about these projects is available on page 2.

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A twelve member team from USA visited Bangladesh to perform cleft palate repair surgeries. The team treated 48 patients. Details on page 3, and photographs on page 6.

Obstetric Fistula Program

Hope Foundation, with funds from The Fistula Foundation, USA, will begin to address obstetric fistula through surgical treatment and education. Details are on page 3.

Events

Director Visits Bangladesh

Mohammed Masud Hasan, a member of Hope Foundation's Board of Directors, visited Hope Hospital in Cox's Bazar in November. Details about his trip are on page 4.

Barry University

Dr. Iftikher Mahmood spoke at Barry University to encourage students to volunteer with the Hope Foundation. More information is available on page 4.

Partnerships

Global Nomads

Volunteers of the student organization Global Nomads at the University of Florida are raising funds to help women in Bangladesh have healthy pregnancies. See page 4.

Physical Therapy at Cox's Bazar

In partnership with KDM and NURTURE, Hope Foundation will begin providing Physical Therapy at Hope Foundation's Hospital. For details, see page 4.

Call for Volunteers

Medical Volunteers Needed

Hope Foundation is searching for medical professional volunteers to travel to Bangladesh to share medical knowledge and work with Bangladeshi people. More details on page 5.

Please support our work in Bangladesh. Your donation is tax deductible.

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Ashley Williams Raises Funds

After visiting Hope Foundation sites in Bangladesh earlier this year, Ashley Williams has committed to raise awareness and funds for women suffering from uterine prolapse. This is a condition in which the uterus slips out of place into or through the genitalia. It can occur in women of all ages, but is especially common in those who have delivered large babies or have had a prolonged labor and multiple pregnancies. Ashley organized a dinner in Hollywood to share her experiences in Bangladesh as well as the stories of the people she met. Her goal is to raise enough funds to cover treatment for the first 16 patients. Ashley has raised almost \$6,000 so far as a result of her hard work. The first uterine prolapse surgery successfully took place on October 30th, and more surgeries are to follow.



Global Giving

A good beginning is half the work. You can help Hope Foundation for Women and Children of Bangladesh make a difference. We have four projects in Global Giving, an organization that connects you to the causes and countries that you care about. You select projects you want to support, make a tax-deductible contribution, and get regular progress updates, so that you can see how your gift is making a difference. Help Women and Children of rural areas in Bangladesh; it is easy and only takes a few minutes! Just go to: <http://www.globalgiving.org>.

Select "Find a project," "Country-Bangladesh," to view our projects:

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- Rickets surgery for children in Bangladesh
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- Feed 150 hospital patients in Bangladesh
<http://www.globalgiving.org/projects/feeding-women-children-coxs-bazar-hospital-bangladesh/>

With your help, we can make a difference in the lives of Women and Children in Bangladesh.

Projects

Cleft Palate Repair Mission



Cleft lips and palates are repairable conditions. Unfortunately, many in the developing world have limited access to health care and are not often aware that treatment options are available. In November, **Smile Bangladesh**, a New Jersey based organization and partner of Hope Foundation went to Hope Hospital in Cox's Bazar and performed 48 cleft surgeries. All surgeries were done free of cost. In addition to surgery, these patients will receive follow-up care and rehabilitation. The team included:

- **Dr. Shahid Aziz, team leader, surgeon**
- Dr. Sam Rhee, surgeon
- Dr. Sameer Jejurikar, surgeon
- Dr. Joel Dragoo, surgeon
- Dr. Mohammed Erakat, surgeon
- Dr. Imre Redai, anesthesia
- Dr. Jesse Raiten, anesthesia
- Dr. Stephanie black, anesthesia
- Ms. Sue Walsh, nursing
- Dr. Angela F Haczku
- Mr. Christopher Walsh, assistant
- Mr. Bruce Byers, asst. photojournalist

More photographs are on page 6.

Obstetric Fistula Project

Hope Foundation is pleased to announce that a fistula surgery and education project grant has been approved by The Fistula Foundation, USA. This grant will help to relieve the silent suffering of many women who are suffering due to injuries during labor and delivery. Most of those injuries could be prevented with education and treatment. Obstetric Fistula is a condition in which a hole develops between the vagina and either the rectum or the bladder. Incontinence is often a symptom, which can result in social stigma and psychological damage. While fistula is rare in the West, it persists in developing countries, especially among young and poor women. Fistula is typically caused by an obstructed labor when there is no access to good maternity care and caesarian section facilities.

Events



Mohamed Masud Hasan, a Hope Foundation Director, traveled from Florida and visited Hope Hospital in Cox's Bazar on November 8th. He met and exchanged views with the hospital administration team, doctors and other staff. Mr. Hasan also spent time with cleft patients and their families, who were eagerly awaiting the US Cleft Surgery team.

Barry University

On November 11th, Dr. Mahmood gave a presentation to Biomedical Society students at Barry University in Florida sharing the Hope Foundation's work in rural areas of Bangladesh. Dr. Mahmood encouraged students to volunteer. These students, led by Jacky Akhter, were active in hosting Hope Foundation stalls at many community events last year. Many students signed up to volunteer with Hope Foundation.

Partnerships

Physical Therapy at Cox's Bazar Hospital

On November 15th, KDM therapists, Prof. Aminuddin Khan and Mr. Mahmudul Hasan visited Cox's Bazar Hospital for Women and Children. Ms. Lorene and Mr. Francois, physical therapists of KDM, have committed to providing rehabilitation therapy at the hospital every week. 10 beds have been set aside for use by these therapists. Physical therapy is desperately needed in the hospital since most therapy is only available in the capital city - too far for poor disabled and paralyzed villagers in Cox's Bazar. The therapists from KDM will train staff at the hospital in physical therapy and rehabilitation so that these staff members will be able to serve the other Hope Centers in Bangladesh. Professor Aminuddin Khan is head of the Department of Physical Medicine, and Vice Principal, Chittagong Medical College. Prof. Khan has committed to visit the hospital every two months to supervise the project. The KDM therapists will visit the hospital for their first session on November 26th. This project is a result of a collaboration between KDM, Hope Foundation and NURTURE, a charitable hospital in Chittagong, Bangladesh helping the disabled.

Global Nomads

During the month of November, the student organization Global Nomads at the University of Florida are raising money for pregnant women in Bangladesh who do not have sufficient funds for appropriate medical care. Each \$50 provides one woman with checkups, a hospital delivery, neonatal care, and child care education through the Hope Foundation. Global Nomads hope to raise funds for at least 100 pregnancies.

Call for Volunteers Medical Volunteers Needed

Hope Foundation is seeking physicians and medical volunteers to serve in its 40 bed nonprofit hospital in Cox's Bazar, a seaside town in southern Bangladesh. The hospital needs physicians of all specialties and other experienced allied health professionals such as physical, occupation and speech therapists, and other health professionals.

Volunteer will bear their own costs but Hope Foundation will consider providing housing and ground transportation based on the availability of funds.

Criteria:

- A minimum of 2 weeks commitment is required
- Must be a qualified physician or other health professional
- Each volunteer must be financially independent to include accommodation and transport
- The minimum cost per stay is about US\$ 1000 monthly
- The applying volunteer must speak English proficiently
- Each volunteer will submit copies of:
 - Curriculum vitae
 - Certificate of degree and specialization
 - Certificate of registration in native country
 - Two passport size photographs

Program Details:

- Office hours will be from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm
- The physician may also participate in weekend coverage but is not required to be in the office.
- Scheduling is flexible so each physician will have some free time for traveling.
- At the end the Volunteer Physician will be issued with a Certificate and a letter confirming their participation in the program.

Medical professionals of all specialties are welcome.

For more information, contact Iftikher Mahmood, MD at iumahmood@gmail.com or 1-305-318 0142

The Hope News Bulletin is prepared by dedicated volunteers. If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter by mail or online please contact the editor. Articles, ideas and suggestions for the Hope News Bulletin are welcome.

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