

GLOBAL SMILE FOUNDATION

IMPACT REPORT 2019



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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank our volunteers, supporters, patients, and friends for making our work possible.

Global Smile Foundation (GSF) represents a journey of more than three decades of humanitarian cleft care outreach programs.

Every patient has a unique story, a family, and a full life ahead of them. We are honored by their trust in our teams and remain committed to providing the best possible care for our patients.

We are proud of our volunteers, both the new faces who joined us and those who have participated on many missions since our work began.

We know that healthy smiles empower healthy lives and truly appreciate your support as our journey continues.

With sincere appreciation,

Usama Hamdan, MD, FICS
Co-Founder & President
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THE POWER OF A HEALTHY SMILE

GSF recently published an article in the **Journal of Craniofacial Surgery** on the "*Clinical and Economic Impact of The Global Smile Foundation Surgical Program*" demonstrating that over the last decade we have averted more than 13,000 years of disability for our patients who underwent primary cleft lip and palate repairs. This represents an estimated **economic gain** of **\$43,000-\$82,000 per patient**.



Jose Luis in 2009 and 2019

GSF also recently published an article in **Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Journal** on "*Sustainable Cleft Care: A Comprehensive Model Based on the Global Smile Foundation Experience*" detailing a road map for the development of sustainable cleft care in outreach settings. This can be accomplished by promoting capacity-building initiatives that contribute to the development of comprehensive and sustainable cleft care.



Alessia in 2016 and 2019



GLOBAL REACH, INDIVIDUAL IMPACT

In 2019 GSF donors and sponsors supported:

6 Missions

75 days onsite

Ecuador, El Salvador, Lebanon, Peru

279 Volunteers

\$7 million in medical services, donated in-kind

25+ Educational Sessions on Missions

Empowering underserved medical communities

1,000+ Patient Screenings

Individualized care for every patient

Life-Changing Comprehensive Cleft Care for Our Patients

358 Surgical Procedures

3,786 Dental Procedures

529 Speech Therapy Sessions

144 Feeding Consultations

126 Psychosocial Consultations



GSF turns donations into action on the ground during annual missions, at our year-round Cleft Care Centers, and through our educational programs.

GLOBAL ACCESS TO CLEFT CARE

As part of our mission to improve global access to cleft care, GSF hosted the 3rd International **Comprehensive Cleft Care Workshop (CCCW)** in October 2020. Held as a webinar due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the workshop drew more than 300 attendees from 39 countries for online sessions delivered by world-renowned experts in the cleft and craniofacial fields. The workshop was co-hosted by GSF and Smile Train.

Workshop attendees can *immediately* begin to integrate their learning into practice and the impact is far reaching. Registration is now open for the **4th International CCCW** in Istanbul, Turkey. More information is available at: www.cleftworkshop.org.

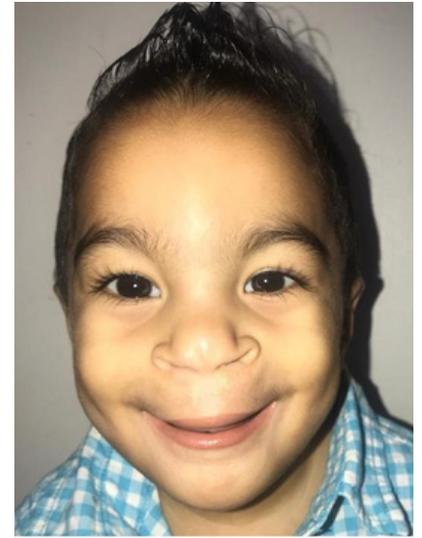


COMPREHENSIVE CLEFT CARE WORKSHOP

4th International Comprehensive Cleft Care Workshop
Education For Sustainable Cleft Care

Istanbul, Turkey
October 6-8, 2021
www.cleftworkshop.org

HEALTHY SMILES SAVE LIVES



The story of Matias's healthy smile shows why providing Comprehensive Cleft Care to underserved communities is so critical. Not only was Matias born 8 weeks prematurely, but he also had a severe type of cleft lip and palate that requires a complex surgery. To make matters worse, Matias and his family had to flee their home in Venezuela due to violence and were living in a vulnerable situation in Ecuador.

When our volunteers evaluated him, they were concerned about his low weight. Like many infants with cleft, he could not feed properly and also needed special formula that his mother could not afford. Matias could not undergo surgery until he was at a healthy weight, but more concerning was the fact that he was not growing and thriving.

Our Speech Team showed Matias's mother how to feed him with a special bottle and worked with *Fundación Global Smile-Ecuador* to raise money for the special formula to help Matias thrive. One of GSF's board members was so moved by Matias's story that he donated enough to put the campaign over its goal.

Six months later, Matias had gained enough weight to undergo surgery! A year later he had a second procedure for his cleft palate. GSF and GSF-Ecuador teams also provided care for Matias during COVID-19 via Telehealth and we are happy to report that he is thriving.

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