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WHO WE ARE

Mending Faces was founded in 2010 by a passionate, highly experienced group of medical and nonmedical professionals to make a life-changing difference for underprivileged children born with facial deformities. The organization conducts medical missions to provide surgical care at zero cost for children born with cleft lip and cleft palate. Healthcare professionals and outreach personnel donate their own time and expertise, and fund their own travel and lodging expenses to participate. ***Our goal? To help these children lead productive lives in their community.***

Our Future

Mending Faces has created an **Endowment Fund** to help us thrive and grow, and to ensure that children born with cleft lip and cleft palate will have access to much-needed medical care for generations to come.

Be a part of something that will help Mending Faces serve the needs of future generations. **Create your lasting legacy.** For more information contact Executive Director, Maya Brook at: maya@mendingfaces.org.



**CLICK TO READ THIS YEAR'S LETTER
FROM OUR CHAIR, MIMI WONG**

“It’s hard to put into words what our Medical Mission means to people. The amount of learning, interpersonal growth, appreciation, resiliency and graciousness that occurs is something to behold. Everyone is better off as we actively participated in the mending of more than just faces, but the mending of lives as well.”

— Jeremy Douglas, Board Member / Mission 2017 Volunteer



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MISSION 2017

Jan. 29-Feb. 3: Lucena, Philippines

- 61 Surgeries
- 54 Patients
- 24 Cleft Lips
- 25 Cleft Palates
- 6 Combination Cleft Lip and Palates
- 79 Pre-Surgical oral exams performed leading to 15 teeth extracted
- 11 children sponsored to attend school
- 3 elementary school visits and more than 1,000 children provided with dental education. Each child received a toothbrush, toothpaste, and a toothbrushing/oral hygiene pamphlet
- 6 surgeons, 6 anesthesiologists, 2 ward physicians, 2 dentists and a full team of nurses and medical professionals





SPOTLIGHT: Mending Faces Patients

“Helping put a smile on a child for a lifetime is indescribable. When people are smiling the world is a better place. If you think about all of the great times in your life there were smiles and laughter. You can pay it forward to the world by simply smiling at all the people that you meet.” – Kim and Dave Turnley, Mission 2017 Volunteers



Ken before and after surgery.

Ken was born into a life of poverty and abandoned by young parents due to his severe facial deformity. His grandmother was poor yet determined to take in her infant grandson which ultimately saved his life. However, she wasn't able to afford the critical surgery Ken needed, as they lived in a remote village of Quezon Province far from access to modern surgical care. The team observed that Ken, at age 11, was older than most Mending Faces' patients, and knew that living with a severe cleft palate was devastating to a child's self-esteem, social, emotional and academic development. **The surgery provided by the Mending Faces medical staff was truly a disruption in Ken's life, but in the best way possible!** His life was destined to be one disadvantage after another and fraught with closed doors. Ken, pictured here three months after surgery, is now beaming and his eyes reveal a new sense of belonging and pride. We're proud to announce that Ken was selected for a [Mending Faces Education Fund Scholarship](#), to pay for his tuition, books, supplies, uniform and transportation. With your help, Ken's life has taken a new path opening up opportunities to an amazing life transformation.



May and her mother with an inflatable solar light, Luci® by MPOWERD, donated by the Biety's.

One and a half-year-old May Isabelle might be one of the happiest children you will ever meet. Her family lives in a home with multiple families in General Luna, Quezon, a three hour drive from Lucena. May Isabelle has faced plenty of challenges in the early stages of her life. The most pronounced was difficulty eating and swallowing due to her severe bilateral cleft lip and almost non-existent palate. Her mother had to liquify her food. She frequently had a cough and had trouble sleeping. May Isabelle also contracted dengue fever before she was a year old, but it was a blessing in disguise, according to her mother. When they were at the hospital in General Luna, a friend of a friend had just come from Lucena and passed along the news of the Mending Faces Medical Mission. It was an honor to help such a lovely girl and her family. **She will now be able to eat, sleep and breathe without hardship.**



PARTNERSHIPS

Mending Faces is grateful for the partnerships that are instrumental to our success. Organizing an international mission is not an easy feat; it is a function of the board, volunteers, donors AND the partners that contribute their wisdom, generosity and hard work.

Partnerships create opportunities to collaborate. Organizations with healthy partnerships can do more with less and have a greater impact. An excellent example of an essential partnership is our Filipino partner **The Original Ugat Lucena Association**, that acted as the on-the-ground facilitator in Lucena. Their volunteers helped set up community outreach programs, patient recruitment, hotel accommodations, transportation and food.

Our stateside partner **SCL Health** in Denver helps recruit and provide stipends to their nurses who travel with the team, to care for patients and work side-by-side with Filipino nurses. This creates sustainability by teaching best practices in medical care and providing critical follow-up for our patients.

Global Grins, a non-profit organization that distributes toothbrushes all over the world, partners with the Mending Faces outreach team as their “delivery squad” to distribute



toothbrushes and teach dental hygiene to elementary school children.

Medtronic is a global leader in medical technology, services, and solutions. Their Respiratory and Monitoring Systems Division joined Mending Faces in prioritizing patient safety by donating critically needed capnographic monitors and supplies.

Touchstone Imaging, an outpatient medical imaging provider, offering the highest quality diagnostic services to patients and physicians, provided a grant to assist with our Mission.

The Medical Access Program (MAP) donated \$7,500 of much-needed sutures.

AmeriCares generously gave us \$4,500 of surgical and anesthetic supplies.

Stinson Leonard Street LLP provides legal advice and assistance to Mending Faces.

Catapult PR-IR Public Relations Agency assists tech companies in articulating and telling compelling stories that build awareness, differentiation and market-leading positions. They provide public relations services to Mending Faces and sponsored our Restoring Hope event.

DaVita Kidney Care, a division of DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc., provided funds for our Medical Mission.

Mending Faces’ volunteers, **Dr. Gary and Kathy Snider**, of **Plastic Surgery of Denver**, worked with **Jerry Jacobsen**, the owner of **patientNOW** (a healthcare software company) to donate a patientNOW license (a \$20,000 to \$25,000 value) along with the installation and set-up. The program has many safety factors including allergy alerts that aid Mending Faces in delivering state-of-the-art healthcare.



OUR TEAM

Executive Officers

Chair, Dr. Mimi Wong, MD is a Founding Board Member. She graduated from Creighton University with a B.S. in Biology. She then attended the University of Kansas and graduated with a Medical Degree. She completed her Anesthesiology Residency and Trauma Fellowship at the University of Colorado. Dr. Wong works as an anesthesiologist for Physician Anesthesia Services where she has been in practice for 20 years. She has worked on medical missions in the Philippines for 13 years.

Vice Chair, Dr. Jeff Swail, MD, a Founding Board Member, trained in general surgery at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario and in plastic surgery at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He has been in private practice for 21 years in Boulder, CO. Dr. Swail specializes in plastic surgery and served as Chief of Surgery at Boulder Community Hospital from 2002-2004. For 12 years, Dr. Swail has participated in medical missions in the Philippines.

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SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to the following individuals and entities for supporting our mission, *Restoring hope and providing a brighter future to those whose lives are burdened by cleft lip, cleft palate and other deformities*, during our fiscal year April 1, 2016- March 31, 2017. Our 2017 Medical Mission would not have been possible without you!

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FINANCIALS

Revenue

Individual Contribution	\$75,887
Corporate Contributions	\$14,291
Institutional/Grants	\$12,791
Special Events	\$31,415
Other (Investment Income)	\$7,135
Total Revenue	\$141,519

Expenses

Mission 2016	\$100,945
Fundraising	\$22,455
Admin	\$16,815
Total Expenses	\$140,215

Change in Net Assets (Total Profit)	\$1,304
Net Assets at the beginning of the year	\$161,883
Net Assets at the end of the year	\$163,187

Assets

Current Assets	\$55,555
Inventory	\$29,916
Equipment	\$2,326
Investments	\$77,295
Total Assets	\$165,092

Liabilities

Liabilities	\$1,905
Net Assets	\$163,187
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$165,092

Our Mission: Restoring hope and providing a brighter future to those whose lives are burdened by cleft lip, cleft palate and other deformities.

Donate Today!

- \$250** – Cleft Lip or Cleft Palate surgery for one child
- \$200** – One Education Fund Scholarship (1 school year: tuition, uniforms, books, supplies, and transportation)
- \$100** – Medications for one surgery
- \$50** – A take-home gift bag for a patient
- \$25** – Transportation for patients and their families to and from the hospital

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 Mending Faces | P.O. Box 214 | Broomfield CO 80038
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