



**Healing
the
Children®**
NEW JERSEY, INC.

**UPCOMING
MEDICAL TRIPS:**

June, 2018
Guayaquil, Ecuador
Ophthalmology



October, 2018
La Romana, Dominican Republic
Ear, Nose & Throat



November, 2018
La Romana, Dominican Republic
Ophthalmology



January, 2019
Guayaquil, Ecuador
Orthopedic

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NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Life can be hard for those born into poverty. Medical care is not available for those who cannot pay. It is easy to see this problem and a little more complicated to solve it. For thirty-seven years Healing the Children New Jersey has risen to the challenge of providing free surgical care to impoverished children. We help the child who needs to see, hear and walk. We give those born with facial deformities the opportunity to face the world with confidence. With a steadfast approach we have dramatically improved the lives of over 37,000 children worldwide.

With the need greater than ever, our mission perseveres. We are energized and mobilized to do our part in making the world a better place, **one child at a time**. Thank you to our loyal army of volunteers and supporters. We could not do it without you!

Diane Calesnick, President, Board of Trustees

**HOW YOUR SUPPORT HAS GIVEN CHILDREN
BRIGHTER SMILES AND BRIGHTER FUTURES**



For the third consecutive year, a volunteer medical team travelled to Peru to treat children born with facial and oral malformations. Dr. Lloyd B. Gayle, a plastic surgeon from New York City, led a team of fourteen professionals who successfully operated on thirty-three children, giving them new smiles and hope for a better future. "The trip to Arequipa changed many lives. The children and their families will never forget us and we will never forget them.

We are blessed to have a skillset that can be applied to help underserved children who otherwise would go untreated," said Don Connell, a CRNA on the team.



To learn more about Healing the Children NJ, please visit our website at htcnj.org.

CHILDREN YOU HAVE HELPED

“I would like to thank you again for helping this family. It is a pleasure working with you and Healing the Children New Jersey, which does so much for so many!”

- Suanne Tate, Nurse, Ocean County, SCHS



Andy G. is a two-year-old boy diagnosed with autism. HTCNJ purchased a helmet from the Hangar Clinic for this child.



“The Rivera’s are appreciative for all your help.”

- Jessica Rich, Social Worker, Early Intervention

Samuel R. is a two-year-old boy diagnosed with autism. HTCNJ purchased compression garments for this child.



“Thank you HTCNJ for providing financial assistance to those families who have a child born with complex medical diagnoses and developmental disabilities. Your support helps to alleviate the burden for many families.”

- Jessica Rich, Social Worker, Early Intervention



Jiya R. is a two-year-old girl diagnosed with hypotonia and chronic lung disease. HTCNJ provided financial assistance for a stroller and a car seat.

HOW YOU IMPROVED THE VISION OF THIRTY PERUVIAN CHILDREN



In April, a volunteer medical team travelled to Peru to perform surgeries on children with congenital eye misalignment. "The eleven-person ophthalmology team examined over 120 children and performed thirty-eight surgeries on thirty children in the beautiful and well-equipped children’s hospital, Paz Holandesa,” said Dr. Mark Engel, the Trip Chief.



In recent years, HTCNJ has partnered with Paz Holandesa, directed by Marjan Van Mourik.” We are very happy and proud to work with Healing the Children New Jersey. Your professionalism is matched only by your warm heart and compassion," said Marjan.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Ted Williams



Q. How did you learn about HTCNJ?

A. My wife’s favorite uncle, George Brewer, a long-time volunteer and supporter of HTCNJ, not only introduced me to the organization, but trained me as a Trip Administrator.

Q. Since you do not have a medical background, what enticed you to become a volunteer on medical missions overseas?

A. There are several parallels between my experience as a Special Forces medic and HTCNJ; the dedication and focus of the team, the need for medical services, and the appreciation of the recipients.

Q. How would you describe your first medical trip to the Dominican Republic in 2010?

A. I vividly remember clinic day and the six hundred people that were waiting in line to see the American doctors. Etched in my mind are beautiful twin girls with strabismus, and the smiles on their parent’s faces post-surgery.

Q. What skillset is needed to be a Trip Administrator?

A. A Trip Administrator should possess a positive attitude, strong organizational skills, and the ability to think on your feet.

Q. What is the pitch to a potential MTA Program volunteer?

A. If you’re looking to be part of something bigger than yourself and bring substantial change to people who desperately need help, then Healing the Children New Jersey is the organization for you.

Q. Describe HTCNJ in three words. **A.** Answer to prayers

A FOUR-YEAR OLD VISITS HIS SURGEON



Six months after Dr. Avella and his team lengthened both of David's Achilles tendons in Guayaquil, Ecuador on a medical mission, he and his mother visited his Ridgewood office. David's mother wanted to express her heartfelt appreciation to the man who changed her child's life. Unable to walk, David crawled until he was three years old and used a walker the day he arrived at the clinic. "Thanks to God for Healing the Children New Jersey and Dr. Avella for coming to Guayaquil and giving my son the opportunity to walk all by himself," said David's mother.



HTCNJ RECOGNIZES ITS VOLUNTEERS

On Saturday, May 12, HTCNJ hosted its Annual Gala at Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit, New Jersey and honored four outstanding volunteers and supporters; Joe Charleman, Sue Tiger Memorial Award; Berkeley College, Partnership in Caring Award; Jim Moffat, Jhansi Chowdary Nurse of the Year Award; and Notchview Pediatrics, Sergio Award. The room was filled with family, friends, and long-time supporters who share the belief that every child deserves access to medical care. HTCNJ also presented Certificates of Appreciation to Jackie Alektoridis, Jane Maffucci, Raymond Candiloro, and Raymond Del Nero and Ginnie Whittington (Merck Employees Federal Credit Union) for their fundraising efforts in support of HTCNJ.



Above: Honorees from left to right—from Notchview Pediatrics; Dr. Michael Lewis, Dr. Susan Mediterraneo & Dr. Ralph Caprio; Joe Charleman, Jim Moffat & Dr. Eva Skuka.

Top Left: Receiving their Certificates of Appreciation; Jane Maffucci & Jackie Alektoridis along with Aydin (host child from Guatemala), HTCNJ Board Vice President Dr. Rich Colavita and HTCNJ Board President Diane Calesnick.

Bottom Left: Dennis Ziober, representing Merck Employees Federal Credit Union, accepts the Certificate of Appreciation.

HTCNJ is always looking for new host families! If you have any interest in becoming a Volunteer Host Family, please email us at denise@htcnj.org.



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HOW YOU CAN HELP

At Healing the Children New Jersey, we rely on generous donations from people like you to continue providing free surgical care to children in developing countries. A gift of any size makes an impact and is greatly appreciated.

We accept gifts of:

- ◆ Cash
- ◆ Appreciated stock
- ◆ Matching gifts
- ◆ Planned giving

HTCNJ is a 501(c) 3 and tax-exempt organization. Thank you for your generosity and dedication to changing children's lives!

YOU'RE AMAZING!

Thank you to the **estate of Ruth Walker** for the \$10,000 bequest.

Thank you to **The Association of Surgical Technologists** for sponsoring the upcoming ophthalmology trip to Ecuador in the amount of \$10,000.

Thank you to **Jackie Alectoridis and Jane Maffucci** for organizing the annual Hop-A-Thon at Rainbow Montessori (Clifton and Bloomfield) and raising \$4,000 for HTCNJ.

Thank you to **Atlantic Stewardship Bank** for your donation of \$1,500.

Thank you to the **Saddle River Valley Lions Club** for your donation of \$1,500.

Thank you to the **United Givers of Packanack** for your donation of \$1,000.

Thank you to the **students at Academy of Our Lady** in Glen Rock for holding a Dress Down Day and raising \$200 for HTCNJ.

Thank you to **Our Lady of Constellation Church** for donating beanie babies for the children we serve in our MTA Program.

Thank you to the **women at Cedar Crest** for helping with our bulk mailings.

Thank you to **Amanda Murray of Unleashed Creative Studio** for donating your talents.

