



Mission Accomplished — Thanh Hoa, Vietnam

In March 2017, we conducted our fourth surgical trip to Thanh Hoa, Vietnam. CSI is deeply grateful to our partners, IPSAC-Vietnam and the Thanh Hoa Provincial Pediatric Hospital, for their dedication and commitment to helping build healthcare capacity and aiding families in need.

The March trip was a wonderful success. Our team of 15 CSI volunteers, plus translators and our IPSAC partner, Father Joseph Dao Nguyen Vu, completed CSI's fourth and final trip to Thanh Hoa. The team performed 30 urology surgeries.

In CSI's surgical trips to Thanh Hoa Provincial Hospital, nearly 100 volunteers have served more than 150 children and their families. We collaborated with dozens of hospital staff – sharing information and working together to help increase their skills and confidence to perform surgeries and provide supportive care to their community in the future. Here are just a few of the stories from these surgical trips:

- Meet Bach. He had quite the day. Today he learned how to blow bubbles. Tried orange Sunkist for the first time. Learned a secret handshake. Mastered the Mickey Mouse iPhone game. All while having surgery and waking up like a champ. ~ *Laura Peterson, RN, CSI volunteer nurse*
- Every morning I wake up thinking about the kids we cared for yesterday, and remembering the smiles, the tears, the parents' expressions of hope, worry and ultimately gratitude. I can't wait to get back to the hospital to see how the kids fared overnight. Did her labored breathing settle down, did he drink fluids, did the bleeding stop, is her pain under control, did the parents get some rest? ~ *Linda Sedgwick, APRN, PNP – CSI Board Member*
- Looking at pictures, you don't see the anatomical change of a urology surgery. What you do see is the smile after a parent or child looks under their cover to see a penis that wasn't before visible, or an opening where it finally belongs. They can feel like other kids, maybe for the first time. A 4-year-old told me "I hope you fix it" – well, we did! ~ *Stacey Brown, RN - CSI Medical Records & Logistics*

To top this all off, we had a wonderful U.S. visit in April. CSI was pleased to welcome our Vietnamese partners for more education, collaboration and some celebration. Thanks to local CSI volunteers, board members and staff, Dr. Nguyen Viet Hai (Vice Chair, Thanh Hoa Pediatric Hospital) and Dr. Phung Duc Toan (Head of Planning) had personalized tours at Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, Regions Hospital and Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare. They were especially impressed by the way our physicians and nurses interact with pediatric patients and families, the importance of infection control, as well as the carefully planned workspace/flow of operating room design.

Other fun highlights included attending the CSI Gala, meals in American homes and even a spring snowfall! In talking about the visit and assessing the value of it, Dr. Hai said, "We learned so much ... I wish we would have come sooner." Something for us to consider as we work with partners to build capacity and sustainability in their communities.



Bach

CALENDAR

Hermosillo, Mexico
Oct. 6 – 11, 2017

Bahir Dar, Ethiopia
Oct. 25 – Nov. 4, 2017

Harbel, Liberia
Jan 11 – 20, 2018

Bahir Dar, Ethiopia
April 25 – May 5, 2018

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CSI team members and translators



Nurse Dody Barr distracting this cutie pie



Fr. Joseph, Tom Fansler, Dr. Hai, Dr. Toan



Gillette Children's tour



Dr. Vandersteen, Dr. Hai, Tom Fansler, Dr. Toan



Regions Hospital tour



2017 Gala Highlights

The 13th Annual CSI Gala – held on April 8, 2017 – was a huge success. We are grateful for the outpouring of support from so many generous sponsors and guests.

More than \$220,000 was raised because of the generosity of sponsors, donors, a record number of guests and many volunteers. This impressive total is record-breaking for the CSI Gala.

Not only are our event sponsors key to our fundraising success, they are essential to the operations at home and on surgical trips. Firestone Natural Rubber has been the CSI Premier Gala Sponsor for seven years. Their long-term commitment to the work CSI does is remarkable.

Lube-Tech Did you know that in addition to being a Gold Sponsor at the Gala, LubeTech employees, along with the Bame Foundation, raised \$7,500 to support a half-day of surgery in Liberia this January?

Children's Minnesota Did you know that nearly half of our CSI medical and nursing volunteers are affiliated with Children's Minnesota?

Medical Arts Did you know that Medical Arts has donated office space to CSI since 2003?

Pediatric Surgical Associates (PSA) Did you know that 100% of our urology surgeons are either affiliated with Pediatric Surgical Associates or are referred to CSI by a member of PSA?

Together we will change lives, strengthen communities and bring hope to children and families around the world. The funds raised will support these hopes and dreams, and you are key to our success.

Thank you, co-chairs Dr. Paul Melchert and James Zimmerman. Thank you, Gala Committee members Melanie McCall, Lora Koppel, Jan Martland, Jennifer Krieman, Anna Koppel, Tom Fansler, Ruthanne Randall, Sally Lannin, Zinda Schaefer, Peck Tierney, Linda Specht and Linda Sedgwick.

And a special thank you to keynote speaker Laura Romero; 2017 service award recipient Dr. David Vandersteen; and our entertainers, the Sangba Dance Troupe and Belle Amour, for helping to make the evening so meaningful and memorable.

Save the date for next year's Gala

Saturday, April 14, 2018
Minneapolis Event Center
1858 Grand Ballroom
at historic St. Anthony Main

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2017 Gala Photo Gallery



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Lubrication Technologies Table



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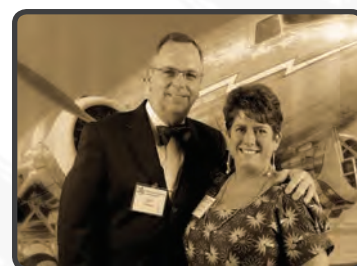
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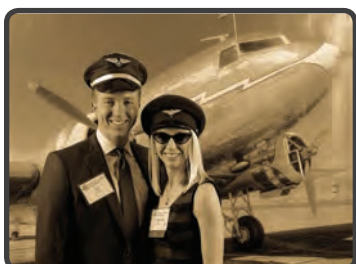
Joe & Kelly LaVigne



Gillette Table



Marjorie Nebo & Aynn Henries



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Melanie McCall, Dr. Kent Cassidy, Dr. Don Ristad, Megan Sparks



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