



From the board chair

While 2021 was a challenging year for most of us, Children's Surgery International met those challenges head-on and experienced a year of organizational growth, new partnerships at home and abroad and innovation in program delivery. Most importantly, through our donors' unwavering commitment, we clearly heard the voice of support for our education-based model to reduce global health disparities.

With ingenuity and flexibility, CSI was able to continue to support our programs in meaningful ways. We turned your support into action to deliver on our promise to our partners and our donors. Instead of focusing on what we couldn't do, we focused on new ways to pursue our mission.

In 2021, we delivered \$40,000 in supplies to our partners at Firestone Duseide Hospital in Liberia. We sent PPE and other material support to Tanzania and Ethiopia, and delivered 20 live lectures to our four sites across Africa, including our new partner site in Zambia.

In Ethiopia, we have seen the greatest fulfillment of CSI's mission. In our absence, our partners started doing cleft surgery independently, regularly sending photos of their great outcomes. Even more remarkable is that Dr. Kassaw, a surgeon whom CSI has never met, has been trained in cleft lip and palate surgery by two CSI-trained partner surgeons. He is a second-generation CSI surgeon! Together this team performed over 100 cleft operations.

Through our commitment to enhancing local health care infrastructure and the transfer of medical skills to local health care providers, I never have to wonder, "When CSI is at home, who is checking on the babies?"

In planning for 2022, we have developed small team models to allow CSI to be both safe and active in a world living with COVID. We are actively planning in-person trips to most of our partner sites this year. Our new team model was rolled out last month as Dr. Brianne Roby, Dr. Paul Melchert and Lora Koppel, RN, led a group in Mexico, our first in-person trip since the pandemic started.

Not long ago, my wife and I were putting our boys to bed. Just as my 5-year-old was falling asleep, he popped up with concern painted across his face:

"Daddy, if you are at home, who is checking on the babies in the hospital?"

Reassured that

my partners were making sure things were OK, he fell peacefully to sleep.

I was so proud of my son for his big heart and, in that moment, I was also proud of CSI. Through our commitment to enhancing local health care infrastructure and the transfer of medical skills to local health care providers, I never have to wonder, "When CSI is at home, who is checking on the babies?"

The answer is colleagues like Dr. Kassaw in Ethiopia and Dr. Lema in Tanzania, and Nurse TeeTee in Liberia. It's all of our partners armed with the skills, equipment and support provided by CSI through the generous support of our donors and volunteers.

Sincerely,

SIVA CHINNADURAI, MD, MPH
Chair, CSI Board of Directors



Supplies valued at \$40,000 arrived in Liberia in 2021 for our partners at Firestone Duseide Hospital.

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We were thrilled to reconnect with our supporters in 2021 in a variety of ways, both in person and virtually.

let's connect



In June, Indeed Brewing Company hosted CSI as their "Indeed We Can" organization. Proceeds from sales that evening supported CSI's ongoing efforts to reduce health care disparities.

We hosted 52 guests on a **dinner cruise on Lake Minnetonka** in June. It was a pleasure to connect with long-time friends of CSI as well as new supporters.



Friends joined us virtually for a **CSI Online Supporter Session** to learn what's going on at CSI.



Supporters gathered on a beautiful fall evening in September to enjoy live music by Trailer Trash at the **CSI Friends and Family Concert**.



In July, 20 CSI volunteers partnered with our friends at MATTER and Lube-Tech to sort and **pack 295 boxes of medical supplies** that reached nearly 34,000 people.



Our friends at Pulpit Rock Brewing Company in Decorah, Iowa, created a new brew in honor of CSI this summer — **Smile Saver Pale Ale** — and donated a portion of each sale to CSI.





Dr. Budd Renier with sons Dr. Joe Renier and Dr. Sam Renier

Longtime sustainers, the Renier family deepens their gifts to CSI

More than 20 years ago, Dr. Budd Renier's late wife, Mara, enrolled the family in monthly giving to honor their personal appreciation for the work CSI does for children and families around the world. The Reniers' youngest son, Sam, was born with a cleft lip and palate, and their recurring gift is a reminder of how fortunate they were to have outstanding local specialists to care for him. "Mara was an amazing person, and always made sure Joe, Sam and I were able to succeed in many aspects of our lives," said Budd. "None of us would be where we are without Mara's spirit fortifying us."

Budd and Sam further honored Mara's memory last year when they became CSI medical volunteers, presenting to our partners at LEAD Monrovia Football Academy (LEAD MFA) in Liberia. CSI partners with LEAD MFA to provide education and supplies for the school's health center medics. Budd, who leads the concussion management program for Allina Health, and Sam, in residency for family medicine at St. John's in Maplewood, were well suited for this lecture series covering topics helpful to the medics as they care for their student athletes.

The Reniers remind us of the many ways to create change in the lives of the children, families and communities CSI serves. We are grateful for their continued support as sustainers.

To hear Budd and Sam speak about their dedication to CSI, visit bit.ly/CSI_Renier.

INTRODUCING CSI Giving Societies

We are humbled by the support of many CSI supporters. Many choose to give generously, year after year, to reduce disparities in health care and increase access to life-changing medical and surgical care for children around the globe. We recognize their commitment to making a lasting impact through membership in the following CSI Giving Societies.

SUSTAINERS

Sustainers are monthly donors dedicated to fueling our work today to change lives and strengthen communities around the world. Recurring gifts are a simple way to have your support make a long-lasting impact, ensuring that our in-country partners have the knowledge, skills and tools to provide life-changing medical and surgical care to help children and communities around the world.

CIRCLE OF DISTINCTION

CSI recognizes individuals taking a leadership role every year in ensuring the strength and future of Children's Surgery International. Donors making annual gifts of \$2,000 or more are members of the Circle of Distinction. They demonstrate their commitment to CSI's mission through extraordinary financial leadership and generosity.

HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Heritage Society recognizes those who, through thoughtful and generous planning, will make a lasting impact well into the future. Members of this society have made philanthropic arrangements for CSI in their estate plans. If CSI is included in your estate plans, please let us know so that we can recognize you as a Heritage Society member.

I give because ...



"I've seen firsthand how my donor dollars are spent. A donation to CSI can literally change the entire life of a child by enabling them to go to school, work and smile again!"

— Sally Lannin, trip volunteer, medical and mission committee member, former board member

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Contact us at info@childrensurgeryintl.org or 612-746-4082 for more information.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CSI GALA

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022



Join us as we celebrate the return to travel for CSI volunteer surgical teams. With your help, we continue to change lives, one child at a time.

The 2022 CSI Gala will be held in person, with an option for virtual participation.

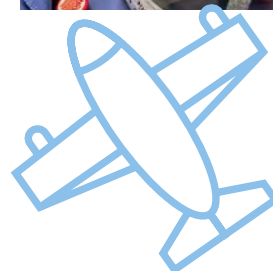


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CSI SURGICAL TEAMS RETURN TO TRAVEL



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