



CSI volunteer teams return to travel

Children's Surgery International's vision includes working to reduce global disparities, and we couldn't be more thrilled to return to in-person surgical collaboration with our partners around the world.

Considerable planning went into making CSI's first surgical trips since the start of the pandemic successful: smaller team size; COVID-19 testing and PPE strategies; consultations with our partners in Mexico and Ethiopia to plan surgical cases in advance of travel; and in Mexico, arrangements for family lodging that allowed for spacing.

BAHIR DAR, ETHIOPIA



CSI volunteer Dr. Siva Chinnadurai advises Ethiopian surgeon Dr. Kassaw during the team's trip to Bahir Dar.

of its kind in all of Ethiopia. **This is real life evidence that the education provided by CSI allows us to maximize our impact on local communities both during and between our in-person missions.**

CSI removes barriers for children in ways that last for years to come, both through individual surgeries and the education of medical staff that can keep them going.

Honestly, this is REAL success!

— ELLEN REYNOLDS, CRNP, ETHIOPIA TEAM MEMBER

A small, targeted surgical team of eight CSI volunteers returned to our partner site in Ethiopia this spring. Building upon our previous training efforts, our partner surgeons in Ethiopia have performed over 100 cleft operations since our last visit. More amazingly, they have achieved accreditation for their ENT residency program—only the third



Abi, ETHIOPIA



Danna, MEXICO

HERMOSILLO, MEXICO

Danna was born in rural Mexico with significant health challenges. Her family immediately committed to helping her reach her highest potential. Danna's grandfather was determined to find the help Danna desperately needed.

Faced with feeding challenges and lack of access to the specialized surgeries that would allow her to thrive, Danna's grandfather finally connected with St. Andrew's Children's Clinic – a longtime partner of CSI that provides health care to some of the neediest children in the Sonoran region.

Danna's cleft lip was repaired this February by the CSI surgical team, and she will receive continued care from St. Andrew's and CSI. After a very long wait, their hope is renewed. Danna's grandfather smiled the entire time they spent with our team.



CSI GALA

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022

Thank you for rising to the challenge at the 2022 CSI Gala, benefiting the children, families and communities we serve around the world. Our first-ever hybrid gala was not only a huge success – raising more than \$255,000 – but also an opportunity to celebrate our return to travel.



Mary Johnson, RN, Lynn Randall, CRNA, and Lora Koppel, RN (center, L to R) were honored at the gala for their many years of leadership — more than two decades of service each.



MEET GUADALUPE

We shared the story of Guadalupe at the 2022 CSI Gala. **Go to bit.ly/CSI_Guadalupe or scan the code with your phone to watch the video** about this young boy our team met in Hermosillo, Mexico, this winter.



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- James Zimmerman and Dr. Paul Melchert



Reducing health care disparities in Ukraine

CSI is proud to join International Medical Corps (IMC) to provide emergency medical care to children and families in Ukraine. A gift of \$25,000 from our recent gala proceeds will support emergency medical relief services for the people of Ukraine. Services include emergency health services, mental health and psychosocial support, gender-based violence response and protection services for women and children, and medical supply support. CSI's new strategic partnership with IMC is a natural extension of our mission and vision to reduce health care disparities. Together, we continue to change the lives of children, families and communities around the world.



Leave a lasting legacy through the CSI Heritage Society

The Heritage Society recognizes those who, through thoughtful and generous planning, make philanthropic arrangements for CSI in their estate plans. Just as our dedication to education maximizes our impact in partner countries, Heritage Society members' investment in CSI lasts well into the future.

Planned gifts can include bequests (wills and trusts), real estate, personal property, life insurance, life income gifts or other types of appreciated property.



I give because ...



"I want every parent to see renewed hope in their child's repaired lip or palate – one precious face at a time."

— Zinda Schaefer, Heritage Society member, board member

Rise TO THE Challenge

BE THE LIGHT

Join the Heritage Society

Learn more about planned gifts to CSI or let us know you've made a planned gift by contacting Megan Sparks at 612-746-4082 or megan@childrenssurgeryintl.org.



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**CSI Open
House**

**Wednesday, July 13
4-7 p.m.**

Tour our new space and
enjoy hors d'oeuvres,
beer and wine.



**WE'VE
MOVED**

NEW CSI HEADQUARTERS

CSI's new office and warehouse space allows for the expansion of medical supply and equipment efforts for both surgical trips and direct partner support. The new location will also host board and committee meetings, volunteer opportunities and small events.

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