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Liberia 2019

Dr. Janelle Fox, CSI Surgeon

Thank you all for supporting and following our CSI Liberia 2019 journey. I've decided to share highlights of what I consider one of the most challenging, yet smooth, surgical missions I've been fortunate to attend. The success is thanks to impeccable medical records volunteers, gracious and omnipresent Firestone Duside hosts, logistics coordinators, and some of the hardest-working nurses and physicians I know!

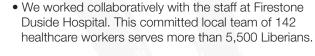
Over the course of seven days, more than 4,000 children were dewormed, 130 surgical patients were screened, 91 surgeries were performed, and daily lectures and hands-on professional training was provided to our Liberian colleagues. For that we are both grateful and proud. Here are some highlights from our week:



Dr. Janelle Fox







- We were reminded of the worst Ebola outbreak in history, affecting nearly 10,000 Liberians and taking the lives of nine Firestone employees/family. We learned about the Ebola treatment units (ETUs) originating at Firestone Liberia and modeled by the CDC for containment of Ebola.
- We remembered one of our longtime guesthouse friends, David, who was always smiling, but died suddenly this past year.
- We celebrated life with the birthday of one of our teammates, CSI nurse Maggie Cavanaugh.
- We met supportive Firestone leaders and strong Liberian women, like Sargent Cesar, who are committed to the peaceful development of local families.









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March 13-24, 2019 November 6-17, 2019

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January 16-25, 2020



Keep up with CSI when we're abroad. Visit the Trip Blog at childrenssurgeryintl.org/blog





CSI Gala

Be the Light that Changes a Life

Our annual fundraiser is right around the corner, on April 27. CSI is committed to making a lasting impact in the communities we serve! We provide top-notch medical and surgical care free of charge plus professional education and training for our in-country medical colleagues to help them build the skills they need to care for the children in their communities long after our teams have gone. Join us and be the light that changes a child's life and makes a lasting impact for communities in need.

The *CSI Gala* is our largest fundraising event. Each year, volunteers, friends, healthcare providers and community members gather to celebrate, honor and support the work of Children's Surgery International.

Heartfelt thanks to our Platinum Sponsors, Firestone Natural Rubber Company, Lube Tech & Bame Foundation, and Hans & Kristin Ulland; and Gold Sponsors, Children's Minnesota, Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare, IWP Family Office, Medical Arts, and Pediatric Surgical Associates, for their support!

Join CSI event co-chairs Drs. David and Naomi Tetzlaff at our biggest night of the year. We will be celebrating at U.S. Bank Stadium, home of the Minnesota Vikings and the 2019 NCAA Final Four.

- Enjoy delicious libations and a great meal.
- Connect with others who care deeply about making a difference in the world.
- Hear about our work this year and what's in store for the year ahead.
- Visit our one-of-a-kind photo booth.
- · Participate in exciting new games.
- Support CSI's mission through the silent and live auctions, direct donations and other activities.





Registration is now open.

Purchase your CSI Gala tickets online or by contacting the CSI office.



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- We learned about many things, including:
 - ♦ The 93-year rubber industry partnership with Liberia, which has survived a civil war, Ebola, slaughterhouse tapping and crop decimation, as well as plummeting rubber prices.
 - Firestone's sustainable planting practices, net zero deforestation policy, rubberwood repurposing and services to help small-volume farmers.
 - A How cassava is made into the local fufu, and all about Liberian lappas, which a local seamstress converted into tunics, dresses, tablecloths and aprons for homegoing gifts.
 - ♦ A 14-year civil war, which ended in 2004, still has lasting effects in Liberia.
 - ♦ The definition of "family" is different in Liberia, actually referring to all members of a household.
 - Many young girls in Liberia are still viewed as commodities, both by society and their families.
 - Educational opportunities outside Firestone and Monrovia, Liberia, are not equal for girls.
 - The annual cost of childhood education is \$200 and often the biggest barrier to education is uniform costs.
 - ♦ Much medical and surgical need remains.
 - Wild, endangered pangolins love to cuddle.





Liberia, we will miss you. Until next year!

But this week, most of all, we learned how a well-trained team of Firestone Duside employees and dedicated CSI volunteers can share a vision and work seamlessly together to change lives and make a lasting impact in the world.

Thank you for making the 2018 Fall Fund Drive a success!

Each fall, Children's Surgery International hosts a year-end giving campaign. The Fall Fund Drive is critical to meeting our fundraising goals that support life-changing surgical and education trips around the world.

Donors participated in several ways:

- Give to the Max Day
- Fall Event at Earl & Wilson
- Dine Out for Good at Lowbrow
- Shopping event at Evereve
- · Donations to honor volunteers
- Individual and corporate donations





Thanks to your generous support, we were able to raise a record \$65,000. This success pays for an entire team and trip to change dozens of lives and make a lasting impact! Thank you to the many donors who made this possible.

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