



Thousand Smiles Foundation

Changing Lives One Smile at a Time

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Old Mission Rotary Club Annually Asks “Who’s Got Talent, San Diego?”

One of the major sources of revenue for the Thousand Smiles Foundation over the past several years has been the “You’ve Got Talent, San Diego” show sponsored and produced by the Old Mission Rotary Club, which holds the



Talented quintet wows the audience.

event once a year in May. It showcases some of San Diego’s hidden talents in a fabulous night of entertainment. Guests eat, drink, mingle and bid on gift packages and the raffle in the beautiful Francis Parker auditorium in a casual atmosphere

and enjoy stunning views of Mission Bay.

Over the past five years, the club has awarded to TSF 70% of all proceeds with 30% going to the club’s other charitable projects.

The result over that period has been a total of \$122,379 to benefit TSF’s dental and cleft palate programs in Ensenada, Mexico. Old Mission Rotary will again host this event in May 2019 with TSF again as the primary beneficiary.

TSF Mission Statement

Thousand Smiles Foundation provides underserved children with cleft lip/palate deformities with Free Comprehensive Medical Services, including multiple surgeries, dental/orthodontic treatments and hearing/speech therapies that would otherwise go untreated.



A nice touch that the medical staff has added to its essential services for the past several years is ensuring that every cleft patient in the recovery room is presented with a safe toy to bring smiles of happiness during a most stressful and painful time. On Friday, Nov. 2, the day before surgeries, Teresa Misenhelter sorts stuffed dolls to be distributed to the children the following day.

NORCAL Volunteers Come From Afar To Bring Dental Services to the Poor



The dental floor at TSF’s clinic features state-of-the-art equipment.

as the dental assistants. The clinic provides dental services only, like dentures, extractions, fillings, and basic cleaning. A significant additional benefit is a grant from District 5190 of \$35,000 to provide state of the art LED surgical lights for the two new operating rooms and a sound-proof booth necessary for our audiology program.

Since opening its clinic building on Avenida Mexico in Ensenada in 2001, Thousand Smiles Foundation has endeavored to maximize use of its excellent facilities beyond the eight days per year during which TSF holds its four clinics. One project helping to fill the void is NORCAL, sponsored by Rotary District 5190. Twice per year, five or six dentists travel from Sacramento, CA to Ensenada to hold a two-day dental clinic in the TSF facility in partnership with Ensenada dentists. Students from the University of San Diego volunteer

Clinic Report:

August 2018

8 Major Surgeries

2 Ear Tubes

150 Dental Patients- A Record!

November 2018

5 Major Surgeries

8 Ear tubes

127 Dental Patients

Dr. Earl Freymiller: 28 Years of Service to Indigent Cleft Patients in Ensenada

Cleft palate surgery is the heart and soul of the Thousand Smiles mission and the folks that make this possible are the maxillofacial surgeons like Dr. Earl Freymiller. Dr. Freymiller grew up in San Diego and attended SDSU. Upon graduation he entered the six-year medical-dental program at Harvard University, earning both degrees in 1989. In 1990 he joined the oral surgery team at UCLA and began volunteering with Thousand Smiles and Dr. Jeff Moses that same year. In 1995, Dr. Freymiller became the Chair of Maxillofacial Surgery at UCLA and also the Chief of Oral Surgical Services at Reagan UCLA Medical Center and continues to serve in both capacities.



One thing that Dr. Freymiller likes about the Thousand Smiles program is its multidisciplinary approach that includes, as well as cleft surgery, orthodontics, ENT care, audiology, speech therapy, and general dentistry. Over his 28 years, he has seen Thousand Smiles constantly evolving, starting with the small Red Cross facility, then moving to the surgical facilities at Ensenada General Hospital and the Navy base, and now about to open our very own operating rooms in the clinic building. Thank you, Dr. Freymiller, for your many years of dedicated service to the poor!



For most of the past several years, Thousand Smiles has maintained a booth at the annual convention of Rotary International. This event attracts more than 30,000 Rotarians from all corners of the earth. The purpose of the board is to provide and publicize information about the work of our project to the conventioners, most of whom have never heard of Thousand Smiles and what we do. Manning the booth in the above photo at the 2018 convention in Toronto, Canada were Board Member and Past President Mark McAnelly, Board Member Ron Vernetti, Treasurer Bob Chalfa, and TSF President Stan Vogelsang.

**Volunteer To Serve at the Thousand Smiles clinic
on Feb. 1-2, 2019
Visit www.thousandsmiles.org**

A Weighty Responsibility



The Ensenada General Hospital and Naval Hospital, where cleft palate surgeries take place, have operating rooms that meet the health standards in Mexico, but do not furnish anything but the bare-bones operating tables and lighting. It is necessary, therefore, for TSF to transport all of the needed surgical and anesthesia equipment and supplies on Friday from our clinic warehouse. The total weight is between 1,800 and 2,000 lbs. Long-time TSF board member Mark McAnelly (above photo) uses his skills as a heavy equipment operator with a forklift to load a cabinet of surgical supplies aboard a large truck. All of these items must be then returned to the warehouse in the same manner following the surgeries on Saturday.

Leave the Driving to Us

Take advantage of our charter bus service to Ensenada. Check our web site for details.