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## **Thousand Smiles Foundation**

## Changing Lives One Smile at a Time

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# **New Construction at Thousand Smiles Clinic Nearing Completion**



Sanitation Room



Preparation Room



Operating Room



Recovery Area

Three more things need to be done before these facilities are up and running. First, install wall and corner protection. Second, move in the furniture (most of which we have in storage near the Clinic building). Third, final inspection by the local health authorities.

## **Rotary International Convention**

Thousand Smiles
Foundation was well
represented at the RI
Convention in Hamburg,
Germany last June. At
the convention, there
were more than 26,000
registrants representing
3,605 Rotary clubs in 170
countries. The TSF ex-



hibition booth in the Friendship Hall was staffed by TSF Treasurer Bob Chalfa, Board Member Stan Vogelsang, and Old Mission Rotary President Matteo Risi. Visitors at the booth included District 5340 Governor-Elect Marta Knight (beige bag) and Rotarians from Nigeria, the Philippines, and Brazil.

#### **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.



On a chilly November morning children enjoyed the comfort of quilts donated by the Oaks North Quilting Ladies.



The iconic Rotary wheel is prominently on display as one enters
Ensenada from the north.



A refurbished and remodeled clinic building deserves handsome new exterior signs generously donated and installed by Signtech in San Diego.

## Check Presentation . . . .



Donations from individual Rotary Clubs are critical to the financial well-being of Thousand Smiles. Above, Lupita Proctor, International Director for the Route 78
Rotary club, presents to TSF board member and immediate past president Stan Vogelsang a check for \$2,000. Earlier, El Cajon Rotary donated \$3,000 for a new industrial quality stove for our clinic kitchen. The estimated cost to

operate each clinic comes to about \$20,000 so help from the clubs is greatly appreciated.

## **Registration Desk**



The Registration Desk is the nerve center of the clinic operation. All patients and their files must pass by it on the way to treatment. The Desk organizes the files in their proper order and ensures the most critical cases receive priority. Above, Sherrie Suanico, Lisa Roudebush, and Gloria Chalfa attend to the work.

### **Book Distribution**



On occasion generous donors provide items for the children unrelated to medical care, like the 200 pairs of shoes given last year by Shab and Bricia El Awar. Above, Lupita Proctor distributes Spanish-language children's books to patients and their siblings. The books were purchased courtesy of a donation of \$500 by the Route 78 Rotary club.

Volunteer To Serve at the Thousand Smiles clinic on Feb. 7-8, 2020 Visit www.thousandsmiles.org

## In Dentistry, Good X-rays Make All the Difference



X-ray imaging creates pictures of the inside of the human body, showing the parts of the body in different shades of black and white. While highly useful in nearly every area of medicine, it is especially important in dentistry. The volunteer that provides this essential service at TSF clinics is Angel Franco (above), who has been donating his expertise for 33 years! When not in Ensenada, Angel can be found at McCormick **Dental Imaging in Mission Valley** in San Diego. Thank you, Angel, for such a long record of service to the needs of poor children and their families.



The new X-ray room in the clinic building features a state-of-the-art machine. From here, Angel Franco can take his pictures and send them digitally to monitors at chair side for use by the individual dentists.