



**Healing
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Florida/Georgia, Inc.



HEALING THE CHILDREN FLORIDA, INC. **ANNUAL REPORT 2019**

Healing the Children Florida, Inc., is a Florida (HTCFLA) based not for profit organization holding a 501 © (3) tax exemption with the IRS. Our tax-exempt number is 59-3503974. HTCFLA provides specialized medical treatment to children in need worldwide including the USA.

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Medical Trips Program

As an organization working internationally to meet the needs of poor children in developing countries, HTC organizes and transports volunteer surgical teams to a preselected and approved hospital site. Sites must meet specific and well-defined criteria before being considered as a program site for HTC. Local and national governmental and civic relationships are established to ensure a smooth implementation of our program, which will maximize benefits to our patients.

During 2019, HTC Florida conducted (2) medical trips. These included trips to Colombia and Ecuador. These teams provided medical treatment in orthopedics, maxillofacial/cleft lip and palate deformities and plastic surgery, with emphasis on burn contractures and deformities.

Our ancillary support program in Neiva, Colombia, for children with Cleft Lips and Palate deformities provided 105 bracket cases which will provide year- round care, speech therapy sessions for a total of 273 hours of speech therapy. The Families of these children received hands on instruction and material to aid in establishing and improving speech in their children. A new parent feeding training program was started during this trip in 2019. Forty parents were given instruction by world famous chef on how to make healthy and nutritious meals for children with cleft lip and palates. Each family was provided with a blender.

An antibullying presentation was held at a local elementary school for 50 students to increase awareness and acceptance of children with cleft lip and palates.

All our missions include educational tutoring and lecturing provided at no cost to host hospital medical staff.

A total of 840 patients were screened and evaluated by our volunteer medical team. The patients selected for surgery/ provided with donated care were 295.

Total Donated services provided were \$813,833.00

Healing the Children, Florida is grateful to all the donors and sponsors who participated in this mission trip. Special thanks to Masonic Benevolence Fund, Biomet, Stryker, RealSelf Fellowship, and Fort Lauderdale Surgical Society for their support and contribution to our Medical Trips Programs. Thank you also to all our donors, volunteers and friends for their continued commitment to the Healing the Children mission - "Healing the Children, Around the Corner, Around the World!"

Domestic Program

This program aims to provide children in our local communities who have special medical conditions with medical care that will alter and save their lives. Due to the increasing number of children who remain uninsured in our Country due to parental immigration status, parents' lack of awareness of services available to them; and due to financial constraints, many children with special medical needs, are not identified and go untreated for many years. Healing the Children has partnered with local clinics and agencies to help meet the needs of these children. We have made arrangements to utilize office space in the Central Florida area to better address the needs of local children.

Its primary focus is to treat the special medical, developmental needs of children from low income families. Children who have no health insurance and are not eligible for insurance, or programs, at the local or state level. Our secondary focus is to identify those families whose child's special condition puts the family in financial crisis despite having health insurance. HTC receives and accepts referrals from local agencies such as clinics, the health departments, and professional healthcare providers. We recruit specialists from different areas and specialties. HTC also provides transportation and prescription assistance when necessary.

Area volunteers are recruited to provide transportation to and from clinic appointments. If a volunteer is not available, we provide some financial assistance for bus fare or a gas card is provided. As well as providing specialized care, HTC provides educational information that addresses and encourages good health as well as child safety. Our primary care physician referral network continues to match uninsured children with a volunteer physician in the community willing to accept the patient at no cost to the parents. Our case management staff carefully screens each patient and makes the appropriate referral to a specialist, who has the responsibility of accepting or not accepting the referral. One of our major goals is to decrease the number of children with special medical and developmental needs not receiving care due to lack of insurance or financial constraints. Our success is measured by the number placements we make and the acceptance by a healthcare provider for treatment of the children we identify who are deemed treatable by the individual treatment team.

The direct and indirect outcomes of our project are -

- an increase in the quality of life and life expectancy of the children we serve;
- decrease in familial stress;
- decrease in the number of children living in poverty who lack proper medical health.
- decrease the number of emergency room visits made by families with children who have special needs, who use the E.R. as a primary care provider.

Healing the Children strives to significantly increase the quality of medical treatment to children in our local communities who lack appropriate medical care. As an organization HTC takes great pride in the high-level professional care, we can provide our patients. We believe in our mission and through the actions of our volunteers and results, we have proven to be a leader in the field of humanitarian health care. Our volunteers are dedicated individuals who have selflessly given of their time to provide medical care in extraordinary circumstances. We are confident in our ability to dynamically impact the lives of children in our local communities who are in great need of medical treatment.

Healing the Children Florida, Inc. is a member of Combined Federal Campaign and local Chapters of United Way.

During 2019, 36 children were provided in-kind services totaling \$ 36,847.53. Services provided included access to specialist, ancillary support services, advocacy support and case management services. This year we held a special holiday event for children in our program that included gift giving, crafts and meeting Santa. Thank you to all our donors, volunteers, and friends for their continued commitment to the Healing the Children. We would like to especially thank all our volunteer medical professionals, Doterra Healing Hands Foundation, Epilepsy Center, Advent Health, Wawa Foundation and Vivint Smart Home

The International Inbound Program

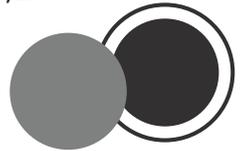


The program coordinates donated medical services for 2 children from the countries of Liberia and Colombia respectively, who traveled to the United States to receive specialized medical care. The Specialties we have provided care for include heart surgery, plastic reconstructive surgery, orthopedic surgery, ENT surgery, urology, maxillofacial and pediatric surgery as well as general surgery. HTC works with hospitals across Florida and Georgia who accept these children at no cost to the organization. The children are often placed with a host family while they are receiving treatment in the community and/or State where they are accepted by a physician and/or Hospital.

During calendar 2019, 2 children was helped internationally. The donated in-kind services for this program in 2019 was \$161,250.

Special Projects

Hope for Gladys: Due to the generosity of many HTC supporters Healing the Children sponsored the education of a child and her sibling who was a past recipient of medical treatment through our International Inbound Program. Gladys is in her last year of high school and will graduate 2020. Cost of tuition for 2019: \$550



Healing the Children supported Home of Bright Choices for the 2nd year and provided a life skill, and social skill support to 15 preteen and teens with special needs. Cost of donated Services: \$4900.00

We held an annual Christmas Party for children enrolled in HTC's Domestic Aid Party with the support of Vivint Smart Home. 30 Children and their families had dinner with Santa Claus and the children received presents. Cost of Donated Services :\$3000

The total amount of in-kind services provided to all the patients we served during **2019** was **\$ 1,020,380.53.**

Healing the Children Florida, Inc, was able to accomplish all of its goals for 2019 on a combined income of \$ 127,914.33.

Respectfully Submitted,

Healing the Children Florida/Georgia, Inc.

