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ORHA

AUSTRALIAN CLEFT AND CRANIOFACIAL CHARITY

FOUNDED 1993



RESTORING
CHILDREN'S
SMILES
SINCE 1993

Who we are

Operation Restore Hope Australia (ORHA) is an Australian based surgical charity working in the Philippines since 1993 for less fortunate children with cleft lip and palate and craniofacial birth defects and deformities. We draw not only on the talents of volunteers from Australia, the UK and other nations but collaborate with our Filipino partners in the medical profession to provide ongoing year round follow-up and support to children cared for both in our missions and other programs.



What is cleft lip and palate?

A cleft is a congenital birth defect which may be of one or two sides of the lip (unilateral or bilateral), of the palate or both. In the mother's womb, the upper lip develops from three parts and the palate develops in two halves, which then join in the middle. A cleft occurs when they fail to join normally between weeks 6-8 in utero.

Before



After



Why early repair is important

Early treatment and repair of the lip (by one year of age) and the palate (by two years of age) assist in the infant's normal uptake of food, oxygen, development of speech and of course normal socialisation.

Because a cleft lip and/or palate denies a child normal speech and appearance, these children are most often relegated to a lowly, impoverished life where they are likely to be denied the simplest privileges such as schooling, social contact and eventual employment due to their deformity. What surgery gives to these children is the ability to develop, thrive and communicate not only through speech but something as simple as a smile without which they will not be able to fulfill their potential or assume their place in society.



OUR DIFFERENCE

Everyone in ORHA's organisation is a volunteer: from our surgeons, anaesthetists and nurses to our administrators, accountants, etc. This means that your donations go directly to helping children in need and not to overheads. Even this brochure was created and printed pro bono!



Our Missions

ORHA carries out annual surgical missions for cleft lip and palate patients. The teams are comprised of volunteer plastic surgeons, dental surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses, speech pathologists and administrators. ORHA partners with Ugnayan ng Pahinungod, the charity outreach arm of the University of the Philippines and their plastic surgical residents. Filipino plastic surgeons and residents carry out pre-mission screening clinics and post-operative clinics throughout the year to provide for the patients' needs and ensure appropriate healing.



Condition: Meningocele



Condition: Oromandibular Hypogenesis Syndrome

Craniofacial Collaboration

In the early years, ORHA was pained that it had to turn away infants and children with severe clefts and craniofacial birth defects as they required intensive and ongoing multispecialty care which could not be provided during a mission. To fill this gap, a partnership was formed in 2008 with the Mijares Gurango Craniofacial Foundation working out of the Philippine Children's Medical Center.

Since the beginning of this partnership hundreds of children with complex clefts, facial clefts, naso-frontal meningoceles, and rare conditions such as oromandibular hypogenesis syndrome, Crouzons and other deformities have been treated by Dr Taps Gurango and her team as well as participating neurosurgeons, dental surgeons, prosthetic makers and orthodontists amongst others.



Finding a way to help children with severe clefts and craniofacial birth defects and deformities



Condition: Arrhinia



Before



After

Beyond surgery - we care!

ORHA reaches out beyond surgery to ensure that our patients and partners have the tools they need to carry on.

From providing prostheses, eyeglasses and medicines to our patients and surgical equipment and medical supplies to our partners, we are constantly seeking donations of not only funds but functional and in date medical equipment and supplies. During typhoons, we have assisted with emergency aid to our hospitals and communities and during the COVID-19 pandemic with PPE to help keep our partners safe as they continue to provide charitable healthcare in the Philippines.



Our sponsors and partners

Without our sponsors, all these “little miracles” would not be possible. These sponsors alongside all our donors and members provide the much needed funds to carry out our work. Safe, quality medicine even when carried out by volunteers still costs money. To all our sponsors we say THANK YOU from our volunteers, our little patients and their families!



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How can you help?

The cost to Operation Restore Hope Australia to repair a cleft is approximately AUD \$500 per operation. The more donations we receive, the more children we can help. You can also become a Life Member of Operation Restore Hope Australia or just join for one year.

All donations and membership fees go directly to our programs for children with clefts and craniofacial birth defects and deformities.

YOU CAN DONATE NOW ONLINE AT:

www.givenow.com.au/operationrestorehope

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Address: _____

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Donations over \$2.00 are fully tax deductible and are payable to ‘Operation Restore Hope Philippines Relief Fund’.

I wish to make a donation of AUD \$ _____

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Enclosed is my lifetime membership of AUD \$100.

Enclosed is my AUD \$20 annual membership.

Total payment: AUD \$ _____

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Our Story from 1993 to today

Get a copy of ORHA's latest book filled with inspiring images of our special children and our volunteers. This book, which was written to celebrate the charity's 25th anniversary tells the story about how ORHA went from a small single mission charity to the organisation that it is today with multiple programs all completely staffed by volunteers.

All proceeds from the book go directly to ORHA's programs!

Order your copy now by contacting the charity at info@operationrestorehope.org



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