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More than just missions We are operating throughout the year!



Operation Restore Hope does more than just carry out missions; we are actually operating throughout the year providing surgery for patients, carrying out follow-up and screening clinics, providing medical and nutritional assistance and sourcing and shipping equipment & supplies.

As well as all this, we carry out all the other administrative and compliance tasks necessary to make these little miracles possible.

All this continues to be done by volunteers.

In addition to missions, multiple surgeries are carried out every month by our partners at the Philippine Children's Medical Center as well as following up the patients there of more than ten years. Most of these patients require ongoing medical and sometimes nutritional

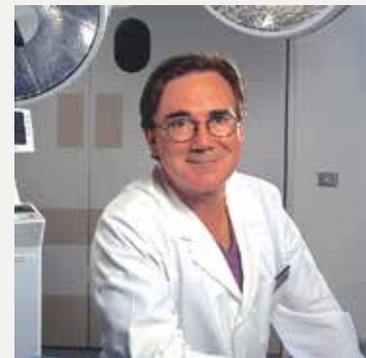
support and Operation Restore Hope is there to provide it and follow the progress of the children to make sure that they have the best care possible.

“ **Multiple surgeries are carried out every month** ”

Operation Restore Hope is also working with our partners from Philippine

General Hospital (PGH) to carry out follow up and screening for our mission patients. Our patients are also referred to PGH for ancillary services such as speech pathology which is critical for many of our
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A Letter from Dr Hodgkinson



News from ORH founder Dr Darryl Hodgkinson: Our Upcoming Mission

From 22 June, Operation Restore Hope will be carrying out its third annual mission at Las Piñas City Medical Center (LPCMC). Screenings and follow-up clinics have already been held and we look forward to working again with the staff at LPCMC, our partners from PGH and our volunteers from Australia, the UK and Germany.

Another Dr Hodgkinson!



In the latest addition to our talented team of surgeons and anaesthetists we are excited to welcome a plastic surgeon who is also named Dr Hodgkinson - **Dr Peter Hodgkinson**, chief cleft surgeon from Newcastle upon Tyne in the UK.



Young encephalocele patient operated on outside missions at PCMC: before surgery, post-op phase 1 and post-op phase 2 with his mother.

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palate patients, especially those with wide clefts or who did not find their way to us as infants as they may not have had the ability to develop normal speech.

Facilitating missions, ongoing use for hospitals

Our partner Ugnayang Ng Pahi-nungod is not only assisting with compliance issues but working with us on infrastructure needs for patients, hospitals and other missions in the Philippines. In 2017 we were able to donate hospital beds to Alabat Island for the local hospital and in 2018 we donated anaesthetic equipment to a burns unit at a major public hospital in Manila that had no anaesthesia for its burns unit. We are currently trying to source surgical saws and the associated plate systems for our craniofacial cases.

Working hand in hand

Working hand in hand with all these local partners, we are able to increase the number of patients treated throughout the year, the quality of care provided and pave the way with infrastructure for future growth and potential for our patients and partners.

New ORH Book celebrating 25 years



Operation Restore is releasing a new book celebrating 25 years and highlighting our work both at the Philippine Children's Medical Center and at Las Piñas City Medical Center, as well as a brief history of the charity. Special thanks to photographer Andrea Francolini and to Astrid Wehling Graphic Design both of whom worked pro bono to make this possible. To purchase a copy, please contact the charity at orha@operationrestorehope.org

Thank you, Dr Ann Collins, for your years of service!

Operation Restore Hope would like to recognise and formally acknowledge the contribution of one of the founding Directors and key surgeons of the charity, Dr Ann Collins.



Ann, a very talented and dedicated oral and maxillofacial surgeon, has been with the charity since its inception as a director, a volunteer surgeon, an educator and contributor to cleft surgery, a mission team leader, an inspiration to many and a friend to all.

Ann is stepping down from her position as a Director but will always continue to be a part of Operation Restore Hope as a Life member and as a continuing example to all of our volunteers of what dedication and commitment really look like.

Caring for Complex Cases – Craniofacial Surgery Unit at PCMC



Patient screening for the Philippine Children's Medical Center (PCMC)

Cleft missions cannot care for complex cases which involve deformities not only of the lips and mouth but sometimes of the orbits (eye sockets) and skull. These conditions are called craniofacial disorders.

Operation Restore Hope supports the craniofacial unit in the Philippine Children's Medical Center (PCMC) to deal with these com-

plex and potentially dangerous operative corrections. The commonest condition encountered involving the skull and face

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Before and after craniofacial surgery for nasofrontal encephalocele. (protusion of the brain through the skull).



are encephaloceles. Between 2017 and 2019 ORH supported the care of over 30 such cases. The next most common cases are craniosynostosis and rare facial clefts.

Optimal care, magnificent repairs

Drs Taps Gurango and Kathy Nunez with their team repair these challenging cases at PCMC, providing optimal care and magnificent repairs for these unfortunate children. We regard our long term commitment to PCMC as a vital part of achieving our overall goal in the Philippines.

Moulding the face preoperatively

Working with the orthodontic department at PCMC we have provided naso-alveolar moulding (NAM) for several children. This program moulds the face preoperatively to allow for a more effective initial closure of the cleft lip in the most severe cases.

Congratulations to the happy couples...



Special congratulations to our Director Grant Brown on his marriage to Miho Hamaue in Tokyo on 30 March.

Charity photographer & volunteer Andrea Francolini was on hand to capture the joyous occasion with the Hodgkinsons in attendance who were celebrating their mutual birthday on the same date. With the cherry blossoms in full bloom it was a magical day.

Congratulations also to nurse volunteers **Rebecca Broom** and **Renee Jarvie** on their recent marriages. We celebrate these unions and wish all three couples a lifetime of health and happiness together.

...and a warm ORH welcome to Ben Mead to our Board



Operation Restore Hope is excited to welcome volunteer and member Ben Mead to the Board.

Ben has been active in Operation Restore Hope for the past three years and instrumental in mission coordination in Las Piñas.

Ben brings to the board a unique blend of experience in business and entrepreneurial skills in development both in Australia and the Philippines. Welcome to the Board!



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A Special Thanks to Our Sponsors

Operation Restore Hope would like to thank our major sponsors without whom our work would not be possible. Special Thanks for **Jaycar Electronics** our premium sponsor with over 20 years of commitment. Thank you also to **The Mill House Foundation** and **The Bluesand Foundation** for more than 10 years of support.

Welcome and thank you to the **Che Sara Sara Foundation** for their major contribution this past year and we look forward to their ongoing support.



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The cost to Operation Restore Hope Australia to repair a facial cleft is approximately \$500 AUD per operation. The more donations we receive, the more children we can help.

No funds received are spent on administrative, accounting, advertising or infrastructure costs. All membership fees and donations are spent directly on surgeries performed.

You can also become a Life Member of Operation Restore Hope Australia or just join for a year. Your fee or donation will help fund the cost of a child's surgery.

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