

Update from Ohana One's Executive Director

Hello *{{First Name}}*,

Welcome to InSights - our semi-regular newsletter. Thank you so much for taking the time to learn about what the Ohana One team has accomplished recently. It is because of you and your support that this critical work to close the surgical gap continues. We received a tremendous amount of feedback from our 2020 annual report! People said it was a great visual tool to better understand our mission and the technology, and why the work we do is so important (if you missed it, you can find it [here](#)).

We have been busy with lots to report, so let's get started!

This fall, we welcomed two stellar interns to permanent positions on the Ohana team - Megan Demijohn, and Key Pearson. They each proved to be so invaluable during their respective internships, and we are delighted they accepted our offer to stay onboard. See the article below about Megan and learn more about her, as I am sure you will be as impressed by her as I am!

I am also so excited to share we have onboarded 50 mentor/mentee teams to our Surgical Sight Program! Amazing to think, less than a year ago, there were just six teams, and now we are at full capacity and already starting to track some amazing surgical procedures and progress.

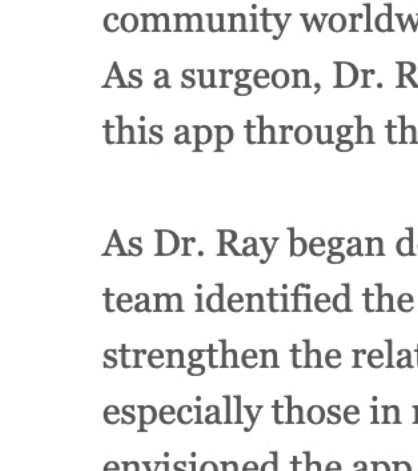
In fact, to make the tracking even easier, we will be utilizing the soon-to-be-released "OO" - Ohana One App, which is now in beta testing and expected to launch in the next month or so. The OO app will transform the Surgical Sight Program and remote distance surgical education in general. I can't tell you everything about it quite yet, but I am thrilled to give you a sneak peek here in the newsletter.

Last week, we launched our end of summer/early fall fundraising appeal and I want to thank those of you who contributed already - your support is nothing short of amazing, and it makes our work possible. We have already raised \$16,650, bringing us to 67% of our goal in the first week! For those of you who didn't see the appeal or have yet to donate, I encourage you to learn more about why we are asking for your financial support in the article titled "Tanya's Story". You will see that your donations change the lives of patients like Tanya.

I am so grateful for all the ways you choose to support Ohana One. From the entire Ohana One Ohana (family), thank you!

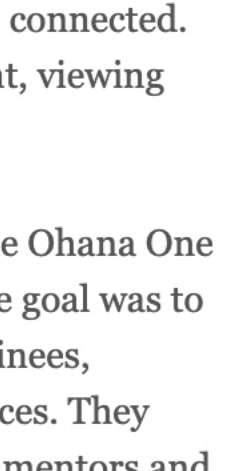
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Marchelle Sellers
Executive Director



BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER

The Ohana One App



Dr. Edward Ray is a Reconstructive Plastic Surgeon by day and Ohana One App Developer by night! He came to know Ohana One at the invitation of co-founder and current Vice-President of the Board of Directors, Dr. David Kulber. Dr. Ray wanted to help Ohana One develop an app to support the Ohana mission of joining the surgical community worldwide and helping mentors and mentees stay even more connected. As a surgeon, Dr. Ray brings a unique perspective to the app development, viewing this app through the lens of both a developer and a surgeon user.

As Dr. Ray began developing the Ohana One app in early 2021, he and the Ohana One team identified the needs they wanted the app to address. Their collective goal was to strengthen the relationships between surgeons, ensuring the surgeon trainees, especially those in remote areas, have consistent access to needed resources. They envisioned the app as a space to directly link mentee surgeons with their mentors and a platform to share data, ideas, and solutions.

The "OO" Ohana One app will benchmark the mentee surgeons' educational and technical milestones and serve as an access point for the Ohana One Video Library with other curated resources, live surgeries, and academic discussions. It will have built-in functionality to record medical notes and integrate with the existing Ohana One WhatsApp group. Most importantly, it will offer a space to share ideas, request help with challenging cases, and facilitate communication across very long distances.

The OO app will be considered a success when it allows for improved transfer of knowledge, streamlines the communication process, and makes it feel like the mentors and mentees are sharing ideas from within the same room, rather than halfway around the world.

Read the full story [here](#).



Dr. Tennakoon Gets His Smart Glasses

Dr. Dimuthu Tennakoon of Sri Lanka received his Smart Glasses and is ready to begin his training with Dr. Maryse Bouchard as his mentor in the Ohana One Smart Sight Surgical Program.



Meet Megan Demijohn

New technology can be intimidating! Especially smart glasses, merged reality platforms, and virtual assistance software. Are you curious how Ohana One surgeons navigate through this complex and revolutionary technology?

This is where Megan Demijohn, the Ohana One Physician Coordinator comes in.

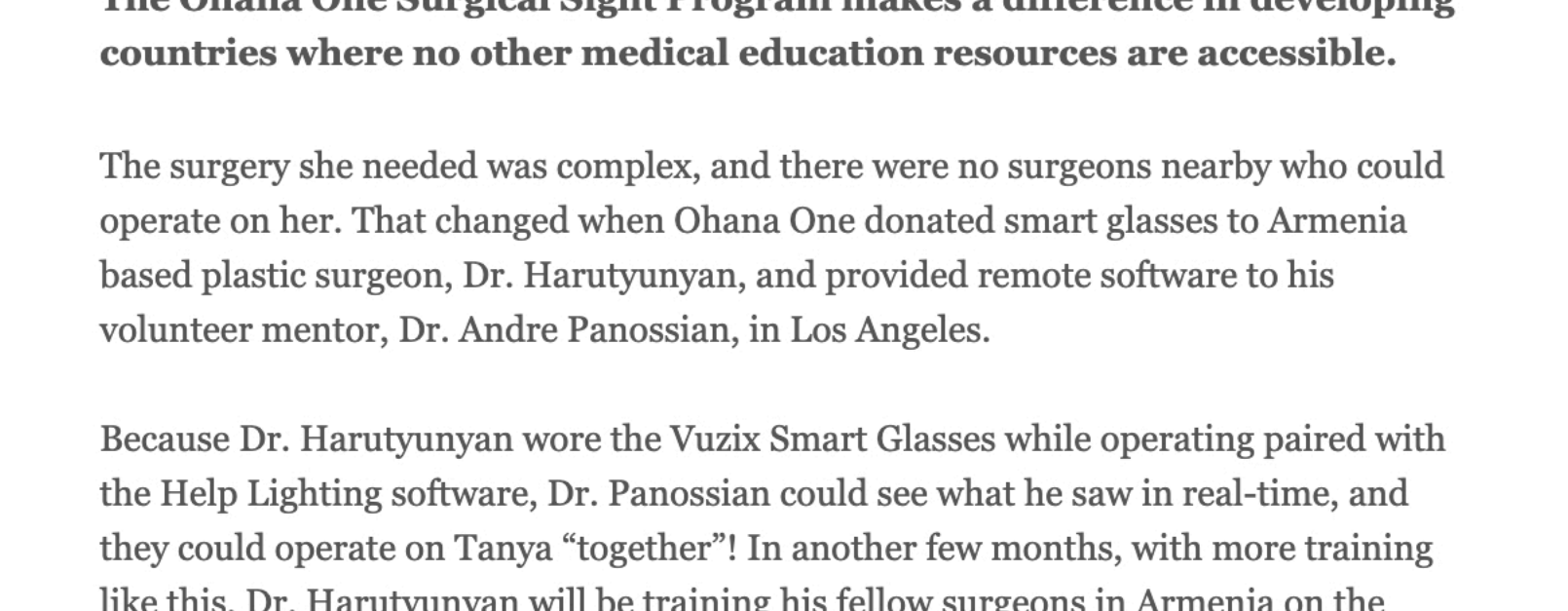
Megan is a Help Lightning merged reality software and Vuzix Smart Glass technology expert! She coordinates with each of the newly onboarded surgeons to ensure they are fully trained and feel comfortable using these unique tools. Once an initial training has ended, Megan is always available to provide additional ongoing support.

This fall, in addition to her work with Ohana One, Megan will attend Brighton and Sussex Medical School in Brighton, England as she works to obtain a Master's Degree in Global Health!

Learn more [here](#).

SPOTLIGHT

Tanya's Story



Tanya is an 8-year old girl from Armenia who had burns over most of the left half of her body. She was burned in her home when the gas boiler exploded (an all too common event in some parts of the world). Without the training resources Ohana One provided for Dr. Artur Harutyunyan there would have been no options for Tanya. **The Ohana One Surgical Sight Program makes a difference in developing countries where no other medical education resources are accessible.**

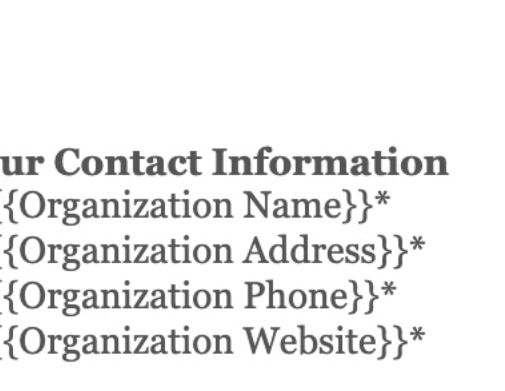
The surgery she needed was complex, and there were no surgeons nearby who could operate on her. That changed when Ohana One donated smart glasses to Armenia based plastic surgeon, Dr. Harutyunyan, and provided remote software to his volunteer mentor, Dr. Andre Panossian, in Los Angeles.

Because Dr. Harutyunyan wore the Vuzix Smart Glasses while operating paired with the Help Lighting software, Dr. Panossian could see what he saw in real-time, and they could operate on Tanya "together"! In another few months, with more training like this, Dr. Harutyunyan will be training his fellow surgeons in Armenia on the techniques he learned.

Thanks to the Ohana One Surgical Sight Program, Tanya is also much more confident. She has started going to school again, she is playing with friends, and she is walking freely. She has regained critical movement in her left hand and is in much less pain. With Tanya back in school, her future is bright and includes a path to self-sufficiency.

Please join our Ohana to close this surgical gap and make sure children like Tanya always have a surgeon nearby who is trained and ready to help them lead normal healthy lives. A donation of any amount will change lives! Give securely online [here](#) or mail a check to the address in the footer of this email. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at info@ohanaone.one.

Donate to help kids like Tanya



Ohana One Sticks Together!



Read more [here](#)



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Ohana One partners with students in UCLA's Global Health Initiatives curriculum team who teach biweekly English lessons to medical staff in Mozambique via Zoom.



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