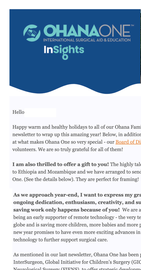

Hello

Happy warm and healthy holidays to all of our Ohana Family. As 2022 comes to a close,we are sending out one last newsletter to wrap up this amazing year! Below, in addition to our loyal donors and friends, you will catch a glimpse at what makes Ohana One so very special - our Board of Directors, our team and our incredible interns and volunteers. We are so truly grateful for all of them!

I am also thrilled to offer a gift to you! The highly talented Kelly Fogel, came with us on our recent mission trip to Ethiopia and Mozambique and we have arranged to send some of her amazing prints to you as a gift from Ohana One. (See the details below). They are perfect for framing!

As we approach year-end, I want to express my gratitude to the entire Ohana One family for your ongoing dedication, enthusiasm, creativity, and support. This critical, paradigm-shifting and life-saving work only happens because of you! We are all so grateful for your continued support. Thank you for being an early supporter of remote technology - the very tech that is vastly improving surgical training around the globe and is saving more children, more babies and more people than ever before. Literally saving their lives! This new year promises to have even more exciting advances in education and training as we look at more comprehensive technology to further support surgical care.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, Ohana One has been proudly working with three of our partner organizations - Interchange, Global Initiative for Children's Surgery (GICS), and Foundation For International Education In Neurological Surgery (FIENS), to offer strategic development support and partnership development. In this edition of the newsletter, we are pleased to highlight GICS and the amazing work they do to improve children's surgical outcomes around the world.

I wish you and yours a healthy, happy and peaceful holiday season.

In Gratitude,

Marchelle Sellers
Executive Director

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2022 Highlights

What a Year! We will give you a glimpse now because we just couldn't wait to share some highlights with you. A full overview is coming in the 2022 Annual Report, so be sure to watch for it!

Surgical Aid Highlights

• We now have over **138 surgeons in 48 countries** enrolled in the Surgical Sight program

• Dr. Benjamin Warf, Professor of Neurosurgery at Harvard Medical School and Board Chairperson of our NGO partner, NeuroKids, joined the Ohana One Surgical Sight program to virtually train with his mentee, Dr. Osama Agha's in Cairo. Together they are working on expanding a safer, more specialized shunting procedure for hydrocephalus (water on the brain) for kids in Egypt

• Dr. Giselle Coello, MD, Ph.D.,Pediatric Neurosurgeon, Santa Casa Hospital and Sabesh Hospital joined our program. She is so excited to get started in her new training!

• Dr. Sef Nuru from St. Gaspar Referral and Teaching Hospital in Hai, Tanzania operated on a young patient born with a very large cyst hygroma. This large benign multilocular cyst was so large it prevented eating and normal growth. Dr. Nuru and his team accessed remote support on his smart glasses from his mentor Dr. Chris Conner, from Georgetown, Texas, USA! Without this technology, this little boy would have lost his life from this cyst.

• Dr. Kush Aaron, a Surgical Sight mentee at Helping Hands Hospital in Dehradun, India, used Help Lightening to discuss a young girl's upcoming hand surgery with Dr. Marshall Pettigrew, his surgical mentor and long time friend in Kirkland, Washington, USA. This surgery not only improved this young boy's quality of life, but will allow him to reach his personal goal to join the army once he is of age.
Humanitarian Aid Highlights

• New Board member Sharon Orock facilitated the delivery of 20 donated pairs of VUZIX M400 smart glasses loaded with TeleVu remote software to support surgeons in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine. From there, the technology was distributed to surgeons at hospitals in the war-torn cities Lviv and Kyiv. Along with the glasses, Ohana One provided welcome letters and instructions on how their surgeons can utilize this technology to call for assistance with triage, surgical care, transport, and any other medical or surgical needs.

• Thanks to a very special donor, a full sized container of medical and surgical supplies was shipped to Ukraine and was distributed to people in need.

• Dr.David Kulber, Dr.Michele Dey and Kylie Tanabe volunteered on behalf of Ohana One with partner NGO, MendingKids, during their Hometown Mission to provide free surgeries to children who had been severely burned from war injuries. These children are from Syria and with our other partners, Burnt Children's Relief Fund, we helped provide some of the multiple surgeries they will need to fully recover.

• Other friends at NGO partner, Healing the Children, alerted us to a dire situation rural northern Nigerians are facing. Their primary cares facilities have been lured away to Dubai and Abu Dhabi with higher pay; leaving residents in remote rural areas with NO access to basic care. Dr. Mariette Ahmadi, a Nigerian surgeon and real go-getter was proactive and determined to find an answer. Ohana One quickly responded with a grant toward ten smart glasses and software to easily connect the community members with larger, urban medical clinics. In the hands of Nigeria's community liaisons, this technology is already greatly impacting patients in rural areas of the country!

Educational Highlights

• Eva Williams, MD, and Maryse Tack, MD, presented Ohana One's Surgical Sight Program at The American Council of Academic Plastic Surgeons 36th Annual Winter Meeting.

• Ohana One hosted the following webinars: Best Practices, Surgical Case Discussion, Transforming the Face of Remote Surgical Education, and Beyond the Wearables, and we participated as panelists in 5 additional telemedicine and global health discussions as thought leaders and providers.

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There are a lot of amazing charities right here at home, but please do include Ohana One in your end of year giving plans. Children and adult patients are waiting for critical surgeries and the more technology and training and mentorship we can provide, the more lives will be saved. **We are not just standing around, we are taking action, and we are asking you to join us.**

Your previous support created opportunities beyond what any of us could have imagined. We are closing the gap in surgical access and equity with technology, peer to peer mentoring, and grants to NGOs, hospitals and surgeons in developing countries. **This combination of financial support, technology, and personalized training is literally (and finally) changing surgical outcomes around the globe.**

Ohana One founders Dr. David Kulber, Dr. Michele Dey, and Kylie Tanabe had a revolutionary idea, and because of you it has not only come to fruition, but has grown to include over 48 countries, 100s of surgeons and thousands of patients' lives. Your year-end gift will continue to revolutionize surgical training in countries that have, until Ohana One, lacked access to advanced education and training and now are making strides and demonstrating how a bit of connection can bring surgical training closer and empower surgeons and their staff to care for more people safely.

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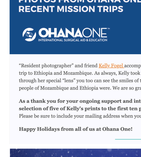

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Ten great things about the Ohana One Board of Directors

The Ohana One Board of Directors volunteer their time and talents to - well, make the impossible possible! Who would have we could grow, scale and accomplish so much in just 2.5 years! **It is their friendship, innovation, creativity, diversity, pure dedication and absolute commitment that makes Ohana One even "remotely" possible!**

1. They live outside the box and help us grow more than we could have ever dreamed! Tech + innovation + humanitarian is where they all love to "live"

2. They ALWAYS "show up". For meetings, calls, events, interviews, and even mission trips. We put out a call and there they are! Attendance and participation is always very high and they like to think big and have fun. And, all of our Board meetings are virtual!

3. They bring a wealth of expertise including legal, surgical, international humanitarian aid and spirit, financial management, strategic partnerships, investment backgrounds, marketing, communications, storytelling, traditional and new media, and ethical considerations.

4. 100% board giving! Each year, every year. This is not negotiable.

5. They bring in new resources and new ideas.

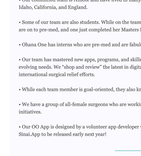
6. They freely give off their time to help with everything from problem-solving to making amazing documentaries (coming soon!) to connecting us with new partners.

7. Their commitment to Ohana One's mission, and the surgeons and their patients is truly unparalleled.

8. They set the course for Ohana One annually by defining our goals and setting our budget (with a little help from the Ohana Team).

9. They are strategic advisors and a sounding board for all of our big decisions. A special shout out to the DBYS Team on this one - this is where a lot of the heavy lifting happens!

10. While accomplishing all of this, they know how to make it enjoyable!



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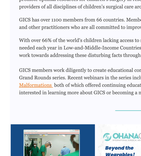
"Resident photographer" and friend Kelly Fogel accompanied Ohana One this summer on our surgical mission trip to Ethiopia and Mozambique. As always, Kelly took some truly exquisite photos documenting the trips and through her special "lens" you too can see the smiles of the children and see how truly welcoming and kind the people of Mozambique and Ethiopia were. We are so grateful, Kelly's photos are such a gift to us all.

As a thank you for your ongoing support and interest in Ohana One, we would like to offer a selection of five of Kelly's prints in the first ten people who contact us at info@ohanaone.org. Please be sure to include your mailing address when you reach out so that we can mail the portfolio to you.

Happy Holidays from all of us at Ohana One!



A Glimpse at the Team Behind Ohana One

Our team rocks! We can't do anything without our awesome dedicated and super passionate team! **They execute on our mission and vision everyday** and we are excited to introduce you to this extraordinary team!

• The Ohana team is woman led and powered largely by women. One key exception is Tarek Elshayal, who prepares all of the glasses prior to being shipped out and loads the software and handles international shipping. He is a biomedical engineer in New York, and is a loyal volunteer for Ohana One and Mending Kids assisting remote surgical staff to make sure all of their surgical equipment functions properly.

• Our committed team is remote and have lived in many locations including New York, Florida, Maryland, Idaho, California, and England.

• Some of our team are also students. While on the team, some have finished their undergraduate classes and are on to pre-med, and one just completed her Masters Degree in Public Health.

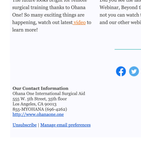
• Ohana One has interns who are pre-med and are fabulous researchers.

• Our team has mastered new apps, programs, and skills to keep Ohana One agile and able to keep up with our evolving needs. We "shop and review" the latest in digital health and bring back new technology to apply to international surgical relief efforts.

• While each team member is goal-oriented, they also know how to have fun while getting things done.

• We have a group of all-female surgeons who are working on research projects and surgeon related wellness initiatives.

• Our OO App is designed by a volunteer app developer who is a plastic and reconstructive surgeon at Cedars-Sinai.App to be released early next year!



PARTNER ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

Ohana One is pleased to spotlight member organization The Global Initiative for Children's Surgery (GICS). GICS is working to build safe and effective surgical care for all of the world's children, no exceptions. GICS passionately believes that every child must have access to safe surgical care. Their mission is to define and promote optimal resources for children's surgery in resource-poor regions. They do this by engaging with providers of all disciplines of children's surgical care around the world.

GICS has over 1100 members from 66 countries. Members are physicians, surgeons, nurses, medical students, and other practitioners who are all committed to improving outcomes for children's surgery.

With over 66% of the world's children lacking access to surgical care and estimated 143 million more surgeries needed each year in Low-and-Middle-Income Countries (LMIC) GICS has a lot to accomplish. Their members work towards addressing these disturbing facts through active working groups and committees.

GICS members work diligently to create educational content. One way they do this is through their Virtual Grand Rounds series. Recent webinars in the series included a session on Wilms Tumor and Ancestral Malformations, both of which offered continuing education credits to those in attendance. If you are interested in learning more about GICS or becoming a member you can do so on their website.

The future looks bright for remote surgical training thanks to Ohana One! So many exciting things are happening, watch our latest Video to learn more!

Did you see the latest Ohana One Webinar, Beyond the Wearables!? If not you can watch the replay of it and our other webinars here.

As we head in to the end of the year your support means more than ever. Please consider donating to the important work Ohana One is doing!

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