

Insights

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Mentors from Stanford University are partnering with the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association to guide an operating team in Sri Lanka.

Welcome to the latest Ohana One newsletter! In this edition, we are proud to feature the remarkable opportunity Ohana One had to participate in the UN of the Future Summit. We also highlight our efforts to ensure a very deserving individual receives life-changing surgery in Los Angeles, along with exciting new partnerships and updates on the endeavors of our dedicated board and staff. I trust you will find these stories as inspiring as I do.

Our work is transforming lives for children and adults both locally and globally. These are firsthand examples of how medical mentoring, training, and technology are seamlessly integrated to forge innovative futures and change lives.

Thank you for being an integral part of Ohana One. Enjoy this edition of Insights and let our shared achievements inspire you.

Warmly,


Marchelle Sellers
Executive Director

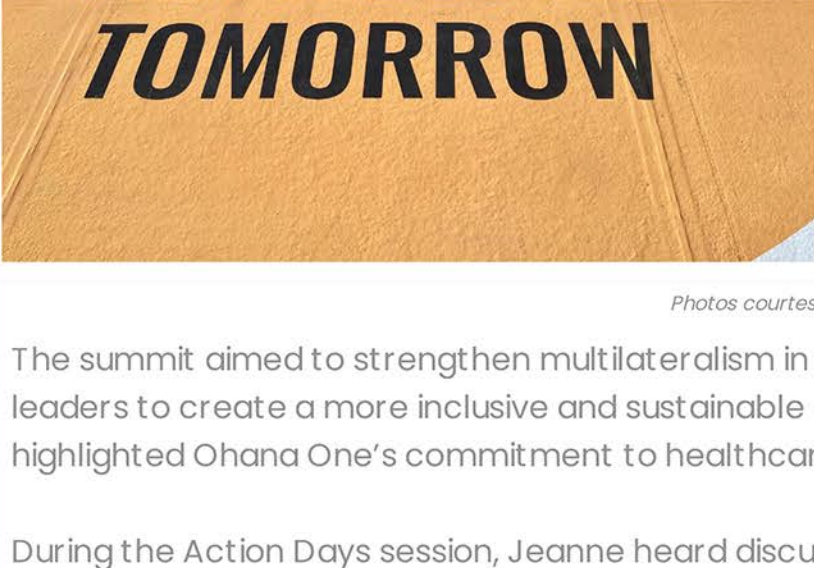


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Ohana One at the UN Summit of the Future

In September 2024, Jeanne Bray, Director of Development and Partnerships at Ohana One, attended the UN Summit of the Future. She joined global leaders to tackle pressing global issues and reinforce commitments to the Sustainable Development Goals, focusing on digital cooperation, peace, and climate action.



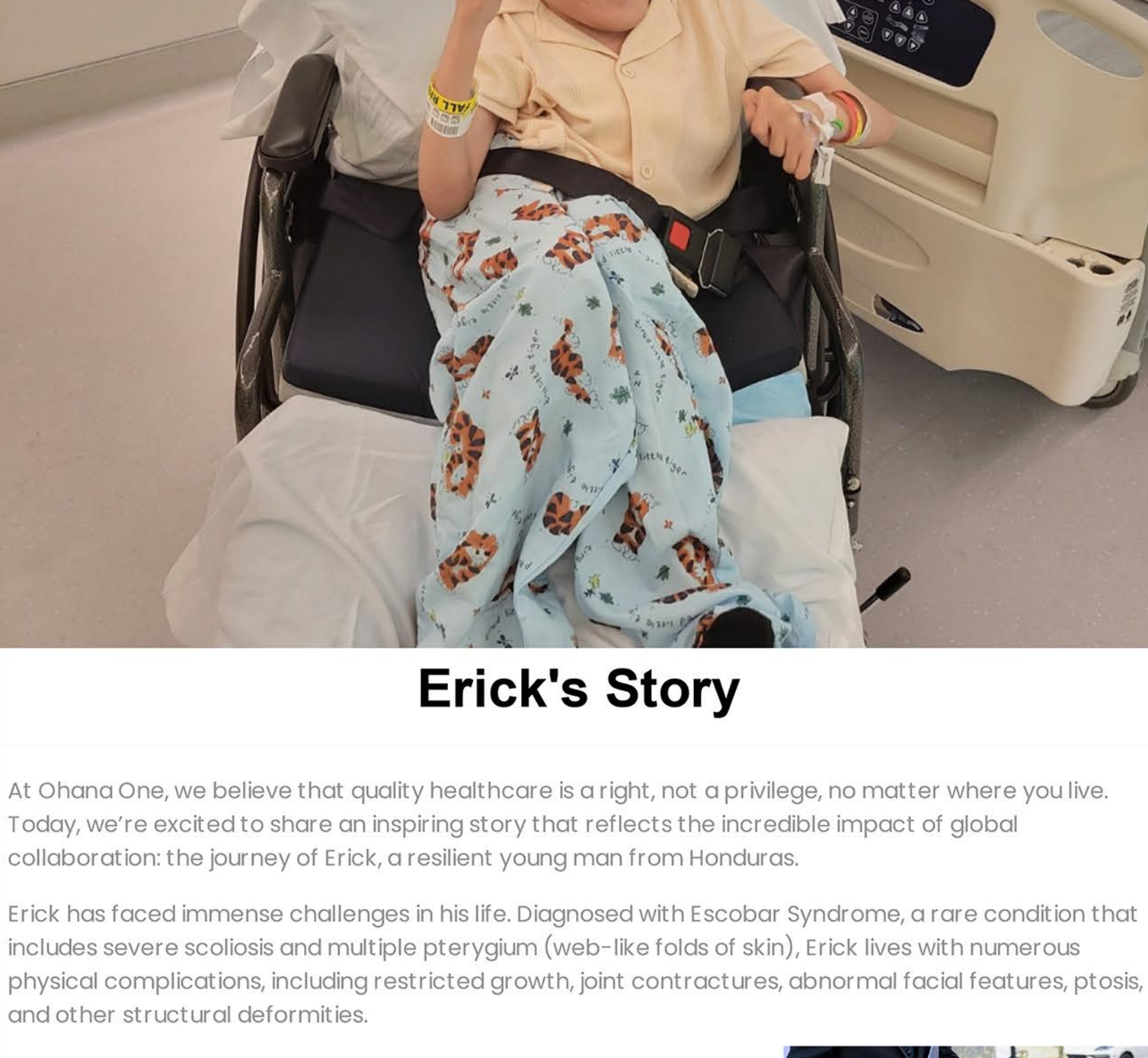
Photos courtesy of Jeanne Bray

The summit aimed to strengthen multilateralism in the face of global changes, providing a platform for leaders to create a more inclusive and sustainable international order. Jeanne's participation highlighted Ohana One's commitment to healthcare access and digital solutions.

During the Action Days session, Jeanne heard discussions led by John Kerry on turning policy into action to address governance and inequality. In Interactive Dialogue 3, global leaders explored AI, digital rights, and the Global Digital Compact's role in the 2030 Agenda. This dialogue emphasized the importance of technology in achieving global health equity.

Jeanne's involvement underscored Ohana One's dedication to a healthier future, with plans to advance global health initiatives through partnerships, innovation, and humanitarian goals.

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Erick's Story

At Ohana One, we believe that quality healthcare is a right, not a privilege, no matter where you live. Today, we're excited to share an inspiring story that reflects the incredible impact of global collaboration: the journey of Erick, a resilient young man from Honduras.

Erick has faced immense challenges in his life. Diagnosed with Escobar Syndrome, a rare condition that includes severe scoliosis and multiple pterygium (web-like folds of skin), Erick lives with numerous physical complications, including restricted growth, joint contractures, abnormal facial features, ptosis, and other structural deformities.

To improve his quality of life, Erick needs a specialized traction surgery to prevent compression of his vital organs and stretch his spine in preparation for a final, corrective surgery. However, limited resources and expertise in Honduras left Erick with few options. Thanks to his courage and the support of the Ohana One community, new hope has emerged.



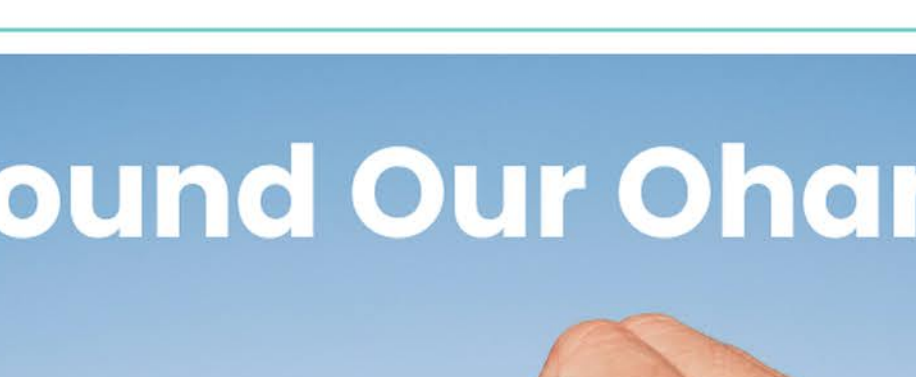
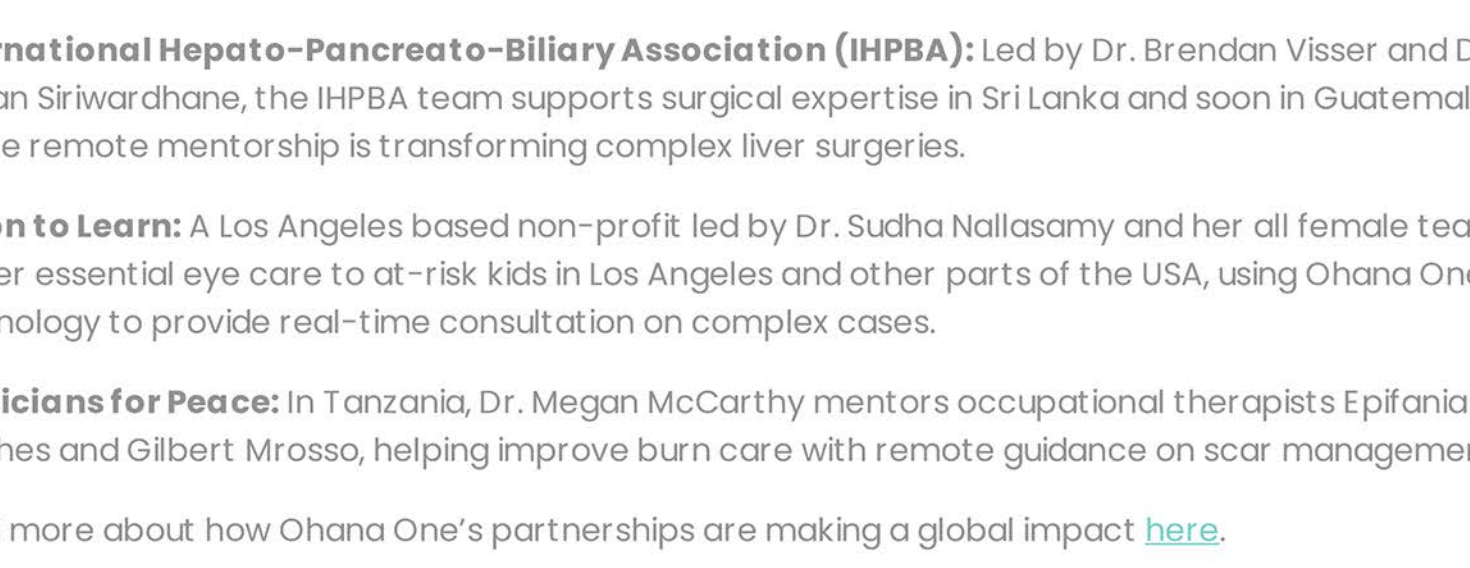
Erick with Ohana One Executive Director, Marchelle Sellers at the Shine Gala.

We are thrilled to announce that on September 23, Erick will undergo traction surgery at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, under the skilled care of pediatric orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Kenneth Illingsworth. This surgery represents more than just a medical procedure; it opens a new chapter for Erick, full of possibilities that once seemed out of reach.

A special thank you goes to Cristina Farrut, our dedicated Mission Manager, who connected Erick's family with the right team of doctors. Her commitment to ensuring Erick receives the highest quality care truly embodies the spirit of Ohana One.

Erick's story is a powerful reminder of the transformative impact of accessible surgical care. Behind every procedure lies a journey of resilience, hope, and the promise of a brighter future. As he prepares for surgery, we invite you to keep Erick in your thoughts and prayers. Your support makes a meaningful difference.

Stay connected with us for updates on Erick's progress. Together, we can continue bridging the gap between those in need and the life-saving care they deserve. Thank you for being an essential part of the Ohana One family and for making stories like Erick's possible.



Ohana One Partner Spotlights

Ohana One collaborates with visionary organizations to provide life-saving mentorship and training to healthcare providers in underserved areas worldwide. Leveraging innovative smart glasses technology, these partnerships empower professionals to deliver expert care locally.

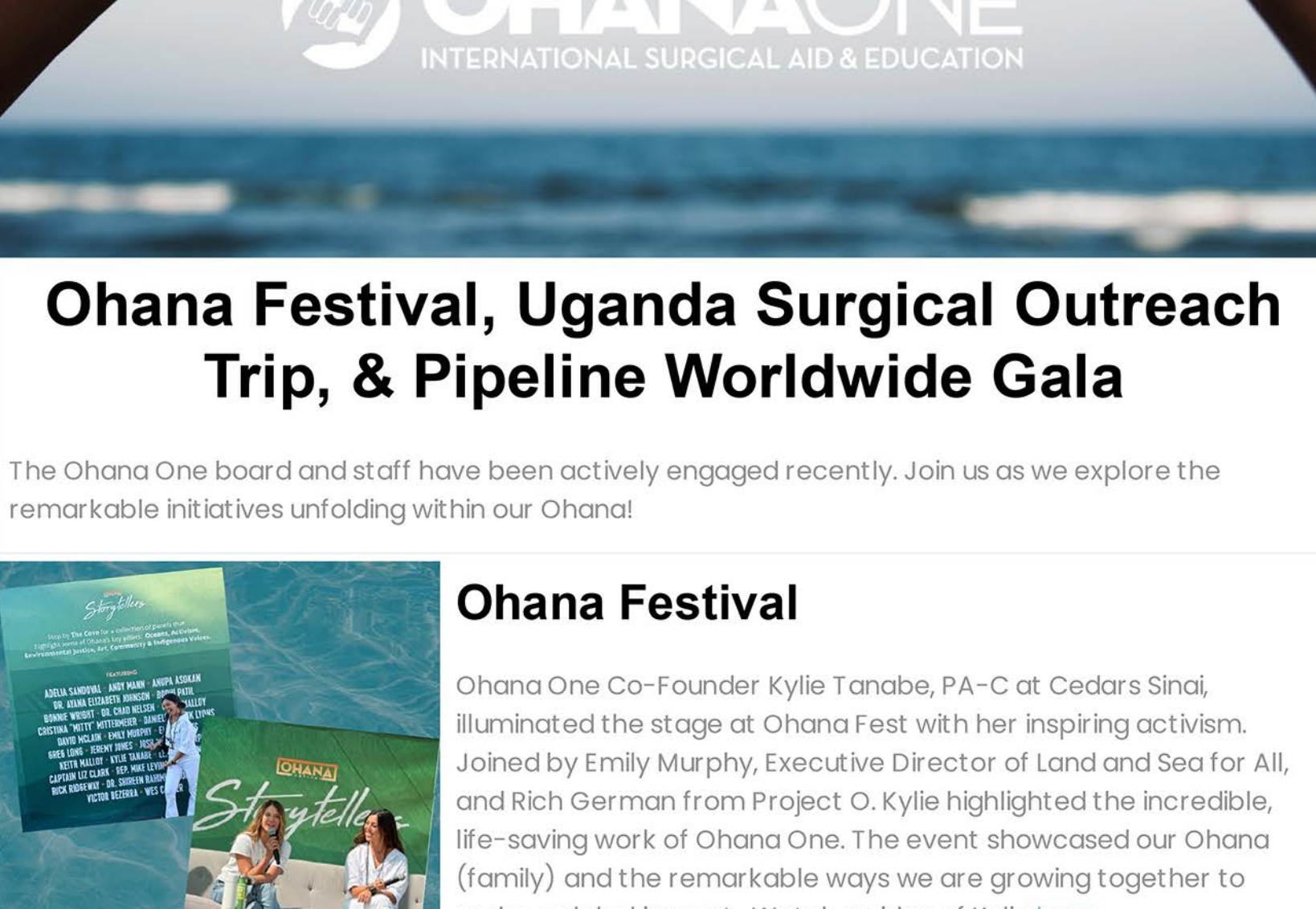
International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (IHPBA): Led by Dr. Brendan Visser and Dr. Mehan Siriwardhane, the IHPBA team supports surgical expertise in Sri Lanka and soon in Guatemala, where remote mentorship is transforming complex liver surgeries.

Vision to Learn: A Los Angeles based non-profit led by Dr. Sudha Nallasamy and her all female team deliver essential eye care to at-risk kids in Los Angeles and other parts of the USA, using Ohana One technology to provide real-time consultation on complex cases.

Physicians for Peace: In Tanzania, Dr. Megan McCarthy mentors occupational therapists Epifania Proches and Gilbert Mrosso, helping improve burn care with remote guidance on scar management.

Read more about how Ohana One's partnerships are making a global impact [here](#).

Around Our Ohana



Ohana Festival, Uganda Surgical Outreach Trip, & Pipeline Worldwide Gala

The Ohana One board and staff have been actively engaged recently. Join us as we explore the remarkable initiatives unfolding within our Ohana!



Ohana Festival

Ohana One Co-Founder Ohana Tanabe, PA-C at Cedars Sinai, illuminated the stage at Ohana Fest with her inspiring activism. Joined by Emily Murphy, Executive Director of Land and Sea for All, and Rich German from Project O. Kylie highlighted the incredible, life-saving work of Ohana One. The event showcased our Ohana (family) and the remarkable ways we are growing together to make a global impact. Watch a video of Kylie [here](#).

Photos: Kelly Fogel

Surgical Outreach Trip To Uganda

The Ohana One team is embarking on an inaugural Surgical Outreach mission to Uganda, where we will collaborate with local surgeons to enhance their skills and improve patient care. In partnership with Pipeline Worldwide, we are proud to conduct surgeries at St. Mary's Hospital Lacor in Gulu and Moyo Hospital in Northern Uganda. Follow us for updates and photos as we work together to make a lasting impact on the healthcare community.

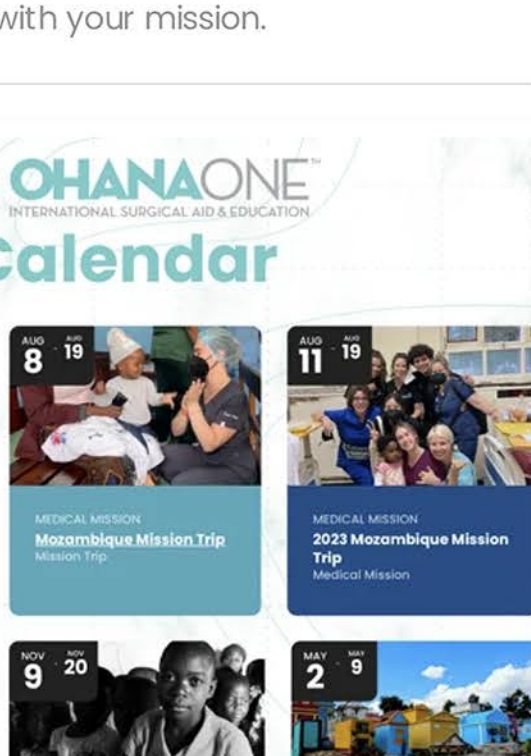


Pipeline Gala

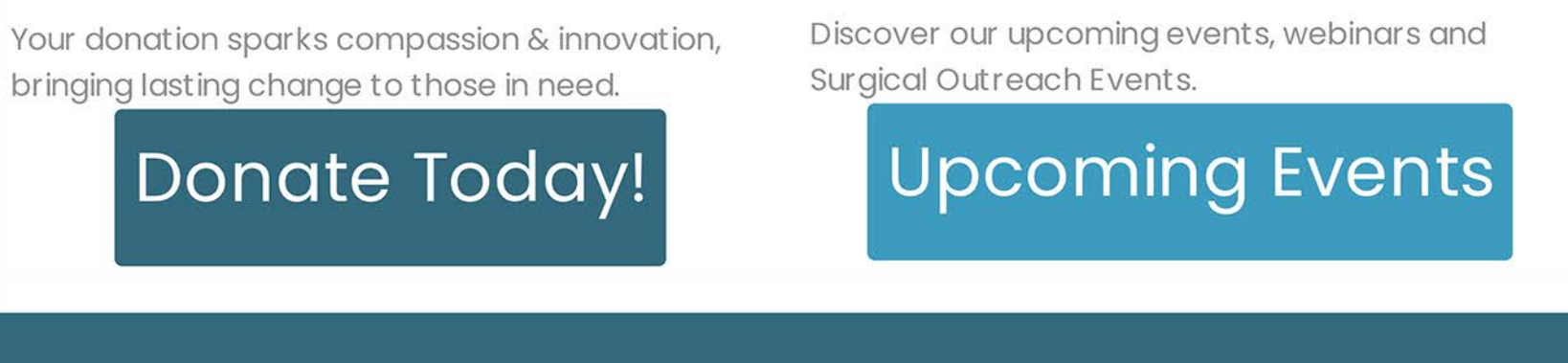
Grace Berglin, Ohana One's dedicated Surgical Support Specialist, experienced an inspiring evening at the Pipeline Gala on August 26th. As an NGO Partner with Ohana One, Pipeline Worldwide leverages our innovative technology to mentor and train their team. Amidst a vibrant Ugandan feast and engaging speeches, attendees came together to address the critical need for improved medical care in East Africa. Grace was honored to represent Ohana One and engage with a community equally devoted to fostering sustainable change.

Ronald McDonald House Shine Gala

Congratulations to Marchelle Sellers, Executive Director of Ohana One, for being honored at Ronald McDonald House Pasadena's "SHINE: The Great Gala"! Marchelle's inspiring journey began two decades ago when, alongside a dedicated group of parents, she co-founded the Pasadena House to provide a "home-away-from-home" for families with children undergoing medical care. Today, her impact extends globally through her work with Ohana One, where her compassion and vision continue to change lives. Ohana One International's board of directors proudly supports this milestone event and Marchelle's enduring legacy.



Marchelle Sellers pictured with her husband, David Sellers and son, Graham Sellers



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