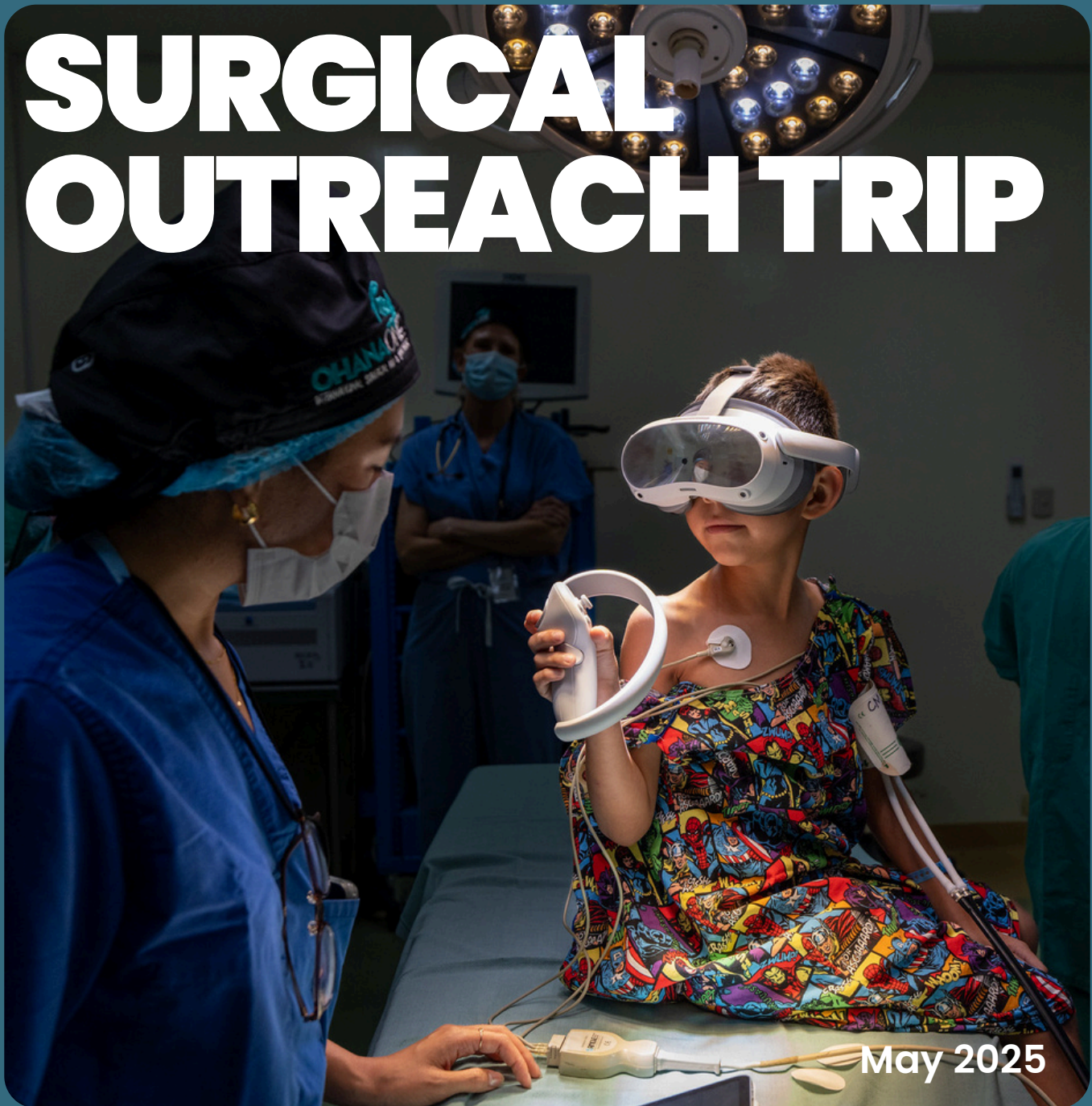


GUATEMALA

SURGICAL OUTREACH TRIP



May 2025

Overview

This spring, Ohana One became the 172nd medical team to deliver surgical care to local children at the Moore Pediatric Surgery Center in Guatemala City. Our multidisciplinary outreach team—including plastic surgeons, urologists, anesthesiologists, and non-medical volunteers—spent a week collaborating closely with the Center’s staff.



Highlights



Screened 136 children

conducting thorough assessments to identify needs in reconstructive plastic surgery and urologic care.

Performed 59 life-changing procedures

leveraging the Moore Center's three fully equipped operating rooms and recovery suites to deliver safe, high-quality surgical interventions.

Explored integration of Ohana One technology

discussing how our telemedicine platform and smart-glass systems could streamline the Center's outreach and screening operations and laying the groundwork for deeper technical collaboration.

Supported families holistically

collaborating with the Center's social workers and nutrition staff to arrange clear follow-up plans, transportation, and lodging via our partnership with the Ronald McDonald House.

Mentored local colleagues

through focused, hands-on training in advanced techniques and post-operative management—reinforcing Ohana One's commitment to sustainable capacity building.



Team



Ohana Team

Surgical Team

Michele Dee, MD — Anesthesiologist
Andrew Freedman, MD — Urologist
Karen McVeigh, MD — Pediatric Intensive
Care/Assistant Urologist
Chelsea Milne, PA — Physicians Assistant
Neha Patel, MD — Anesthesiologist
Edward Ray, MD — Plastic Surgeon

Non-Surgical Team

Maria Clara Bizzoto Thome
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Maggie Bohlman
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Madeleine Bray
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Rosangela Sanchez Puga
Michel Franzua Chilin Urizar



Key Surgeries

GUATEMALA MEDICAL OUTREACH TRIP



Urology

The urology team addressed complex conditions such as hypospadias, cryptorchidism, and ureteral reimplant, restoring function and improving quality of life for young patients.



Plastic Surgery

The plastic surgery team provided reconstructive procedures for children with congenital differences and trauma-related injuries.



Virtual Reality Study

Discovering groundbreaking pediatric care solutions with Ohana One and our partner Invisickids! By harnessing virtual reality and distraction therapy, we're easing anxiety and pain for children during medical procedures. Dr. Michele Dee, our co-founder, highlights the innovative research led by her daughter, Alli Dee, a UCLA undergrad.

Together, we're shaping a future of compassion and innovation! Dive into the research by Alli and the Ohana One team by scanning here



Patient Spotlight

Sebastian Josueandre Calderón



Kimberly and her son Sebastián traveled from San Miguel to participate in Ohana One's surgical outreach trip at the Moore Center. From the moment they arrived, they experienced the warmth and professionalism that define the collaboration between Ohana One and the Moore Center. Sebastián's diagnosis of Cryptorchidism required timely intervention, and our team was prepared to provide both expert care and compassionate support.

Upon admission, Kimberly expressed relief at the clear communication and accessibility of the services/ Our coordinators ensured that every step of the preoperative process was transparent, answering questions and addressing concerns to foster confidence in the upcoming surgery. The procedure was completed with no complications.

**Scan here to watch
Sebastian and his
family talk about
their story**



Patient Spotlight

Paco Rider



Paco and his mother Ditmara traveled from Nicaragua to Guatemala in search of specialized surgical care at the Moore Pediatric Surgery Center with Ohana One. After a long journey, they stayed with a relative before Paco's evaluation for hypospadias and significant penile curvature. Lodging at the Ronald McDonald House eased their stay, while Ohana One volunteers helped Paco stay calm and engaged with activities. The surgical team conducted a full assessment, and the coordinated efforts of all partners provided essential care and support—showcasing the power of community-centered healthcare for families in need.

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Paco and his family
talk about his story**



Patient Spotlight

Shelder Jacinto Xol Avila



Juana Avila traveled from Cobán to Guatemala City with her son, Shelder, after four unsuccessful surgeries for Cryptorchidism. Referred by a local health center, they connected with Ohana One and the Moore Center, where a multidisciplinary team provided thorough evaluations and expert care. The surgery was successful, ensuring proper placement and reducing future health risks. Ohana One volunteers helped ease Shelder's anxiety during their stay with creative and playful activities. Juana expressed deep gratitude for the care, compassion, and support they received, highlighting the life-changing impact of collaborative, patient-centered outreach.

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Shelder and his
family talk about
their story



Patient Spotlight

Emmanuel Atoche Ruiz



Emmanuel Sr. and his son, Emmanuel Atoche Ruiz, fled political persecution in Venezuela and eventually settled in Guatemala City, where they sought help for Emmanuel's untreated congenital condition. At 14, Emmanuel faced isolation and bullying that forced him to withdraw from school. Referred by a local clinic, they met with the Ohana One team at the Moore Center, where Dr. Ed Ray explained the surgical plan and eased their concerns. The surgery was successful, and Emmanuel is now recovering well, with plans to return to school. Emmanuel Sr. expressed deep gratitude for the care and support that have given his son a new beginning.

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Emmanuel and his
family talk about
their story**



Patient Spotlight

Brianna Arleen Pelaez Aquino



Karen Aquino brought her four-year-old daughter, Brianna, to the Moore Center for treatment of painful scald burn scars sustained three years earlier. Despite healing, the scars still caused itching and discomfort, especially during activity. Referred by their pediatrician, they came seeking specialized care from Ohana One. Dr. Ed Ray conducted a thorough evaluation, while volunteers helped Brianna feel at ease with art and stories. Karen left grateful for the compassionate care and hopeful that her daughter can now grow with greater comfort and confidence.

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Brianna and her
family talk about
their story**



Patient Spotlight

Gael Adrian Velazquez



Gerber Velazquez brought his son Gael to the Moore Center for a planned circumcision to address ongoing discomfort during urination. From the initial consultation, Gerber felt reassured by Dr. Freedman's clear explanations and the professionalism of the Ohana One team. Volunteers helped ease Gael's nerves with games and activities, creating a welcoming environment before surgery. The procedure was a success, and Gerber expressed deep gratitude for the compassionate care that brought immediate relief to his son.

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Gael and his family
talk about their story**



Patient Spotlight

Aaron Byron Villatoro



Byron, a father from Zone 6 of Guatemala City, brought his young son, Aaron, to the Moore Center seeking care for phimosis—a condition that was beginning to cause discomfort. Motivated by a desire to prevent future complications and ensure his son could fully enjoy his childhood, Byron discovered the surgical opportunity online and quickly reached out. Grateful for the compassionate care they received, he praised the team's dedication and encouraged them to continue supporting families in need.

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Aaron and his
family talk about
their story**



Conclusion

Together, these efforts offered transformative care to children in need and strengthened local surgical capacity—advancing Ohana One’s mission of delivering sustainable, high-quality healthcare to underserved communities. Team 172’s outreach trip strengthened our bond with the Moore Center’s incredible Guatemalan staff, fostered new friendships, and reaffirmed every family’s hope for a healthier future. We look forward to furthering this partnership.



Thank you!

A warm thank you to all of our donors and partners for making this surgical outreach program successful!



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