



GUATEMALA **SURGICAL OUTREACH TRIP**



May 3-8, 2026

Overview



Transforming Lives Through Surgical Care, Partnership, and Education

In May 2026, Ohana One partnered with the Moore Pediatric Surgery Center in Guatemala City to provide specialized pediatric urology and reconstructive plastic surgery care to children and adolescents from across Guatemala.

Over five days, volunteer physicians, anesthesiologists, medical professionals, and support staff worked alongside the Moore Center team to deliver life-changing surgical interventions while strengthening local partnerships and supporting long-term patient care.

The trip brought together a multidisciplinary team united by a shared goal: ensuring children have access to specialized surgical care regardless of geography or financial circumstances.



Trip at a Glance

Patients ranged in age from 5 months to 17 years old and traveled from regions including Alta Verapaz, Escuintla, Huehuetenango, Jalapa, Jutiapa, Quiché, San Marcos, Suchitepéquez, El Progreso, and Guatemala Department.

127

children evaluated

60

children and adolescents received surgical care

5

days of surgical programming

3

operating rooms running simultaneously



Ongoing **follow-up care** coordinated through the Moore Center

Pediatric urology and **reconstructive plastic surgery** specialties

Patients traveled from communities **across Guatemala**



Launched the **Ohana One Innovation Lab**



Surgical Impact

During the trip, children received care for a wide range of conditions, many of which significantly impacted their health, mobility, comfort, confidence, and quality of life



Pediatric Urology Procedures

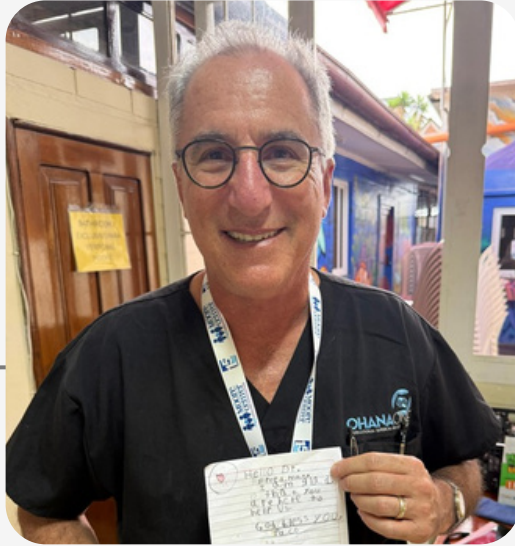
- Hypospadias repair and revision
- Orchiopexy for undescended testicles
- Redo orchiopexy
- Circumcision
- Treatment of phimosis
- Urachal remnant surgery
- Other congenital urologic conditions

Reconstructive Plastic Surgery Procedures

- Burn scar contractures
- Facial reconstruction
- Ear reconstruction
- Eyelid reconstruction
- Scar revisions
- Otoplasty
- Lobuloplasty
- Hand contracture release
- Soft tissue mass and cyst removal



Meet the Medical Team



Dr. Andrew Freedman

Dr. Andrew Freedman is a Pediatric Urologist and Professor of Urology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where he serves as Director of the Pediatric Urology Program and Urology Residency Program Director. A recognized leader in pediatric urology, he is committed to advancing surgical education and expanding access to specialized care for children worldwide.

During the surgical outreach trip, Dr. Freedman led the pediatric urology team, performing complex procedures while mentoring local surgeons and trainees. By sharing specialized techniques and fostering long-term partnerships, he helps build sustainable surgical capacity and improve access to high-quality pediatric care.



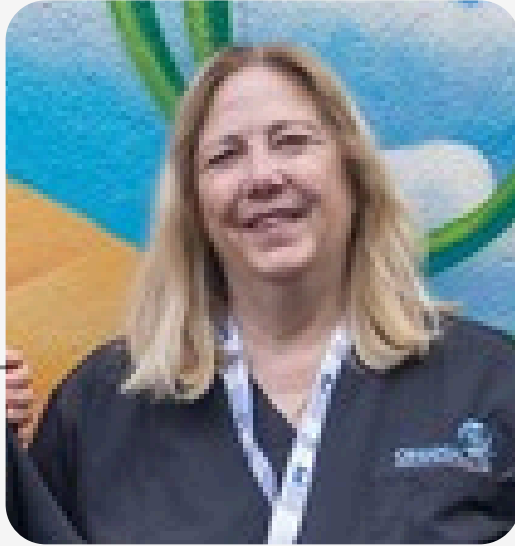
Dr. Edward Ray

Dr. Ed Ray is a board-certified Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon dedicated to improving the lives of children through specialized reconstructive care. With expertise in complex plastic and reconstructive procedures, Dr. Ray treats a wide range of congenital conditions, traumatic injuries, and burn-related deformities.

Through both clinical practice and humanitarian outreach, Dr. Ray is committed to restoring function, improving quality of life, and helping children achieve their fullest potential. His work combines advanced surgical techniques with a compassionate, patient-centered approach, ensuring that each child receives the highest standard of care.



Meet the Medical Team



Dr. Maria De Castro

Dr. Maria De Castro is an Anesthesiologist at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center with more than 35 years of clinical experience. During the trip, she provided expert anesthesia care for complex surgical cases while also mentoring Guatemalan medical trainees. She supported educational activities throughout the program, helping strengthen local clinical training and perioperative care.



Dr. Nadeem Hamid

Dr. Nadeem Hamid is a pediatric anesthesiologist with extensive experience spanning academic medicine, military service, and private practice. He completed his anesthesiology residency at UC Irvine Medical Center and fellowship training in pediatric anesthesiology at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

He previously served on active duty in the United States Air Force as Chief of Pediatric Anesthesiology, followed by 15 years at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. His academic background includes a Master of Public Health from Tufts University and a Master of Medical Informatics from Northwestern University. He is board certified in Anesthesiology and Clinical Informatics and currently practices in the greater Los Angeles area.



Meet the Medical Team



Dr. Tyler Hyman

Dr. Tyler Hyman is a board-certified anesthesiologist from Memphis, TN. She joined the Guatemala trip after working in the operating room with Dr. Ed Ray at Cedars-Sinai. She works all over the country as a locum tenens doctor. When back home in Memphis, she is a general anesthesiologist at Baptist Memorial Hospital. She enjoys teaching residents and convincing medical students to go into anesthesia. Outside of the hospital, Dr. Hyman dabbles in home building in Memphis. She also loves spending time with her brand new niece, Kobi.



Karen McVeigh

Dr. Karen E. McVeigh, MD, MEd is a pediatric intensivist dedicated to caring for critically ill children and advancing medical education. She completed her pediatric residency at UCLA and fellowship in Pediatric Critical Care Medicine at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, along with advanced training in pediatric pain management and a Master of Science in Education from the University of Southern California.

She currently practices at Valley Presbyterian Hospital and Cedars-Sinai and has participated in numerous international medical trips, reflecting her long-standing commitment to global health and collaboration. Outside of medicine, she enjoys advanced tie-dye artistry, blending creativity and craftsmanship.



Meet the Medical Team



Sonya Williams

Sonya is a first-year general surgery resident at Cedars Sinai. She studied bioengineering at the University of Maryland followed by medical school at Emory University. When she's not in the hospital, she loves to cook, read, and spend time outdoors.



Kevin Muñoz

Kevin Muñoz grew up in Nicaragua, where he studied medicine before moving to California in 2016. Over the past decade, he has worked as a traveling surgical technologist in hospitals and surgical centers across the United States.

His path to global surgical outreach began after meeting Dr. Andrew Freedman, whose encouragement inspired him to join Ohana One's outreach trip medical team. Through this work, Kevin combines his clinical experience with a passion for service.

Deeply connected to his Latin American roots, he is grateful for the opportunity to support children and families by expanding access to surgical care, training, and mentorship throughout the region.



Meet the Team

The trip was supported by the broader Ohana One team, whose planning, coordination, fundraising, logistics, communications, and partnership development helped make the outreach possible.



Ohana One Staff and Leadership Support

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Helen Larimore
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Caren Niewisch
Trip Co-Coordinator

Sara Stohl
Surgical Support Specialist

Supporting Volunteers

The trip was supported by a dedicated team of volunteers who helped ensure a successful experience for patients and families.

Special thanks to:

- Madeleine Bray
- Olivia De Castro
- Laura DelleDonne
- Danielle Nikmehr
- Noah Steinmetz
- and the many additional volunteers who contributed their time and expertise in work surrounding the trip.





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Our Local Partner

This surgical outreach trip would not have been possible without the leadership and partnership of the Moore Pediatric Surgery Center and its dedicated staff. Leadership team members included:

- **Micheals Stiven Gudiel Gonzalez**, Executive Director
- **Dr. Rosangela Sanchez**, Medical Director
- **Cecilia Peña**, Project Manager
- **Carolina Guillen**, Development Director
- **Ana Lucia Alvarado**, Medical Programs & Operations Director
- **Xiomara Patzan**, Program Director
- **Jennifer Alvarado**, OR Head Nurse
- **Allan Hernandez**, Facilities Manager

The Moore Center coordinated patient recruitment, scheduling, clinical support, follow-up care, and family services, ensuring children received comprehensive care before, during, and after surgery.



Building Local Capacity

Beyond direct patient care, the trip emphasized education and collaboration. The team worked closely with Guatemalan medical trainees and providers, sharing knowledge and techniques that will continue to benefit children long after the trip concluded.



Due to Cristina's meticulous preparation and the great team she assembled, we were able to care for 60 children who underwent urologic and plastic surgery procedures. Every morning we entered the Moore Center, we felt the gratitude of these brave children and their parents." – Dr. Maria De Castro



Innovation Lab

As part of its commitment to advancing surgical education through innovation, Ohana One launched its first Innovation Lab at the Moore Pediatric Surgery Center. The initiative brought together the Ohana One and Moore Center teams to test and evaluate several emerging technologies that may enhance future training, mentorship, and surgical collaboration efforts. Among the tools explored were the Vave portable ultrasound system, new swing-arm mounting technology, multiple camera configurations, and refinements to how both the TeleVU technology suite and Help Lightning augmented reality technology are used. Clinicians, educators, and technical specialists worked side by side to assess functionality, usability, and real-world applications within the clinical environment.

The Innovation Lab proved to be a tremendous success, generating valuable insights into both new and existing technologies while fostering collaboration and creativity around how these tools can be used to improve surgical training and patient care worldwide.



Patient Spotlight



Cristian Emmanuel Pérez Bin

Cristian Emmanuel Pérez Bin is a 16-month-old child from Pachalum, Quiché, born with hypospadias. He required specialized pediatric urologic surgery that was not readily accessible to his family in their rural community, where financial and transportation barriers made care difficult to obtain.

Through the partnership between Ohana One and the Moore Center, Cristian received corrective surgery and the opportunity for a healthier future. His family shared, *"For families like us who come from far away, this help means everything,"* and after surgery added, *"From the first moment, you can feel the love."*

Cristian has continued to receive follow-up care at the Moore Center. While post-operative swelling was initially noted and a small proximal fistula identified, he remains under close monitoring as his care team supports his ongoing recovery and long-term treatment needs. His journey reflects the importance of sustained follow-up care and the commitment to supporting patients well beyond the operating room.



Patient Spotlight



Bephany Elizabeth Gomez Rivera

At age five, Bephany survived a severe dog attack that caused significant facial injuries and required intensive medical care. Over the years, she has undergone multiple reconstructive procedures to support her recovery.

During this trip, the surgical team performed lower eyelid reconstruction and skin grafting to improve both function and appearance. For Bephany and her family, the surgery represented far more than a medical procedure—they described the opportunity as “a blessing.”

Her story reflects the life-changing impact reconstructive surgery can have on healing, confidence, and quality of life.



Arleth Evangeline Cruz Recinos

At age five, Arleth suffered severe burns over approximately 63% of her body when her dress caught fire. The injury required intensive treatment and resulted in significant scarring and mobility challenges.

During the trip, she received treatment to address burn scar contractures, improving comfort, movement, and long-term recovery. Her story is a powerful reminder that healing often extends far beyond the initial injury and requires sustained care and support.



Patient Spotlight



Michael Misael Muyuc Maldonado

Twelve-year-old Michael traveled nearly five hours from San Lorenzo, Suchitepéquez, to reach Guatemala City. Raised primarily by his grandfather, he experienced recurring infections and complications related to hypospadias, with access to specialized care otherwise out of reach due to financial and transportation barriers.

Through the Moore Center, Michael received successful corrective surgery, taking an important step toward improved health and quality of life. His recovery has been positive, with successful catheter removal and continued healing noted during follow-up visits.

He remains in ongoing care, with an additional follow-up scheduled later this year to monitor his progress. Michael's journey highlights the impact of access to specialized surgical care paired with consistent follow-up support for children in rural communities.



Follow-Up and Outcomes

The Moore Center continues to provide follow-up care for patients treated during the surgical outreach trip.

Early follow-up data demonstrates overwhelmingly positive outcomes. Among documented urology patients:

- Most achieved **successful healing and recovery**.
- Many **cases have already been closed** following positive outcomes.
- Patients who require additional monitoring **continue to receive care** through the Moore Center.
- Complications have been limited and are being actively managed through **ongoing follow-up**.

These outcomes reflect not only the quality of surgical care provided during the trip, but also the strength of the long-term partnership between Ohana One and the Moore Center.



Donor and In-Kind Support



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Their support helped ensure children received the specialized care they needed.



Looking Ahead

Every child deserves access to safe surgical care.

Through collaboration with the Moore Pediatric Surgery Center, Ohana One continues to expand access to specialized surgery while fostering education, mentorship, and sustainable local partnerships.

Together, we are helping children heal, supporting families, and building a stronger future for pediatric surgical care in Guatemala.





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