



2026

Impact Report

Operation  Smile
Canada

Together, We Build Hope.

Highlighting Your Impact
in Fiscal Year 2026

Hazel, from Kenya



Because of You!

The children we serve around the world wake up every day with a beautiful smile on their face — a smile that represents a bright future, new possibilities and hope that you help build.

Together with your support this past year, care was brought closer to home for families affected by cleft conditions in 38 countries. From strengthening local health care systems to training local medical professionals and supporting comprehensive care programs, **your impact reached far and wide to make sure more communities will gain access to the care they deserve, today and in the future.**

Your compassion helped parents find comfort in times of worry and helped kids find joy in a childhood now full of confidence.

Thank you for being part of the care that's transformed so many lives.

Adeline, from Madagascar



This Year by Numbers

You Are Part of Something Remarkable

It takes a village of helping hands and kind hearts to change lives. And because of you, caring medical professionals ensured greater access to surgery to more children around the globe.

17,000+ Surgical patients globally

WHAT CANADA  HAS FUNDED

3,480 Surgical procedures

3,162 Surgical patients

That's ~20% of all surgical patients this year.



HOPE IN PERU

A Joyful Journey

Baby Margaret came into this world with loving parents who were determined to provide her with the right care. Her father, Miguel, had been on a cleft journey of his own and knew first-hand that a healthy future was within reach.

When they brought Margaret to Operation Smile at 6 months old, they were moved by the community of compassionate volunteers who helped her receive more than cleft surgery — there, Margaret also found nutritional support, oral care and speech therapy.

Melina, Margaret's mother, expressed, "I see people coming from other countries and from regions across Peru, people who don't know us at all, giving their time and skills out of love for children and a belief that every child deserves a chance at a better life."



Margaret and Melina

Because of your support, Miguel and Melina were able to give their child that chance, opening doors of possibilities from an early age.

For Miguel, watching Margaret go through a journey so similar to his own left him incredibly emotional and led him to seek continued care for himself.

Margaret's story is proof that your belief in the power of a smile can bring care and hope to entire families.

WHAT CANADA  HAS FUNDED

- 25** Countries
- 19** Education programs
- 63** Surgical programs
- 31** Programs attended by Canadian volunteers
- 125** Active Canadian volunteers

Margaret and Miguel



HOPE IN KENYA

Hazel's New Beginning

Hazel's parents, Dorcas and Pinchas, had never seen a cleft condition before the day baby Hazel was born. Although shocked and uncertain, they welcomed Hazel with hope, believing they could face the challenges together.

Families affected by cleft conditions deal with unique obstacles, and nothing could come in the way of Hazel's parents' determination. "That is our child. We'll raise him together and he'll be fine."

When Dorcas brought Hazel to the surgical program in Mombasa, a new chapter in their lives began. After a long patient evaluation process, Dorcas finally learned Hazel was scheduled for surgery and immediately called her family to relay the good news.

Hazel and
Dorcas



Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and the kindness from generous partners, Hazel came out of the operating room and into his mother's arms with a transformed smile. Hazel's father and older brother were overjoyed seeing him for the first time after surgery.

When you help bring safe surgery closer to homes around the globe, families like Hazel's find new beginnings.

Thank you for helping expand essential health care in the Sub-Saharan Africa region and transforming lives globally.

GLOBAL REACH

4 Regions

38 Countries

1,100+ Medical
trainees

17,000+ Surgical
patients



Scan QR code or visit
operationsmile.ca/impact
to see Hazel's family's reaction
to his new smile.

Hazel and Dorcas



HOPE IN PHILIPPINES

A Bright Childhood for Kent John

When an ultrasound revealed that Rossaly would give birth to a child with a cleft condition, she wasn't surprised. Cleft conditions ran in her family; her grandfather had a cleft palate and she had a cleft lip.

Growing up, Rossaly faced a lot of bullying and social isolation. So when baby Kent John was born, she knew one thing was for sure: **she wanted Kent John to have a different childhood than the one she experienced.**

When Rossaly learned about the surgical program happening in Bacolod, she set out with hope in her heart, travelling approximately two hours by bus and local transportation to help Kent John receive the care he deserved.

At 10 months old, Kent John was scheduled for surgery. For Rossaly, who underwent surgery in grade 4, this emotional moment was more than just about her son's bright, new smile — it meant Kent John could grow up with confidence, acceptance and a childhood full of laughter and play.

Rossaly and Kent John's story is a powerful display of how one generation's journey inspired another's transformation. When caring partners and dedicated volunteers come together, hope is renewed for an entire family's future.

WHAT CANADA  HAS FUNDED

54,020 Patients received comprehensive care

133,530 Consultations conducted



Kent John and Rossaly

NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT

Nourishing Smiles Around the World

Cleft care doesn't just begin and end with surgery — it requires comprehensive care, like nutrition, to help kids with their health and development. Because children born with cleft conditions are at greater risk for malnourishment, nutritional support is the life-saving care they need pre- and post-surgery.

In the past year, families around the world received training and direct care that is essential for their child's development. From nutritional demonstrations to specialized breastfeeding bottles, your generosity turns compassion into education so families can continue to care for their kids at home.

WHAT CANADA  HAS FUNDED

25,996 Patients received nutritional consultations

13 Centres in **10** Countries



Nutrition team from Mozambique

With Heartfelt Thanks

Every smile on a child's face is a symbol of hope — hope that YOU delivered. Thank you for turning dreams into reality for kids like Margaret, Hazel and Kent John. Their powerful stories are a testament to the remarkable transformations that become possible when we join hands to make a difference.

We hope your heart is filled with joy, reading about the life-changing impact you've created for entire communities around the world this past year. None of it would be possible without your belief in the work that we do.

Because of you, hope is seen in the embrace of a child reunited with their parent after surgery. It is felt in the reassuring presence of a volunteer offering comfort during a patient's cleft journey. And it lives in every milestone reached and new door of possibility opened.

Thank you for building hope into the lives of so many families this year.



Michael Bezuhly

MD, MSc, SM, FRCSC, FAAP
Plastic Surgeon and Board Chair,
Operation Smile Canada



Mark Climie-Elliott

CEO and Chief Smile Officer,
Operation Smile Canada



Yerlis and her mother,
from Colombia

Financial Highlights

Thank you for the trust you place in Operation Smile Canada and for the generosity that makes our work possible. With your support, we were able to make additional investments in programs that expand access to safe surgery and comprehensive cleft care for children and families around the world.

I am pleased to report that, through careful stewardship and continued operational efficiencies, we reduced our fundraising costs during the fiscal year, allowing more resources to be directed toward patient care and program delivery.

The Foundation also recorded a surplus of \$238,568, which the Board of Directors has fully restricted for future program investments.

It is truly an honour to serve on this Board. We remain accountable to you and deeply grateful for your partnership in helping more children receive the care they need and the futures they deserve.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Fiscal Year —
Ended June 30

REVENUE	2026	2025
Donations	\$22,661,974	\$20,296,254
Grants	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Other	\$455,958	\$453,494
Total Revenue	\$24,617,932	\$22,249,748
EXPENSES	2026	2025
Programs	\$14,816,449	\$12,718,306
Fundraising	\$7,321,927	\$7,561,260
Administration	\$2,240,988	\$1,924,524
Total Expenses	\$24,379,364	\$22,204,090
Surplus	\$238,568	\$45,658
To Restricted Program Funds	\$238,568	\$45,658
Unrestricted Fund Net Surplus	\$0	\$0



Byron Gilchrist

Treasurer,
Operation Smile Canada Foundation

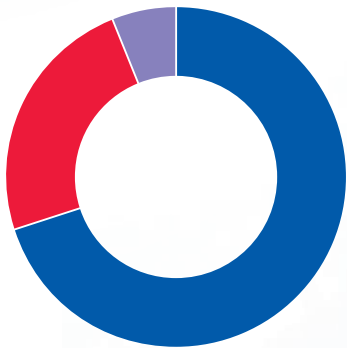
PROGRAM INVESTMENTS

70% Surgical
Programs

24% Comprehensive
Care Centres

Including nutrition, speech, dentistry
and other pre- and post-operative
care programs

6% Training and
Education/Research



Ihan, from Colombia



Shape Your Legacy

Estate giving — including a charity like Operation Smile Canada in your will — is a powerful way to create lasting change far into the future. It's a meaningful reflection of your values and the legacy you hope to leave behind — a better world for future generations.



After nearly a decade of monthly giving, I chose to include Operation Smile Canada in my estate plans. It was a natural next step — a way to ensure that the children and families I care deeply about will continue to receive support long into the future. This is a legacy I can leave when I am no longer here.

~ KARIN F.



Through thoughtful planning, you can provide for those closest to you as well as support the causes close to your heart.

YOU MAY CHOOSE TO REMEMBER OPERATION SMILE BY:

- Including a gift in your will
- Donating life insurance
- Naming Operation Smile as a beneficiary of your RSP, RRIF, or TFSA
- Donating Gifts of Securities

Each option offers different tax benefits. Be sure to consult your financial and legal advisors to explore what's best for you.

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A young girl with dark hair and a bright smile is the central figure. She is wearing a silver tiara adorned with colorful gemstones. She holds a large, soft pink stuffed animal close to her face. Her outfit consists of a white short-sleeved shirt under a pink vest that features a cartoon character on the front. The background is softly blurred, showing hints of other people and colorful objects.

Lilia, from Mexico

Smile Partner

Year-round support for kids around the world helps families receive the care they need for as long as they need it. Our **Smile Partners** give monthly to ensure no child is left behind — like Lilia from Mexico who underwent her first surgery with Operation Smile in 2021 and today continues to receive essential follow-up comprehensive care.

When her mother, Valeria, first brought Lilia to us, the two had been facing many challenges. But as months went by, the kindness of generous donors helped our volunteers deliver safe and timely cleft care, from surgery and dental care to speech therapy and beyond. It's thanks to monthly changemakers that so many kids just like Lilia can find joy in ordinary things after regaining confidence.

Join us as a monthly partner and open new doors of possibilities for children every single day.

WAYS TO GIVE

Scan the QR code

operationsmile.ca/please-give



Become a Smile Partner

Giving monthly is an easy way you can help children all year long.

Gifts of Securities

Donating gifts of publicly listed securities helps deliver new smiles for children, and you will smile over the tax savings.

Wills and Estates

Transform more lives with a gift made through your will, estate, RRSP, life insurance and more.

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Valentine, from Rwanda

