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Smile Report

Operation  Smile
Canada



Brenda, from Paraguay

You Are the Reason So Many People Are Smiling

Brenda's Journey to a Brighter Smile

Nine years ago, José and Marina brought their newborn daughter, Brenda, to Operation Smile in Paraguay. José knew the power of cleft surgery since he had received cleft care himself years earlier. When Brenda was born with a cleft condition, they believed a brighter future was possible.

Every month, they travelled seven hours for appointments. The road was long, but volunteers welcomed them with warmth and reassurance. Thanks to your support, Brenda was soon ready for her first cleft lip surgery, a life-changing moment her family will never forget. Months later, she returned for cleft palate surgery, and her parents couldn't wait to share her beautiful smile with the world.

Over the years, Brenda has continued receiving ongoing treatment and care from Operation Smile. Today, she is thriving. She loves school, playing with friends and

drawing. Her parents enthusiastically say, ***"We are very proud of our daughter."*** They know this transformation was possible because of dedicated volunteers and caring partners like you. Your kindness didn't only change Brenda's smile — it changed her future.



Together, We Build Hope and Create Brighter Futures

Celebrating Volunteers and the Partners Who Make Their Work Possible

As we celebrate the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development, we are filled with pride and gratitude. Volunteers are the heart of Operation Smile, and their dedication transforms lives every day. But none of this would be possible without YOU.

Your generosity fuels every surgery, every moment of care and every smile. Because of you, families like Brenda's can face their cleft care journey with hope instead of fear. You make it possible for volunteers to deliver life-changing surgeries, guide

families through education and comprehensive care, and provide essential training that strengthens communities.

Brenda's story is just one example of the impact you create. Her bright smile and thriving future are a testament to your kindness and commitment. Together, we are building a world where every child can smile with confidence and live without limits.

Thank you for standing with us — and with every child who needs care.



Michael Bezuhly
MD, MSc, SM, FRCSC, FAAP
Board Chair



Mark Climie-Elliott
CEO & Chief Smile Officer

A Volunteer's Perspective

Building a World of Smiles

It is such an honour to work alongside dedicated volunteers who give their time and talent to transforming children's lives around the world. Supporting children and families through the surgical process is important. And as a Certified Child Life Specialist (Psychosocial Care Provider), being able to offer hope and comfort to families during this challenging time is truly special.

Every day for more than 20 years, I feel grateful to be part of a compassionate team whose commitment helps build a world where every child can smile with confidence and joy. Thank you for making this possible.

~ **Morgan Livingstone**



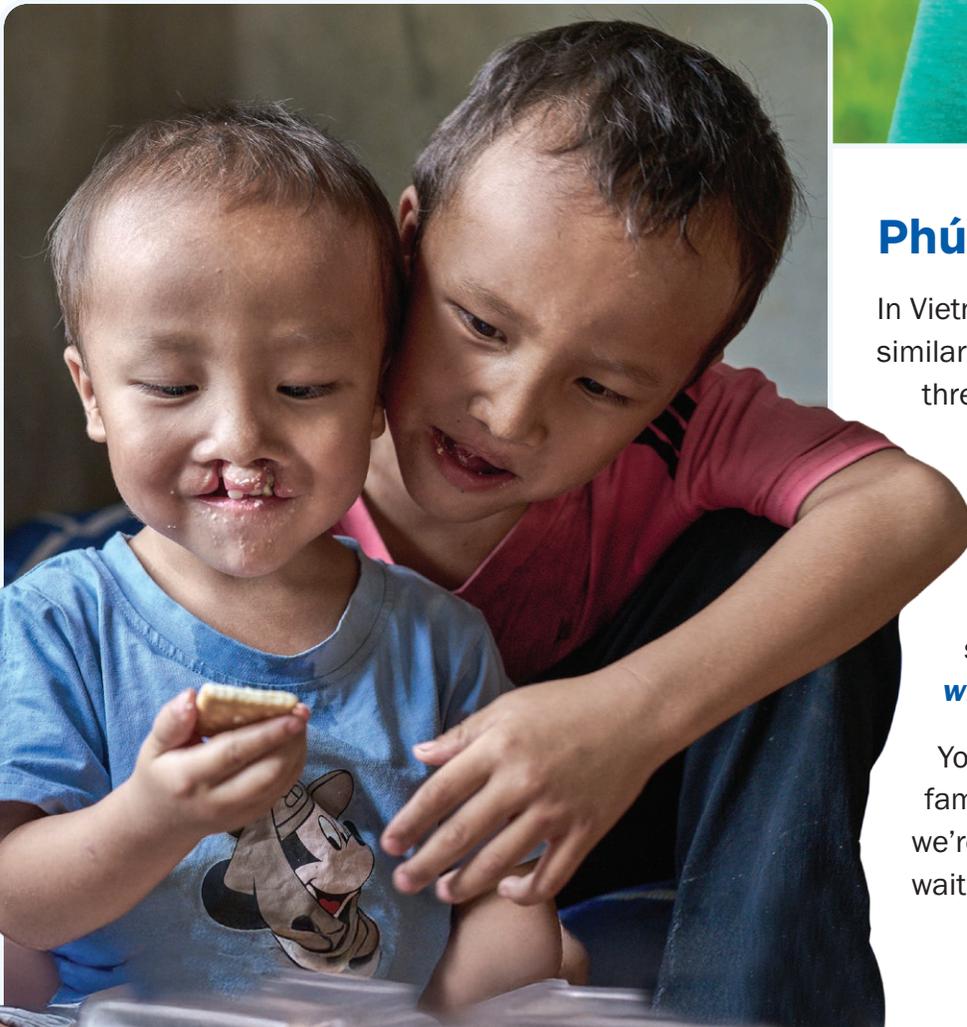
Your Support Changes Lives

From Rwanda to Vietnam, Your Generosity Makes Hope Possible

Adolphe

When we first met Adolphe in Rwanda, he was just six months old and living with a cleft lip. His parents, Nizuke and Josue, dreamed of a brighter future for their son but didn't know where to turn. Thanks to your generosity, Operation Smile volunteers provided life-changing cleft surgery.

Today, Adolphe is walking confidently among school-aged children and smiling brightly. His mother shares, ***"I have big hopes for his future. I want him to go to school and become someone important."*** Your kindness turned those hopes into possibilities.



Phúc and Vien

In Vietnam, brothers Phúc and Vien faced similar challenges. Their family travelled three hours to reach care — a journey made possible because of you. Both boys received surgery, and now Vien is continuing speech therapy to strengthen his results and build confidence. Their mother says, ***"I'm very grateful to everyone who supported my family."***

Your generosity brings care closer to families who need it most. Together, we're removing barriers so no child has to wait for the smile they deserve.

Community Volunteers Making Smiles Possible

Your Time and Talent Create Life-Changing Impact

August

Rossy and her 11-year-old daughter Mia hosted **Butterfly for a Smile**, a fashion show that raised funds and awareness for children born with cleft conditions. With a team of over 25 volunteers, the event raised \$10,000 to help children in the Dominican Republic. Mia shared, ***“I’m supporting Operation Smile Canada through my event because I want to help kids smile proudly and live without fear.”***



October

Melissa’s **Skeletons of Vivian Line** brought her community together through bone-chilling spooks and smiles, continuing a Halloween tradition that has delivered more than 1,000 smiles since 2018.

Because of your collective efforts, hundreds of children now have brighter, healthier futures. When Canadians unite, children around the world can live with hope and smile with confidence.

Over the past few months, Canadians have shown incredible generosity and creativity. Here are just a few of the ways our partners are making a difference within their own communities and beyond.



September

September was a big month for our Johnson & Johnson ambassadors. Jim Richardson, a long-time volunteer organized **Swing for Smiles**, a fun golf tournament that brought more than 100 compassionate supporters together, raising \$20,000 — enough to provide life-changing cleft surgeries to 80 children.

At the same time, a mighty team of 20 caring partners from Johnson & Johnson embarked on an ambitious **Trek for Smiles** to Mountain Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. Their expedition raised \$120,000 and will bring 500 new smiles to children.



The Power of Volunteers

Your Support Fuels Global Impact. See What We've Achieved Together.

Every number tells a story of hope. Thanks to your generosity, volunteers are creating smiles and delivering care where it's needed most. Your support made it possible for **30 Canadian volunteers** to participate in **17 surgical programs** between July and December — changing lives in **12 countries**.



Volunteers create fun, inviting spaces for our patients.



Latin America & Caribbean

10 COUNTRIES



500+
SURGERIES



41,110+
CONSULTATIONS



Middle East & North Africa

2 COUNTRIES



10+
SURGERIES



1,650+
CONSULTATIONS



Sub-Saharan Africa

8 COUNTRIES



140+
SURGERIES



950+
CONSULTATIONS



Asia

3 COUNTRIES



60+
SURGERIES



1,350+
CONSULTATIONS



The above are the results from Canadian-funded programs.

Together, We Build Hope

Your Compassion Creates Smiles That Last a Lifetime

Your generosity has already changed lives in extraordinary ways. Every smile you help create is a story of hope, confidence and a brighter future. There are even more ways you can continue making an impact – whether through monthly

giving, honouring a loved one with a tribute gift, or exploring legacy giving. Each act of kindness brings us closer to a world where every child can smile with hope, dignity and pride.

Ways to Give



Scan the QR code:

operationsmile.ca/please-give



Gifts of Securities:

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



Become a Smile Partner:

Giving monthly is an easy, budget-friendly way you can help children all year long.



Wills and Estates:

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

Victoria, from Guatemala



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