

# Child's Passport to Health

*...connecting children to the care they need*



**INAUGURAL REPORT 2015 - 2017**



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### Our Mission

**To improve the ongoing quality of care for children through surgical/medical intervention and education in partnership with their community, biological and host families.**

# CONNECTING CHILDREN TO THE CARE THEY NEED

## Message from Our Co-Founders, Diane Hansen & Mary Dennison

Dear Friends,

2017 was an extraordinary year for Child's Passport to Health (CP2H). Our Board, Volunteers, Partners in Ecuador/Nicaragua and friends of CP2H must all be commended for their generous contributions in time, readiness to share professional knowledge, and their surgical care and treatment of children who are among the less fortunate. CP2H continues to be a 100% Volunteer supported Organization.

In February of 2017, CP2H board member Jennifer Rinaldi and her husband Dave DeHaan worked in Guayaquil, Ecuador to provide First Aid and CPR. Dave is a retired firefighter and first aid instructor. They were able to empower local fire departments, rescue teams, nursing students and families with the tools and resources they need to impact their communities. The goal is to multiply the impact by empowering local persons to share what they know with others. Their contribution was valuable and very much appreciated.



CP2H has continued to sponsor a dental clinic in Guayaquil, Ecuador. We have provided funding for 50 children each month to get dental care and services to those who would otherwise not have access. Part of that funding was received through a partnership with Langley Middle School Key Club, on Whidbey Island. We were very appreciative of their hard work in supporting the program.

In September of 2017, CP2H and Fundacion El Cielo Para Los Ninos supported a Podiatric surgical team to Rivas Nicaragua. Our volunteer professionals worked at a government hospital in cooperation with local orthopedic surgeons to perform some complex surgeries of foot and ankle.

An ongoing goal for CP2H is to provide a child from another country with medical/surgical care here that was not otherwise offered in their home country. We have acknowledged budgetary challenges that hospital organizations face when providing care for these children. In saying this, we continue to diligently communicate with these organizations with the hope they will accept the children.

As we move forward in 2018 and beyond, we are proud of what CP2H has accomplished in 2015-2017 and excited about the future. We will continue to bring stories of hope for future, and welcome those who wish to contribute to our endeavors, by becoming a volunteer, or donating.

Sincerely,

*Mary & Diane, Co-Founders*

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## Board Members

- ◆ Shannon Jacobs
- ◆ Allison Anderson
- ◆ Jen Rinaldi
- ◆ Terry Martaus
- ◆ Diane Hansen
- ◆ Mary Dennison
- ◆ Rebecca Snyders

**Former Board members**  
**Thank you for serving!**

*Corey Hansen 2015-17*

*Jody Clovis 2015-16*

*Nancy Bartley 2016-16*

*Paul Mathew 2015-16*

# NICARAGUA FOOT SURGERY

## Rivas Hospital

September 2017



**Our Team (L-R)- Guillermo Cano; Michael Calarco; Mark McDonnell; Joe Hall; Heather Vega; Joan Rindahl; Don Conrad; Jen Rinaldi; Diane Hansen; Mary Dennison; Jessica Aue. *not pictured– Roby Naimi***

Our Medical Team, together with assistance and observation by local doctors and staff, saw nearly 50 patients. We provided general health review, vital signs assessment, and if necessary, foot and ankle surgery. We worked in cooperation with a local orthopedic surgeon who provides after-surgery care to patients. Several of the surgeries were complex, including reconstruction of foot and ankle joints and bone grafts, including: Evans osteotomy/tendo achilles lengthen; Dwyer osteotomy and eroneus longus tendon transfer; Arthrodesis of 4 joints.

One wonderful boy we worked with, Eddy, age 10, had an underdeveloped leg with a rocker-bottom very stiff foot. His heel and ball of his foot did not meet the ground and he struggled to walk on the toes of his foot. Our surgical team completed an Evans osteotomy/tendo achilles lengthen, generally reconstructing Eddy's foot by removing the extra bone on top of his foot and building up a wedge under his heel. We feel very fortunate that our team was able to help Eddy!



Surgical Nurses Joan Rindahl and Heather Vega prepare surgery supplies.



Nurse Practitioner Jessica Aue examines our two new friends in Rivas.



Dr. Joe Hall conducts a foot and ankle exam, with Guillermo Cano, our translator.



Pre-surgery games make the waiting easier—with Administrator Jen Rinaldi.



Roby Naimi, RN, provides loving care in our recovery room.



Administrator, and co-Founder, Diane Hansen prepares hospital supplies to donate to Rivas Hospital.

# Ecuador Dental Program



Our Ecuador Dental Program served hundreds of kids, providing much-needed dental care, and dental supplies!

**Corey Hansen, Volunteer,** "I really enjoyed organizing a Movie Night & Bake Sale at Langley Middle School- - A great community that generously raised nearly \$1,000!"

Thank You Langley Middle School For  
Your Generous Support of the  
Ecuador Dental Program!

A CHILD'S PASSPORT TO HEALTH



IS PROUD TO GIVE RECOGNITION AND HEARTFELT THANKS TO

LANGLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
BUILDERS CLUB

for continued support and  
fundraising efforts towards the

Pediatric Dental Program in Ecuador



Langley  
Middle School  
Home of the Cougars

Child's Passport to Health sponsored a dental clinic in Guayaquil, Ecuador serving over 50 children each month. Working with Dr. Maria Louisa and the Fundacion el Cielo para los Ninos, the program provides dental care and services to children who otherwise would not have access. The program benefits include education, breakfast for patients, dental cleanings, extractions and fillings.

In 2016 we received partnership from the **Langley Middle School Key Club, on Whidbey Island**. The fundraising efforts within their school allowed us to fund the program for 6 months. Child's Passport to Health is appreciative of their hardworking efforts to support a program that is able to help so many children.



We continue to provide donated supplies to the program, including hundreds of toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss. Your donations of these supplies are greatly appreciated!



Volunteer and Translator, Nathalia (on the right), with  
Ecuador dental patient.

# THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS!

Your contributions are combined with substantial hours of volunteer time and in kind contributions, such as:

- ◆ Our medical team volunteers pay their own travel expenses and donate their services
- ◆ We search for donated and reduced-priced medications and supplies

## Volunteer Needs at Child's Passport:

- ◆ Medical and Dental supplies
- ◆ Website and Facebook support
- ◆ Fundraising help
- ◆ To learn more about how you can help please contact us at [childspassport@gmail.com](mailto:childspassport@gmail.com)

## Financial Update:

- ◆ Funds as of 12/31/2017: \$18,728
- ◆ Funds as of 12/31/2016: \$11,728
- ◆ Funds as of 12/31/2015: \$ 5,082



Setting up the Operating Room, Nicaragua



Screening patients, Nicaragua



First Aid Training for Response Team, Ecuador

## ~ In Memoriam ~

Child's Passport was honored to be named the recipient of Memorial Funds by the families of these special friends:

~ David Mann ~

~ Stephanie Olafson ~

~ John Anthony ~

~ Betty Hill ~

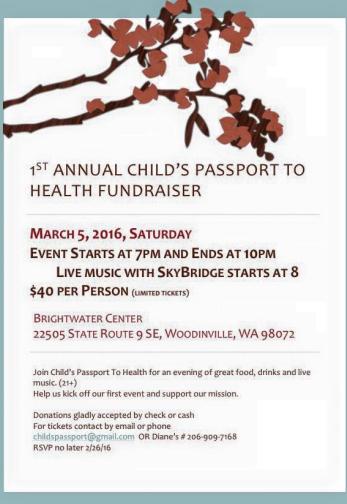
~ Paul Rose ~

# THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS!



**Shannon Jacobs**, board member, chaired the **First Gala for Child's Passport!** The April 2016 evening was great fun and successful too, raising over \$6,000! Board member **Allison Anderson** assisted with the Gala. Allison and Shannon also successfully orchestrated **Plumfund for**

**Nicaragua**. The online campaign raised over \$10,000 for the 2017 Nicaragua Foot Surgery Trip, providing funds for surgery supplies, medications, and other in-country expenses.



Thank you **Jody Clovis** for organizing **Mariners Night Fundraiser**—a very fun and successful fundraiser for Child's Passport. Your friends and family helped to raise over \$1600 and the Mariners won!



**Rebecca Snyders**, board member, rocks the **Gala!** **Skybridge Band** donated great music for the exciting event. **Rebecca** also hosted the **Cocktails for a Cause** to raise over \$500 for Child's Passport.



Thank You **Rotary Club Mill Creek** for your generous donation to support the Nicaragua Foot Surgery Trip 2017! Together with a special contribution from medical volunteer **Terry Martaus**, we were able to provide the Rivas Hospital in Nicaragua with much-needed anesthesia surgical equipment! **Dr. Joe Hall**, **Dr. Mark McConnell**, and **Mary Dennison** present equipment to Rivas Hospital.



**Child's Passport Volunteer, Terry Martaus (Certified Family Nurse Practitioner)** "As a volunteer for Child's Passport I was honored to support children and families by helping provide Rivas Hospital Nicaragua with advanced surgical equipment."



# ECUADOR FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING

Jen Rinaldi and Dave DeHaan volunteer with **Child's Passport**. Dave is a retired firefighter and a First Aid instructor. In February 2017, at the request of our partner foundation in Ecuador Foundation, **Child's Passport** sent Dave and Jen to rural Guayaquil to teach First Aid and CPR skills to 6 rural fire departments, a rescue team, nursing students and families. We were also able to deliver much need medical supplies to the departments.

## First Aid Kits were distributed to



**Child's Passport Volunteer, Dave DeHaan (Certified First Aid and CPR Instructor)** "In volunteering for CP2H, I found the honor of sharing our knowledge with rural firefighters, rescue workers and nursing students was returned a hundredfold with the knowledge, friendship and comradery given back to us. It is so important to communities to be prepared to protect and care for their children and families."

"It wasn't that long ago that A Child's Passport to Health began with an idea and a hope to help children around the world. When I look back over the past few years, and how far we have come in such a short time, I am filled with gratitude for the volunteers, board members, health care providers and donors who have made this possible. I can hardly wait to see what the next two years will bring!"

*Diane Hansen, Co-Founder*

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