

## JONNY BRAVO

Last year, thanks to the support of our volunteers, partner organizations and donors, we were able to help Jonny Bravo play soccer with his twin brother, Fredy. Our special GlobalGiving project was fully funded and we couldn't feel happier about it!

Jonny was just five years old when he had surgery last October. Until then, he couldn't run and play with Fredy, because he had been born with an inguinal hernia.

Jonny's parents, Andrés and Zoila, already had three daughters and were overjoyed to have two sons added to their family. But Jonny's problems were noticeable at six months and his parents and sisters had to take special care of him.

Andrés told us he learned about Partner for Surgery through the radio and leaflets that were brought to him. But it was only during the consultation that he learned Jonny had a hernia. He was grateful to know Jonny could receive his much needed medical care, and also that the family would pay what only what they could afford for the operation.

The operation was a success. Today, Jonny is pain free and attending preschool with Fredy. They run and play soccer together – two normal little boys!



*Jonny Bravo and his brother, playing soccer together again.*



*Habram, Isabela and Frank Peterson.*

## GIFT BAGS AND QUILTS

Having surgery is tough and at a young age it can be even tougher.

In order to create a more friendly atmosphere, for the past 8 years **Partner for Surgery** has been taking gift bags to Guatemalan children, and more recently, dozens of beautiful quilts, both made lovingly by a McLean, Virginia church.

Inside the bags, children find items that are not available to them in Guatemala – coloring books, crayons, and stuffed

animals. In fact, sometimes even the parents are not familiar with coloring books and we see them with crayons in hand as well!

The quilts are especially important to keep the children warm. Many come from hotter areas and are not prepared for their stay at the cooler, higher altitudes. And when they return to their villages, the quilts add a wonderful touch to their very sparsely furnished homes.

## PATIENTS OF ALL AGES

We do our best at treating patients of all ages in Guatemala, from just a few months old, to a full and long life.

Felisa Ichic is on the other end of the spectrum, coming to us last year when she was 75 years old, with a hernia.

It wasn't very easy to always understand this sweet woman, but we could still see the love and happiness after her surgery.

That's the beauty in what we do. Medical care knows no borders, age, and language barriers when it comes to changing lives.



*Felisa Ichic,  
a sweet 75-year-old.*

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

**DONATE:** Make a tax-deductible donation:

- Visit the PayPal or GlobalGiving link at [partnerforsurgery.org](http://partnerforsurgery.org). Payments can be securely made via **credit card**.
- Mail a **check** in the enclosed remittance envelope.

**SPREAD THE WORD:** Find us on Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn and share our updates with your friends, families and co-workers.

**VOLUNTEER IN GUATEMALA:** We are always on the lookout for new volunteers. If you would like to help us or know of someone who would be interested, please call at (703) 893-4335 or send a message to [info@partnerforsurgery.org](mailto:info@partnerforsurgery.org).

## OUR PROGRESS

DECEMBER 2016 - FEBRUARY 2017

Surgical missions:  
**108** surgeries performed

Medical missions:  
**355** patients evaluated  
**168** surgical candidates

Cervical cancer prevention:  
**434** women screened  
**4** women treated

Cleft infant nutrition:  
**164** children enrolled

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