



Volunteer Linda Rogers

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

We frequently hear from our donors that they are amazed at how much **Partner for Surgery** has been able to accomplish in Guatemala. And yes, we are very proud of the many thousands of people we have provided with medical care but we have not done it alone. In 2008, **Partner for Surgery** started a Guatemalan partner organization, **Asociación Compañero para Cirugía (ACPC)**, with the intent of Guatemalans eventually leading all the day to day activities. Together, we have now become the pre-eminent organization providing health and medical care in many of the Guatemalan rural communities.

An indicator of success can be seen in the significant increase of government medical personnel and community midwives in the referral of newborns with cleft anomalies to our **Cleft Infant Nutrition Program**. Several years ago, almost all the infants with clefts were first seen at our rural medical missions. Now, over 85% are referrals, which means the infants remain in better health and can qualify for surgery earlier than before.

We are currently looking for both medical and non-medical volunteers for our week long rural medical missions. During the week we visit four villages, numerous Mayan homes and also include a cultural day in the area. These missions provide a unique personal look into the life of rural Mayan communities which have a cultural history of almost 3,500 years. Please let us know if you have an interest in more information such as activities, dates and costs. Fluency in Spanish is not necessary. We guarantee you will have a unique and enriching experience!

Warm regards,

Frank Peterson
President



*Sheny Nohemi
and her mother.*

SHENY NOHEMI

When Sheny was 2 months old, she was referred to our **Cleft Infant Nutrition Program** by the Hospital Nacional de la Tinta. She needed two surgeries, one for her cleft lip, and one for her cleft palate.

In July 2016, the **Faces of Hope** team performed her first surgery to correct the cleft lip. Her next surgery, scheduled for March 2017, was performed by the **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia** team.

Sheny is just one of the many children who have been given a new smile by our volunteers.



Sheny after her surgeries.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

DONATE: Make a tax-deductible donation:

- Visit the PayPal or GlobalGiving link at 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.

OUR PROGRESS

MARCH 1 - MAY 31, 2017

Surgical missions:
47 surgeries performed

Medical missions:
591 patients evaluated
202 surgical candidates

Cervical cancer prevention:
460 women screened
4 women treated

Cleft infant nutrition:
207 children enrolled

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