



SEEING IS BELIEVING:

HOW A MEDICAL MISSION INFLUENCED A YOUNG PERSPECTIVE

This past January, Alé van Scoyoc, a junior at Langley High School in McLean Virginia, her father and a Spanish teacher, joined a PfS surgical team in Guatemala. Prior to departing, they had collected blankets, washcloths, and toiletries from the local church, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, the Girl Scouts, and the high school Spanish club to donate to patients scheduled for surgery.

Alé's first day was spent in scrubs. As she stood next to the anesthesiologist, each step of the surgery was carefully explained. The patient was a nine-month-old baby named Anthony who, suffering from a cleft lip and palate, was scheduled to have his lip repaired. Anthony's surgeon was part of a Canadian volunteer group that has been performing medical missions in Guatemala for years. It only took 30 minutes for the surgeon to repair Anthony's cleft lip but the impact will be for a lifetime. When Alé was able to visit him post-surgery, she found Anthony awake and moving around.

“Anthony’s life had changed in that moment and so had mine,” she reflected. “I experienced many moments that changed me forever. Seeing the patients in person gave me a completely different perspective.”

In her future, Alé hopes to enter into the medical field, specifically to be a nurse, so she can impact the lives of others, as she saw first-hand in Guatemala.

Anthony's surgery would not have been possible without the medical volunteers and your donations. Every single dollar you donate has an immediate yet resounding effect. Partner for Surgery relies on your donations to change the lives of many rural Guatemalans who would otherwise face very limited futures. Your continued contributions are gratefully acknowledged.



YOUR NEXT DONATION CAN BE MATCHED

Infants, like Anthony, suffering from cleft lip and palate birth defects cannot breast feed and may die of starvation. PFS has a cleft palate nutrition program that provides resources to stave off malnutrition, so the child will thrive and qualify for surgery.

But PFS doesn't just provide medical care to infants. All indigenous Guatemalan villagers face huge barriers to medical care. PFS removes those barriers by bringing medical care to both children and adults and accompanies them from their villages to the surgical sites.

We are raising funds to address both of these areas under the **GlobalGiving** platform. For Mother's Day, **GlobalGiving** will match donations from **May 1st until the 13th**, with 100% match for all new monthly donations started during the campaign up to \$200. To donate, visit **Globalgiving.org** and search 'Partner for Surgery'. Every dollar donated has a direct impact.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

DONATE: Make a tax-deductible donation:

- Payments can be securely made using a credit card or PayPal by visiting **partnerforsurgery.org** and click the '**Donate**' button or **partnerforsurgery.org/donate**
- Mail a check in the enclosed remittance envelope.

SHOP WITH AMAZON SMILE: When you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products. It's still Amazon or Amazon Prime but using the below URL tracks donations to PFS. Visit: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-2034427>

VOLUNTEER IN GUATEMALA: We are always looking 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. For more details on volunteering, visit our website at partnerforsurgery.org.

OUR PROGRESS IN 2018

Medical missions: 2
789 patients evaluated
305 surgical candidates

Cervical cancer prevention:
467 women screened
13 women treated

Breast cancer evaluation:
107 women screened

BE SOCIAL: FOLLOW US



@pfsguatemala

Partner for Surgery is a registered 501(C) 3 non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.



P.O. Box 388 McLean, VA 22101 USA
(703) 893-4335

partnerforsurgery.org