

EARTHWIDE SURGICAL FOUNDATION

2007 Summary

I would like to thank all our generous contributors. It has been approximately three years since Earthwide Surgical Foundation was granted 501(C)(3) non-profit status by the Internal Revenue Service. I am very happy with our progress towards achieving the Foundation's goals, namely, to deliver surgical care to the poor of the world by means of manpower, equipment and education. The following are some of the highlights of the past year:

1. On June 1, 2007, our surgical team left for our yearly humanitarian surgical trip to the Nigerian Christian Hospital in Nigeria. The team included Brian Camazine, MD, Scott Camazine, MD, Mark Zafero, MD, Itoro Elijah, MD, Jose Ramirez, CST, Alisse Camazine, JD, Tina Allik, Swagoto Mukhopadhyay, Matt Mollman, Brian Laiderman, Taylor Estes and Danny Ellebrecht. During a two-week period, we performed 152 major operations. The surgeries were facilitated by equipment donated by the companies below.
2. As a result of her trip to Nigeria, Taylor Estes, a freshman at UT Tyler, has decided to become a surgeon.
3. William Heyns, MD, the pathologist at Henderson Memorial Hospital, processed the pathology specimens from our trip to Nigeria. The pathology reports were emailed to Dr. Mike Enyinnah, Chief of Surgery at the Nigerian Christian Hospital, in order to determine further treatment for our patients.
4. During our stay, we had two visiting Nigerian surgeons, Drs. Uche Nkeonye and Pat Ifeanyi, who scrubbed on our cases. These surgeons were particularly interested in learning about gastrointestinal staplers for bowel work and mesh for hernia repairs.
5. Earthwide is supporting the medical school training of Patricia Ihenacho, the daughter of Robert Ihenacho, a past surgical patient whose jaw was resected for ameloblastoma in June, 2004.
6. Earthwide is supporting the nurse anesthetist training of Prince Enyinnah, a nurse in Nigeria.
7. Dr. Camazine was part of a Health Talents International Surgical team that traveled to Guatemala 10/6/07-10/13/07. Over 70 surgeries were performed in 5 days.
8. Earthwide awarded nineteen volunteers with the President's Volunteer Service Award, a national honor offered in recognition of volunteer service. Two of the volunteers received the President's Call to Service Award, given to individuals with 4000+ hours of volunteer service, the equivalent of two years of full time service.

Established in 2003, the Awards are available to individuals who have outstanding records of volunteer service. As a certifying organization participating in the national program, Earthwide conferred the awards to recognize the achievements of these volunteers.

These inspirational men and women have collectively dedicated tens of thousands of hours volunteering overseas in developing countries that are in need of vital healthcare and training. The recipients of the President's Volunteer Service Award are Mark Zafero, MD, Itoro Elijah,

MD, Tina Allik, Matt Mollman, Brian Laiderman, and Taylor Estes. These volunteers have worked tirelessly to address global health issues in Nigeria.

9. The employees at Henderson Memorial Hospital donated medical/nursing books and equipment for the Nigeria trip.
10. Ella Brock, RN, Diabetic Nurse Specialist at Henderson Memorial Hospital, also donated two glucometers for use with diabetics in Nigeria.
11. Ethicon Inc. (via MAP International) donated a huge amount of mesh for hernia repairs, which were critical to our surgeries. Ethicon also donated thousands sutures, as well as numerous staplers for gastrointestinal surgery.
12. Cooper Surgical, Inc. donated disposable vacuum extractors to assist in childbirth and potentially avoid c-sections. These will be particularly helpful since there are so many obstetric complications in the Nigerian population.
13. Atrium Medical Corporation donated chest tubes and chest drainage systems. These were invaluable for treating the various chest diseases we encounter in Nigeria such as Tuberculosis.
14. Sage Products, Inc. donated gowns, gloves and skin preparation supplies for our surgeries. These supplies were crucial to helping avoid wound infections.
15. Friends of Ostomates Worldwide (F.O.W.-U.S.A.) donated ostomy supplies. Now our patients with ostomies will have proper ostomy equipment rather than being forced to use rags or newspaper. Several past patients with ostomies were ecstatic to receive these supplies.
16. Merrill Lynch & Co. gave a generous donation to Earthwide through their matching Gifts Program.
17. Dr. Camazine presented a PowerPoint presentation on Earthwide Surgical to the Texas Society of Respiratory Care.
18. Earthwide Surgical received generous donations from the following individuals:
 1. Gianfranco Alpini
 2. Ed Alverson
 3. Joseph Antkowiak, MD
 4. Mark Becker
 5. Heidi Bolgren
 6. Blythe Bowman
 7. Kimberley Cassin
 8. Kristina Cowan
 9. Brian /Andrea Curry
 10. Christine Edwards
 11. D.M. Edwards
 12. Hope Edwards
 13. Greg/Bonnie Estes
 14. Phillip Gehebb
 15. Paul/Marla Kehoe

16. Mark Kennedy
17. Dawn Lee
18. Barbara Maufas, RN
19. Meagan McGill
20. Jessica/Scott Morris
21. Anthony Nehs
22. Janice Oaks
23. Jon Peterson
24. Jeffrey Pfeil
25. Mark Todorovich
26. Petra Todorovich
27. Clarence/Patty Wilson
28. Marilyn Worsham, RN

19. Earthwide Surgical received generous donations from the following organizations:

1. Atrium Medical Corporation (Chris Gebhardt)
2. Cooper Surgical, Inc. (Jeanne Rosson)
3. Ethicon, Inc (Scott Risko)
4. Foundation for Surgical Technology
5. Friends of Ostomantes Worldwide (Joan Lloyd)
6. Henderson Carpets
7. The Hopes and Dreams Foundation (Steven Laiderman)
8. J-P & Company Insurance Agency
9. Merrill Lynch & Co.
10. Panel Truss of Longview
11. RGV Surgery, P.A. (Ashraf Hilmy, MD)
12. Sage Products, Inc. (Linda Vrabec)
13. Zeta Iota Kappa Delta Sorority

20. Earthwide Surgical received generous donations from the following individuals in order to support Taylor Estes' trip to Nigeria

1. Roberta Amos
2. Billy/Laura Anderson
3. Thomas/D'Laine Barton
4. Cave/Kim Baum
5. Robert/Susan Bills
6. BK Brummett
7. Neva Nellie Burke
8. Dot Cain
9. H. Capps
10. B. Carter
11. Nita Childers
12. James Conner
13. Vanessa/James Cox
14. Chad/Kim Dean
15. Farrell/Fay Dorsey
16. Greg/Bonnie Estes
17. Clay/Kendall Freeman
18. Tommy Freeman

19. Willie Mae Freeman
20. Charles/Christina Gambrell
21. Albert/Mary Gilson
22. Chris/DeLayne Haga
23. Robert/Bettye Hall
24. Mike/Suzi Head
25. Larry/Alice Hill
26. Clifton/Karen Hurt
27. Jan Jimerson
28. Matt Johnson
29. Dalton Jones
30. John Jones
31. Antoinette Ladage
32. Lloyd/Janet Legg
33. Barbara Linton
34. TJ McEver
35. Al/Carolyn Parker
36. Rusty Phenix
37. Donnie Powers
38. Cindi Rains
39. D. Rivers
40. Renda Rowe
41. Harold Sadler
42. Lisa Schweig
43. Brenda/William Sims
44. AG Smith
45. Joe/Thelma Sorrells
46. Dolores Spivey
47. Gay Stephens
48. Franklin/Carol Beth Teat
49. Sammy Tillison
50. Jimmy/Rickie Watson
51. KL Wilhite
52. Bill/Melba Wilkerson
53. Mary Sue Wolfe
54. Dallas Woods
55. Kay Yates

WHAT DO WE PLAN TO ACCOMPLISH?

1. The next surgical trip to Nigeria is planned for July 2008. We hope to increase the time we spend training local General Surgery and OBGYN residents. All the local residents are interested in learning about mesh repair of hernias.
2. The Foundation has invited Dr. Mike Enyinnah, Chief of Surgery at the Nigerian Christian Hospital, to the U.S. for advanced surgical training. He will receive training in minimally invasive surgery such as laparoscopic cholecystectomy and appendectomy.

3. We are in the process of developing a logo and website, both of which should be completed by the end of the year. We plan to produce a video from our last trip as well as CDs of our digital pictures.
4. We are intensifying our efforts to get needed supplies and equipment. Many companies have been very generous.

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