Angela's Story



Throughout her childhood, Angela was embarrassed to even look in the mirror... she was born with bilateral complete cleft lip and palate. At 18 months old, Angela underwent two major surgeries. Since then, Angela has undergone countless more

reconstructive surgeries, dental procedures, evaluations and speech therapy sessions to treat her deformity.

In total, Angela has received over \$200,000 in donated medical care from Fresh Start's volunteer medical professionals. Angela's life has been transformed throughout her journey with Fresh Start.



"Thanks to Fresh Start, I now have a goal in my life that I want to achieve. I want to be a child development and adolescent specialist because one of my passions is to help other children."

...Angela

Our Vision

Our vision is to build a community of local healthcare organizations and surgical volunteers committed to ensuring that—through short and long term medical intervention—every child with a physical deformity receives the medical care they need. Through the treatment they receive, each child has a new opportunity to develop a positive self-image, renewed self esteem and confidence, and... a fresh start in life.

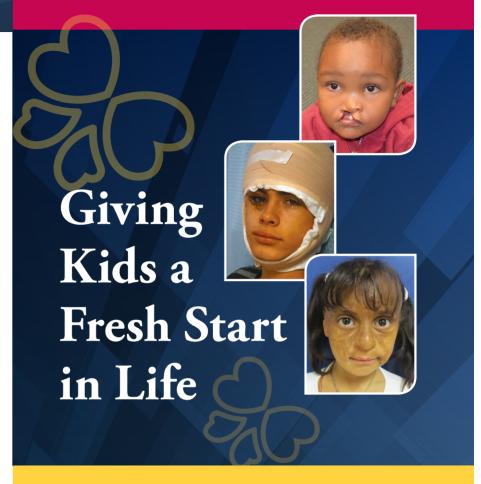


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The Fresh Start Caring For Kids Foundation is a joint venture between Fresh Start Surgical Gifts (based in San Diego, CA) and The Plastic Surgery Foundation (based in Chicago, IL).

Fresh Start Caring For Kids Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) charity



Transforming lives one surgery at a time.



Co-founded by The Plastic Surgery Foundation and Fresh Start Surgical Gifts

What We Do

Fresh Start Caring For Kids Foundation provides no-cost medical services to children through surgical weekends and clinics. Medical services are donated by doctors, clinicians, and other medical professionals.

Each child deserves the best medical care possible. Surgeons affiliated with Fresh Start Caring For Kids Foundation are highly-trained specialists who are board certified in plastic surgery and members of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

The surgeons and other medical professionals who participate in the surgical weekends volunteer their time and are not compensated, nor does the partner hospital receive any reimbursement other than for the cost of disposables utilized in providing patient care.

Surgeries are performed at the University of Chicago Medical Center Comer Children's Hospital, Rady Children's Hospital and the Fresh Start Clinic in San Diego.

Since 1991, Fresh Start has:

- Treated over 6,500 children with no-cost medical care;
- Performed over 15,000 medical procedures;
- Donated over \$26 million in medical services;
- Recruited over 500 medical professionals as volunteers;
- Expanded to two surgical sites: San Diego and Chicago;
- · Transformed countless lives.

Comprehensive Medical Care

The Surgery Weekend Program includes reconstructive and plastic surgeries, audiology, ophthalmology, health education, and many other medical services that treat all aspects of a deformity.



Fresh Start Caring for Kids Foundation... a uniquely charitable organization

Long-Term Comprehensive Care

Fresh Start patients often require years of surgeries, medical services and extensive follow-up until the best medical outcome has been achieved.

Care is provided for as long as it is needed. The average Fresh Start patient receives medical care for over 15 years. Our cleft lip and palate patients typically require seven years of dental care and approximately 49 medical treatments.

Our Mission

Fresh Start Caring for Kids Foundation transforms the lives of disadvantaged infants, children, and teens with physical deformities caused by birth defects, injury, abuse or disease through the gift of reconstructive surgery and related medical care.

All Volunteer Medical Care

Our teams of over 500 medical volunteers provide over \$2.5 million in donated medical care annually.



100% of Every Donation Benefits Children

All of the overhead and administrative expenses for Fresh Start Caring for Kids Foundation are covered by Fresh Start Surgical Gifts and The Plastic Surgery Foundation, so that 100% of every donation directly benefits the medical needs of our patients.