Our Name is What We Do

MISSION
We are an international, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping underserved children around the world secure the medical care they desperately need to live more fulfilling lives.

VISION
Healing the Children envisions a world where every child has access to good medical care. We have 15 chapters (serving 19 states) across the US supported by our national office. Healing the Children is proud to have been helping children access the healthcare they need and deserve since 1979.

PROGRAMS
Over the past 41 years, we have provided an array of unique programs and services. Championed by our amazing volunteers, healthcare providers, families, donors, and communities, we have helped 307,455 underserved children around the world secure urgently needed medical care that is otherwise unobtainable.

Since 1979, our programs have included International Inbound; Medical Teams Abroad – Surgical; Medical Teams Abroad – Non-Surgical; Special Projects in the US and Internationally; International Medical Assistance Program (IMAP); and Local/Domestic.

In 2020, many of our programs were placed on hold. We are continuing IMAP, supporting Special Projects, and expanding Local/Domestic Programs and Services. We are inspired to be exploring new and innovative ways to help children access medical care by linking to multiple technological resources. The past year has been a challenging one, but our commitment to healing children has never been stronger as we reimagine how we can reach vulnerable children here and around the world.

Annual Report
A Message from Our President

Dear Friends,

Last year tested us all. In the beginning of January of 2020, we had no idea a global pandemic was about to explode. In fact, three surgical and three non-surgical teams managed to travel overseas to provide critical surgical care to children before we were forced to suspend our international travel. In March 2020, our Executive Committee held a meeting to determine how to respond. With an abundance of caution, and the upmost care and concern for our volunteers and the children we aid, we placed our programs on hold.

Our Chapters pivoted quickly to respond to this strange new normal. For an organization, which has primarily worked abroad for years, staying put required a reimaging of who we were. Typical of HTC, chapters began new efforts to reach those in need. Multiple chapters made and/or obtained face masks to give to families; PPE kits were compiled and distributed; medical supplies in storage for the canceled trips were sent overseas; and sponsoring of children with unique, urgent medical conditions grew.

As our journey continues, we remain flexible and responsive to these challenging times. I hope you will join us and stay connected through your local chapters, our website, and social media. Together, we are changing the world for its children.

Sincerely yours,

Ann Anderst, President
Healing the Children Board of Directors

2020 Program Results

5,690 Children served

Our unique programs children served

BASED IN THE US

- International Inbound Program: 3
- Domestic Programs & Services: 78
- Special Projects: Domestic: 3,802

BASED INTERNATIONALLY

- Medical Teams Abroad: 3 Surgical: 218
- Medical Teams Abroad: 3 Non-Surgical: 654
- Special Projects: International & IMAP: 935
2020 Countries

15 different countries assisted
Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Colombia, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, Liberia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, South Sudan, St. Kitts, Uganda, and United States

$5 million in medical services and supplies

2019 Financial Report

Consolidated Financials

- **Total Assets** (cash and cash equivalents) 2,387,479
- **Total Liabilities** 176,809
- **Net Assets** (cash and cash equivalents) 2,210,670
- **Total Revenues** (includes in-kind contributions) 3,058,870
- **Total Expenses** (includes in-kind contributions) 2,951,357
- **Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets** 115,893
- **% Non-Program Overhead** 1.1%
Worldwide Impact: 1979 – 2020

307,455 Children healed

Unique programs & children served
- International Inbound Children 7,501
- Domestic & Local Programs & Services 19,237
- Medical Teams Abroad: Surgical & Non-Surgical 211,565
- Special Projects: International & Domestic 68,909
- International Medical Assistance Program 243

1,000’s of volunteers annually

$775 million in donated supplies, equipment & services

100+ countries worldwide

15 chapters representing 19 states

$1 donated leverages $12 in medical services

Over the past 41 years, HTC has provided medical assistance to 307,455 children all around the world and delivered over $775 million of medical services and supplies for children from over 100 countries.
Changing Martin’s Life

Wisconsin Chapter

Just before the COVID-19 pandemic struck the world, Healing the Children Wisconsin became involved in an effort to help a little boy from Uganda receive much needed heart surgery through our (IMAP) International Medical Assistance Program. Martin was a 3-year-old boy with a ventricular septum defect. The defect was a large hole between the lower chambers of his little heart. He needed open-heart surgery to place a patch on that hole and this type of surgery was not available in Uganda. Healing the Children (HTC) worked with Kayla Billington, founder of Paty’s Project. Kayla is a travel neonatal intensive care unit nurse who volunteers in medical clinics throughout Uganda. HTC has worked with Kayla before, and we noticed that she was actively fundraising to help save Martin’s life. She developed the plan to bring Martin to a hospital in India. We reached out to offer assistance and a collaboration was formed. We assisted Kayla with obtaining visas for Martin and his Grandmother and funded the cost of his surgery.

In February, Kayla traveled from the United States to Uganda and accompanied Martin and his grandmother, Aisha, to India to have the operation. Martin’s physician, Dr. Isabirye Henry from Uganda traveled with the group to act as an interpreter. During pre-op testing at the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, cardiologist, Dr. Krishna Kumar, discovered that in addition to an exceptionally large hole in his heart, Martin had a leaky mitral valve which also needed repair. His heart was very enlarged and Dr. Kumar, stated that without intervention, Martin only had a matter of months to live. Martin had open heart surgery on February 17th and Kayla was given the opportunity to scrub in and observe his surgery. We are delighted to report that Martin’s surgery was a great
success. What a wonderful miracle! God had Martin in His hands throughout the entire process. Today, Martin is back home in Uganda continuing to recover under the close eye of Dr. Henry. With his heart repaired, no further intervention will be needed, and Martin will live a happy and healthy life.

A huge thank you to Kayla for her passion to help heal children’s hearts in Uganda, for traveling to India with Martin’s family and allowing HTC to be a part of Martin’s journey. Thank you to Martin’s surgeon, Dr. Krishna Kumar from the Amrita Hospital in Kochi, India for the exceptional care of Martin. Thank you to Dr. Isabirye Henry for providing such wonderful care for Martin in Uganda and traveling to India for his surgery. And finally, thank you to supporters of Paty’s Project and HTC who generously contributed to the cost of Martin’s medical care. It truly takes a village to heal a child.

The Power of PPE

In 2020, many chapters, including our New Jersey Chapter highlighted here, provided face masks and PPE for local families and medical facilities. New Jersey Chapter
Dr. Marshall Partington, director of the HTC Seattle Chapter has been involved with ReSurge International for nearly 20 years. ReSurge collaborates with volunteers to provide reconstructive plastic surgery around the world. In 2020, Marshall was referred to OhanaOne as a potential team mentor. ReSurge had paired Dr. Partington with a surgeon in India. When Marchelle Sellars, the director of OhanaOne was on the phone with him, he mentioned HTC. Marchelle was formerly the director for Mending Kids International. Mending Kids was founded by Cris Embleton who founded HTC in 1979. Once Marchelle heard about the HTC connection she reached out to us to talk about a new and exciting possibility!

**A New Insightful Project!**

In late 2020, HTC began exploring an innovative partnership with OhanaOne, based in Los Angeles, CA, to participate in a model project to utilize surgical sight smart glasses to provide medical care, training, assessment, and surgery (yes, surgery) around the world! Initially, we reached out to four chapters and five surgeons. After multiple zoom meetings we confirmed three surgeons representing two chapters for the initial phase of OhanaOne’s project.

**Seattle and Southern California Chapters**

Dr. Marshall Partington (Seattle) wearing yellow scarf and Dr. Jennifer D’Amico (Southern California) standing next to Dr. Partington and Dr. Ali Khosroabadi (Southern California) with little girl in red are participating in OhanaOne’s surgical research study for one year. Dr. Partington will mentor a surgeon in India and Dr. D’Amico and Dr. Khosroabadi will mentor a surgeon in Nepal.

OhanaOne’s project utilizes surgical sight smart glasses (Vuzix) and is facilitating 50 beta projects around the world. The project enables a US surgeon to provide training internationally during a time when traveling abroad has been put on hold. The mentor and mentee teams focus on a single procedure or technique that will elevate the surgical mentee’s ability and help them care for more patients. The glasses are handsfree, voice activated, and utilize Help Lightning software (developed at Johns Hopkins). Imagine glasses that allow the mentor to view in real time (see the photo below) the patient and/or surgical procedure that the mentee is providing. The mentor can not only talk to the mentee but has access to medical information that can be sent to the mentee for reference and allows the mentor to see the surgery in real time.

The possibilities for education and training are endless and we are thrilled to be a part of this innovative project to help promote access to health care for impoverished children around the world and expand our reach through the ability to interact with our patients and international partners throughout the year.
ILLINOIS / INDIANA CHAPTER
Many of you may recall "Daisy" our Healing the Children case from Nicaragua several years ago. Here she is now, a healthy, happy, and energetic schoolgirl. What a joy to see how this pretty little girl is growing up. Though she comes from a poor family, all her school supplies and school clothing items are paid for throughout her entire education, by an anonymous U.S. donor. We need more stories like this!

FLORIDA / GEORGIA CHAPTER
Clarissa Bowers, former Miss World America, Healing the Children Volunteer/Spokesperson and Medical Professional appeared in July’s edition of Sports Illustrated.

The chapter also worked with medical partners in Columbia to provide zoom trainings.

NORTHEAST CHAPTER
HTCNE stepped up to help in a new local effort. By making a generous donation of $3,000, full sets of basic school supplies were provided to 300 pre-K to third grade students in some of our most disadvantaged schools. There is no doubt that this helped those 300 kids learn and enjoy school and help their teachers do their incredible valuable job-helping the children, especially the children who need our help the most.
How You Can Get Involved

Here are a few ways you can help:

👍 **Like Us on Facebook** @ www.facebook.com/HealingtheChildrenNational

💰 **Donate**

Your donation provides children with the gift of health, so precious and priceless. Visit www.healingthechildren.org/donate to donate. Feel free to donate to a specific chapter or to HTC National Office, which benefits all chapters. As a volunteer-based organization, 98% of every dollar is spent directly to help our children!

❤️ **Volunteer with Our Programs**

Visit www.healingthechildren.org to find the chapter that is closest to you. Just contact that chapter to learn of specific needs and opportunities in your area. Whether you are a doctor and want to participate on a medical trip or be a host family to a child, or help become an administrator for our programs, there are many volunteer opportunities for each chapter. This year, we are especially seeking help with medical supplies, equipment, and PPE for our medical communities.

💻 **Volunteer with the National Office**

Committed individuals who may not live near our regional chapters and those without medical backgrounds can apply for a range of short-term and longer-term volunteer opportunities with our national office. Marketing, fund-raising, and other administrative roles are open within the national organization. Join us to help children from around the world who need our collective help with difficult medical needs.

➕ **Start a Chapter in Your Area**

If you live in an area that is lacking a voice for children in need, we would love to work with and help you establish a new HTC chapter. You do not need a medical background, just the ability to attract medical resources in your city or state, some organizational or non-profit experiences and most importantly, a genuine desire to help heal children who are counting on you. Please contact us at www.healingthechildren.org and we will discuss the process to establish a chapter in your area.
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Jeff Degner, Vice President, Executive Board, Illinois / Indiana Chapter