Important Cleft Resources

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AboutFace USA

USA Contact Information:
P.O. Box 158
S. Beloit, Illinois 61080
Phone: 888-486-1209
Fax: 630-761-2985
http://www.aboutfaceusa.org/

AboutFace is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing emotional support, information, and educational programs to individuals who have facial differences and their families. The goals of AboutFace are to assist all persons with facial differences to have a positive self-image and positive self-esteem so that they can participate fully in their communities. AboutFace provides interactive school programs, contacts with other families and individuals with cleft lip and palate, and training to volunteers in order to help set-up local AboutFace chapters. The Smile Train funds their toll free number.

American Academy of Audiology

11730 Plaza America Drive, Suite 300
Reston, Virginia 20190
Toll Free: 800-AAA-2336
Phone: 703-790-8466
Fax: 703-790-8631
www.audiology.org

The American Academy of Audiology is the world’s largest professional organization with more than 10,000 active members. The mission of the Academy is to promote quality hearing and balance care by advancing the profession of audiology through leadership, advocacy, education, public awareness and support of research.

American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (AAFPRS)

310 South Henry Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
Phone: 703-299-9291
Fax: 703-299-8898
www.aafprs.org

The AAFPRS was founded in 1964 as an autonomous professional society representing the specialty of plastic surgery. Now the largest facial plastic and reconstructive association — with 2,800 facial plastic and reconstructive surgeons throughout the world — the AAFPRS works to promote excellence through education and the establishment of professional standards; to achieving
understanding and recognition of facial plastic surgery; to define plastic surgery as a specialty; to serve as a public source for information; and to assist members.

American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS)
One Prince Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3357
Phone: 703-836-4444
www.entnet.org
The AAO-HNS is the world's largest professional society of physicians dedicated to the care of ear, nose and throat disorders. The Academy represents more than 12,000 otolaryngologist–head and neck surgeons who diagnose and treat disorders of the ears, nose, throat, and related structures of the head and neck. The website contains patient education tools and health information.

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS)
9700 West Bryn Mawr Avenue
Rosemont, Illinois 60018-5701
Phone: 847-678-6200
Toll free: 800-822-6637
Fax: 847-678-6286
www.aaoms.org
The AAOMS is a professional association of oral and maxillofacial surgeons, which is dedicated to promoting high quality patient care and education; maintaining high professional standards; and fostering and supporting specialty research. The website contains a link for patients to learn more about oral and maxillofacial surgery and to find a surgeon in your area.

American Association of Orthodontists (AAO)
401 North Lindbergh Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63141-7816
Phone: 314.993.1700
Fax: 314-997-1745
www.aaortho.org
www.braces.org
The AAO is a professional association of educationally qualified orthodontic specialists dedicated to advancing the art and science of orthodontics, promoting quality care for the public and supporting the successful practice of orthodontics. The website has links for students, teachers, parents and patients of all age groups.

American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA)
4101 Lake Boone Trail, Suite 410
Raleigh, North Carolina 27607-7506
Phone: 919-881-2570
Fax: 919-881-2575
www.theaba.org
Established as an independent entity in 1941, the ABA exists to: maintain the highest standards of the practice of anesthesiology and to serve the public, medical
profession and health care facilities and organizations.

**American Board of Otolaryngology (ABO)**
5615 Kirby Drive, Suite 600
Houston, Texas 77005
Phone: 713-850-0399
Fax: 713-850-1104
www.aboto.org

Incorporated in 1924, The ABO is the second oldest of the twenty-four American certifying boards. The Board is a non-profit corporation, whose mission is to assure the public that individuals certified by the ABO meet the highest standards of training and knowledge.

**American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association/Cleft Palate Foundation (ACPA/CPF)**
1504 East Franklin Street, Suite 102
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514-2820
Toll Free: 1-800-24-cleft
Phone: (919) 933-9044
Fax: (919) 933-9604
www.cleftline.org/

The American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association is an international non-profit association of over 2,500 health care professionals in over 40 countries who are involved in treatment and/or research of cleft lip, cleft palate and other craniofacial anomalies.

The Cleft Palate Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing information to parents of newborns with clefts and other craniofacial birth defects and to the health care professionals who deliver and treat these infants. Call CLEFTLINE, 1-800-24-CLEFT, for immediate contact with the Foundation. The CPF web site provides extensive information to patients & families about cleft lip, including the difference between cleft palate and other craniofacial differences. The CPF also makes referrals to cleft/craniofacial treatment teams in different regions.

**American Dental Association (ADA)**
211 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611-2678
Phone: 312-440-2500
Fax: 312-440-7494
www.ada.org

The ADA is a professional association of dentists dedicated to serving both the public and the profession of dentistry. It promotes public health, enhances the integrity and ethics of the profession and strengthens the patient/dentist relationship through its initiatives in education, research, advocacy and the development of standards. The website contains information and learning tools for students, teachers, parents and patients.

**American Medical Association (AMA)**
Founded over 150 years ago, the AMA is a partnership of physicians and their professional associations and is dedicated to promoting the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health. They serve the physicians and their patients by establishing and promoting ethical, educational, and clinical standards for the medical profession. The website contains a section for patients, which includes the Patients’ Action Network.

American Neurotology Society (ANS)
www.americanneurotologysociety.com
Founded in 1965, the ANS' mission is to exchange and disseminate information about the physiology, pathology and clinical management of the sensory-neural systems of audition and equilibrium. They work to stimulate education and basic/clinical research.

American Otological Society (AOS)
3096 Riverdale Road
The Villages, Florida 32162
Phone: 352-751-0932
Fax: 352-751-0696
www.americanotologicalsociety.org
The AOS works to advance medical and surgical otology and to promote otology research. They hold annual meetings and award grants.

American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA)
520 North Northwest Highway
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068-2573
Phone: 847-825-5586
Fax: 847-825-1692
www.asahq.org
Founded in 1905, the ASA is an educational, research and scientific association of physicians organized to raise and maintain the standards of anesthesiology and improve the care of patients through publications, continuing education, consulting programs, a foundation for education and research, and a national library. The website contains patient education and safety information.

American Head and Neck Society
11300 W. Olympic Blvd, Suite 600
Los Angeles, CA 90064
Phone: (310) 437-0559
Fax: (310) 437-0585
www.headandneckcancer.org
The ASHNS is a professional medical association committed to research and education regarding cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation in
head and neck oncology. The field of head and neck oncology includes the salivary glands, thyroid gland, as well as structures in the upper aerodigestive tract including the larynx, pharynx, oral cavity, ear, and sinonasal tract.

American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology (ASPO)
Phone: 760-942-9965
Fax: 760-942-7305
www.aspo.us
The ASPO fosters excellence in the care of children with ototrhinolaryngologic disorders through education and research. This is accomplished by facilitating the creating and dissemination of knowledge on the care of infants and children; serving as an advocate for infants and children with ORL disorders and ASPO members; and promoting superior care for kids with ORL disorders.

American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation
10801 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland 20852
Phone: 301-897-5700
www.ashfoundation.org
Created in 1946, the American Speech-Hearing-Language Foundation is a charitable organization affiliated with the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The mission of the foundation is to improve the lives of people with speech, language, or hearing disorders. In addition, the foundation advances knowledge about the causes and treatment of hearing, speech, and language problems through the funding of research, support of graduate education and other special projects.

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
10801 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland 20852
Toll Free: 800-638-8255
Fax: (240) 333-4705
www.asha.org
ASHA is the professional, scientific and credentialing association for more than 96,000 audiologists, speech-language pathologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists. It works to promote the interest of and provide the highest quality services for professionals in audiology, speech-language pathology, and speech and hearing science, and to advocate for people with communication disabilities.

Association for Research in Otolaryngology (ARO)
19 Mantua Road
Mount Royal, New Jersey 08061
Phone: 856-423-0041
www.aro.org
The ARO is an international association of scientists and physicians dedicated to scientific exploration among all of the disciplines in the field of otolaryngology. Research efforts involve the ear, nose, head, neck and related functions including
hearing, balance, speech, taste and smell among others. The organization provides members with publications and two professional yearly meetings.

**Austin Smiles**  
P.O. Box 26694  
Austin, Texas 78755-0694  
Phone: 512-451-9300  
Fax: 512-451-9312  
[www.austinsmiles.org](http://www.austinsmiles.org)  
A non-profit organization founded in 1987 which provides free reconstructive surgery primarily to children with cleft lip and palate, both domestically and internationally. The cleft team is comprised of about 32-40 medical professionals, consisting of plastic surgeons, an otolaryngologist, and several speech pathologists. Integral to the program is mandatory ear testing and speech pathology care for all the children operated on.

**Center for Craniofacial Development and Disorders (CCDD)**  
733 North Broadway  
Suite 411, Rm 419  
Baltimore, MD 21205  
Phone: 410-955-4160  
Fax: 410-502-5677  
[www.hopkinsmedicine.org/craniofacial](http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/craniofacial)  
Founded in 1995, the goal of the CCDD is to increase the understanding of normal and abnormal craniofacial development by: 1) fostering biomedical and health services research; 2) facilitating the transfer of applied research results to effective health care interventions; 3) promoting education of health care professionals concerning the cause, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of craniofacial disease and disorders; and 4) enhancing multidisciplinary clinical services and related programs. The CCDD is based at the Johns Hopkins University with collaborative ties both nationally and internationally. The web site serves as an educational and interactive resource for families, physicians, and researchers facing craniofacial developmental issues. Information about activities at the Children’s Medical and Surgical Center is also available.

**Children's Craniofacial Association (CCA)**  
13140 Coit Road, Suite 307  
Dallas, Texas 75240  
Toll Free: 800-535-3643  
Phone: 214-570-8811  
[www.ccakids.com](http://www.ccakids.com)  
CCA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with facial differences. Nationally and internationally, CCA addresses the medical, financial, psychosocial, emotional, and educational concerns relating to craniofacial conditions. The CCA designs and manages retreats and education programs. In addition, the CCA manages a physician referral service and emotional support line; workshops and symposiums; financial assistance; newsletters; and
other educational materials.

The Easter Seal Society
230 West Monroe Street, Suite 1800
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Toll Free: 800-221-6827
Phone: 312-726-6200
Fax: 312-726-1494
www.easter-seals.org
Easter Seals is a nonprofit organization serving physically or developmentally disabled children and adults. Although the Society's primary focus is on patients with cerebral palsy and similar neurologic conditions, local chapters provide a variety of other services including speech and hearing assistance.

FACES: The National Craniofacial Association
P.O. Box 11082
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37401
Toll Free: 800-3FACES3 (332-2373)
Phone: 423-266-1632
Fax: 423-267-3124
www.faces-cranio.org/
A non-profit organization serving children and adults with severe craniofacial deformities resulting from birth defects, injuries or disease. FACES provides financial assistance for non-medical expenses incurred for surgery; increases public awareness and understanding of craniofacial problems, and provides information about craniofacial centers across the country.
Resources: Newsletters, pamphlets, support networks, financial assistance

Forward Face
317 East 34th Street, Suite 901A
New York, New York 10016
Phone: 212-684-5860
Fax: 212-684-5864
www.forwardface.org
The organization was formed in 1978 and is currently headquartered at the Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery at New York University Medical Center. It is a charity for children with craniofacial conditions and its primary goal is to help patients and their families find immediate support in order to cope with craniofacial disorders. Ongoing awareness programs and school presentations are integral elements in the education campaign.
Resources: Educational materials, quarterly newsletters, financial assistance, and workshops.

Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research (FAER)
200 First Street SW, WF6-674
Rochester, Minnesota 55905
Phone: 507-266-6866
Fax: 507-284-0120

www.faer.org

Started in 1986, FAER works to raise the standards of the specialty by fostering and encouraging education, research and scientific progress in anesthesiology, critical care medicine and pain management through awards and grants: clinical research starter grants, educational research grants, new investigator awards, and research fellowships.

**Grottos of North America**
1696 Brice Road
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
Phone: 614-860-0717
www.segrotto.com

Grottos of America provides dentistry to the handicapped. Patients must be under eighteen years of age to receive assistance from this organization. In addition they must have one of the following conditions: cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, mental retardation, or myasthenia gravis.

**KidsHealth**

[link](kidshealth.org/parent/system/surgical/cleft_lip_palate.html)

KidsHealth was created by The Nemours Foundation's Center for Children's Health Media. The award-winning KidsHealth provides families with accurate, up-to-date, and jargon-free health information they can use. The web site consists in helping families and their children translating complex medical information into a easy-to-understand language for parents, kids, and youth. In addition, many articles present clear and explanatory information about cleft lip and palate, its diagnosis, specific characteristics, complications related to clefts, treating clefts, dental care and orthodontia and speech therapy.

**March of Dimes**

1275 Mamaroneck Avenue
White Plains, NY 10605
(914) 997-4488
www.marchofdimes.com/pnhec/681_1210.asp

The website offers an explanation on cleft lip and cleft palate and tries to answer the followings: when do oral-facial clefts develop?, how common are cleft lip and cleft palate?, what are the causes of cleft lip/palate?, are the causes of isolated cleft palate different?, how do oral-facial clefts affect the face of a baby?, are oral-facial clefts more common in some families than others?, can oral-facial clefts be repaired?, what are the specific problems associated with oral-facial clefts?, what about feeding?, what about ear problems?, how is speech affected by clefts?, what about dental problems?, can oral-facial clefts be prevented?

**MedlinePlus**

[link](www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/001051.htm)

MedlinePlus brings together authoritative information from U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and other government...
agencies and health-related organizations. The website offers appropriate and authoritative information on cleft lip and illustrations on cleft lip repair with images about normal anatomy, indication and procedure; the information provided is well-organized, easy to use and based from good resources. It gives information on cleft lip or cleft palate describing symptoms, causes, incidence, risk factors, signs and tests, treatment, prognosis and complications.

National Birth Defects Prevention Network (NBDPN)
www.nbdpn.org
The National Birth Defects Prevention Network (NBDPN) is a non-profit organization committed to improving surveillance, research, and prevention of birth defects. The mission of the National Birth Defects Prevention Network is to establish and maintain a national network of state and population-based programs for birth defects surveillance and research to assess the impact of birth defects upon children, families, and health care; to identify factors that can be used to develop primary prevention strategies; and to assist families and their providers in secondary disabilities prevention. NBDPN is a collaborating center of the World Health Organization (WHO) for the prevention of congenital defects.

National Center for Voice and Speech (NCVS)
The Denver Center for the Performing Arts
1101 13th Street
Denver, CO 80204
Phone: 303-446-4834
Fax: 303-893-6487
www.ncvs.org
NCVS is a consortium of institutions focusing on voice and speech disorders formed in 1990 through a grant from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. The institutions that comprise the center are the University of Iowa, The Denver Center for the Performing Arts, The University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Utah. NCVS primarily focuses on four major areas: training of scientists interested in careers in voice and speech research through post-doctoral and visiting scientist programs; continuing education for medical professionals; public awareness and funding of clinical and genetic research focused on speech and voice.

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR)
NIDCR Public Information & Liaison Branch
45 Center Drive, MSC 6400
Bethesda, Maryland 20892-2190
Phone: 301-496-4261
www.nidr.nih.gov
Through nurturing fundamental research and the development of researchers, the NIDCR aims to promote health, to prevent diseases, and to develop new diagnostics and therapeutics in oral, dental and craniofacial health. Web site contains information and resources for patients and teachers.
Operation Rainbow, Inc.
4200 Park Blvd PMB 157
Oakland, CA 94602
Phone: 510-273-2485
www.operationrainbow.org
Operation Rainbow is a non-profit organization founded in 1978 by Dr. William Riley, past president of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons (ASPRS). The mission of the organization is to: 1. provide free plastic and orthopedic surgery for children who do not have access to care in the United States and in medically underserved countries around the world and 2. provide continuing education to international health care providers to encourage medical self-sufficiency.

Prescription Parents
P.O. Box 920554
Needham, Massachusetts 02492
Phone: 617-499-1936
www.prescriptionparents.org
Prescription Parents is a local Boston organization run by volunteers. The organization offers informational materials and organizes social activities for the parents of children who were born with cleft lip and cleft palate.

Smiles
www.cleft.org
Smiles is a group of dedicated families who have developed a first-hand understanding of the needs of children with cleft lip, cleft palate and craniofacial deformities. The web site includes information about their children, cleft palate management, otolaryngological issues, speech language, genetics, and related topics.

University of Maryland Medical System
University of Maryland Medicine Plastic Surgery Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate
www.umm.edu/plassurg/cleft.htm
Website contains information on the definition and causes of cleft lip and palate.

University of Michigan Health System
1500 E. Medical Center Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
Phone: 734-936-4000
www.med.umich.edu/libr/pa/pa_cleft_hhg.htm
The website aims at providing a support to children affected by cleft lip/cleft palate, offering a definition of cleft lip or cleft palate along with explanations concerning causes, treatment and problems associated with feeding, speech and hearing.
Wide Smiles
P.O. Box 5153
Stockton, CA 95205-0153
Phone: 209-942-2812
Fax: 209-464-1497
Provides links to online resources on cleft lip and cleft palate.

World Health Organization
International Collaborative Research on Craniofacial Anomalies
Web site includes links to patient support resources and organizations that treat cleft lip and palate.

World Craniofacial Foundation
7777 Forest Lane, Suite C-621
P.O. Box 515838
Dallas, Texas 75251-5838
Toll Free: 800-533-3315
Phone: 972-566-6669
Fax: 972-566-3850
www.worldcf.org
A non-profit dedicated to providing access to physical and emotional healing for children with craniofacial deformities. WCF also provides resources of excellence in patient care, education and research.

Important Cleft Resources — International

China

Philip Hayden Foundation
40335 Winchester Rd #E-115
Temecula, CA 92591 USA
Toll Free: 866-JAMES127 (866-526-3712)
Fax: 1-951-587-8558
www.philiphayden.org
PHF, a non-profit NGO, was founded in 1995 by Tim Baker with the goal of working with Chinese government and NGO's to improve the quality of life in orphanages throughout China. PHF works with both the Chinese government and NGO's to contribute to the care of orphaned and abandoned children through four programs: Heal-A-Child, which provides medicine, vaccines and health care to children with medical needs; School-A-Child, which offers financial support to orphans to cover educational materials and funding for the construction of schools for children with special needs; Lift-A-Child, which helps to correct craniofacial deformities, and Serve-A-Child, which is designed to provide training to health care workers in the caring for handicapped children. PHF is currently working with the China Charity Federation to reach out to orphaned children born with cleft lip and
Europe

Cleft Lip and Palate Association (CLAPA)
First Floor
Green Man Tower
332B Goswell Road
London, England EC1V 7LQ
Phone: 020-7833-4883
Fax: 020-7833-5999
www.clapa.com
Based in the UK, CLAPA was set up in 1979 as a link between health professionals and parents. It is the only UK-wide voluntary organization specifically helping those with, and affected by, cleft lip and palate. There are more than 35 CLAPA groups in the UK, each staffed by volunteers. The functions of the group are to organize parent support, raise awareness and conduct educational seminar for health professionals and the general public.
Resources: Extensive publication listing; individual self-help groups

European Surveillance of Congenital Anomalies (EUROCAT)
Room 15E12, University of Ulster
Newtonabbey, Co Antrim
Northern Ireland, BT37 OQB
Phone: +44 (0) 28 9036-6639
www.eurocat.ulster.ac.uk
EUROCAT is a European network of population-based registries for the epidemiologic surveillance of congenital anomalies. Since its inception in 1979, EUROCAT has organized more than 1.5 million births surveyed per year in Europe, with 43 registries in 20 countries. EUROCAT is a collaborating center of the World Health Organization (WHO) for the prevention of congenital defects.

European Collaboration on Craniofacial Anomalies (EUROCRAN)
www.eurocran.org
The website is intended to promote and facilitate information exchange across the EUROCRAN network and as an information resource for parents, patients, researchers and healthcare professionals working with craniofacial anomalies.

Cleft Lip & Palate Association of Ireland
34 Sycamore View
Carpenterstown, Dublin
Ireland
Phone: 087 131 9803
www.cleft.ie
The website provides support and information for parents of children affected by cleft lip and those directly affected by the condition through talking to new parents and providing advice on feeding, and ongoing medical care throughout the
treatment. Information on the incidence of clefts, treatment, genetics and embryo
development is also available on the website.

India

Association of Plastic Surgeons of India
The association is involved in propagation of the speciality, removing myths about
this discipline, protection of the interests of the clientele and of its members.

Latin America

Latin American Collaborative Study of Congenital Malformations (ECLAMC)
www.histoemb.fmed.edu.uy/defectos/ECLAMC.htm
The ECLAMC is a program dedicated to investigating the frequency and risk
factors of congenital defects with the intention of preventing promoting them the
pertinent actions of health. It operates with hospitable births in the different Latin
American countries. ECLAM is a collaborating center of the World Health
Organization (WHO) for the prevention of congenital defects.

Rotaplast International
1663 Mission Street, Suite 320
San Francisco, CA 94103
Phone: 415.252.1111
Fax: 415.252.1211
www.rotaplast.org
Established in 1993 by the Rotary Club of San Francisco, Rotaplast is a world
community service project supported by Rotary clubs in North and South America
focused on providing assistance to indigent children with clefts. Over 60 Rotary
clubs in eight US states and more than 100 clubs in Latin America support the
organization. Rotary clubs throughout the host countries, such as Chile, Argentina
and Venezuela, serve as a liaison to the Rotaplast team and help to provide
transportation and housing for the children and accompanying relatives, house and
feed volunteers, and offer other services in local hospitals. The participating
hospitals cooperate by providing operating rooms, personnel and beds. The doctors,
nurses, pediatricians and anesthesiologists donate all medical services.

Hospital for the Rehabilitation of Craniofacial Anomalies of the University of
Sco Paulo (HRAC/USP)
www.centrinho.usp.br
TRAC/USP is a treatment center for lip and palate and other craniofacial anomalies
located in Bauru, Brazil.

North America

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Phone: 519-846-0630
Fax: (519) 846-9529
www.csohns.com
The CSO-HNS is dedicated to improving patient health care through the support of education, the promotion of research, the dissemination of information, the scientific advancement of the Society and the maintenance of high standards. The Society collaborates with the Royal College, publishes a journal and holds annual meetings. Website contains links for patient information.

Worldwide

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Hirsche Smiles Foundation
1055 North 300 West, Suite #401
Provo, Utah 84604-3354
Phone: 801-375-4646
www.holt.org/hirsche
The Hirsche Smiles Foundation was founded in the early 1990's by Dr. Blayne Hirsche, a plastic surgeon affiliated with Utah Valley Regional Medical Center. The foundation primarily provides free medical services to children and young adults in Guatemala, Nicaragua and Zimbabwe. The procedures rendered include cleft lip and palate surgeries, scar modification and ear reconstruction. Along with medical services, the medical teams also provide educational and recreational materials (i.e. school supplies) as well as other supplies (i.e. blankets and food) to the children and families.

Interplast, Inc.
857 Maude Ave.
Mountain View, California 94041-1506
A non-profit organization founded in 1969 by Dr. Donald Laub, who was then the Chief of Reconstructive and Plastic Surgery at Stanford University Medical Center. Interplast sends teams of volunteer reconstructive medical professionals to treat children born with life-debilitating deformities, such as primarily cleft lip and palate and injuries associated with burns.

Wired MD
www.wiredmd.com
Web-based medicine site, administered by Interplast, which allows participating physicians to post reconstructive consultations thereby engendering discussion from surgeons throughout the world.

International Association of Physicians in Audiology (IAPA)
www.icbdsr.org
Founded in 1980, the IAPA promotes research, clinical practice and training in audiological medicine through biannual symposia and by promoting the publication of the Journal of Audiological medicine. The IAPA has over 200 members from 40 countries worldwide.

International Clearinghouse for Birth Defects
www.icbdsr.org
ICBD is a non governmental organization of the International Clearinghouse for Birth Defects Monitoring Systems that collaborates with public health institutions, epidemiologic organizations, parents support groups and associations to help the patients worldwide.

International Society of Craniofacial Surgery (ISCFS)
www.iscfs.org/index.html
Founded in 1983, the ISCFS provides a forum for surgeons to exchange information and technology, fostering a worldwide community of leading experts in this highly specialized field of medicine.

Operation Rainbow, Inc.
4200 Park Blvd PMB 157
Oakland, CA 94602
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www.operationrainbow.org
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Operation Smile  
6435 Tidewater Drive  
Norfolk, VA 23509  
Phone: 1-888-OPSMILE (888-677-6453)  
Funding proposals for Operation Smile

World Health Organization  
International Collaborative Research on Craniofacial Anomalies  
www.who.int/entity/genomics/anomalies/en/  

Web site includes links to patient support resources and organizations that treat cleft lip and palate.

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www.worldcf.org/

A non-profit dedicated to providing access to physical and emotional healing for children with craniofacial deformities. WCF also provides resources of excellence in patient care, education and research.

Financial Assistance

Austin Smiles (Austin, TX)  
512/451-9300  
www.austinsmiles.org/  
Provides reconstructive plastic surgery, primarily cleft lip and palate repairs, to the children of Austin and the 10 county area surrounding Austin and in various locations in Latin America.

Craniofacial Foundation of AZ  
877/479-3223  
www.azcranio.com/  
Provides financial and emotional support for craniofacial patients and their families. Assistance is available to adults as well as children and, while the fund is intended primarily for Arizona residents, it is non-exclusive.

First Hand Foundation  
816/201-1569  
www.cerner.com/firsthand
Helps the families of children with health problems address the financial aspects of their child's healthcare.

**Forward Face**  
212/684-5860  
[www.forwardface.org](http://www.forwardface.org)  
Forward Face is a non-profit tax-exempt organization whose mission is to help children and their families find immediate support to manage the medical and social effects of facial differences. The organization also works to educate, advocate and raise public awareness about craniofacial conditions.

**Fresh Start Surgical Gifts**  
888/551-1003  
[www.freshstart.org](http://www.freshstart.org)  
Provides reconstructive plastic surgery and related services to children and young adults with physical deformities. All services are provided free. The services, including surgery, dental, and speech clinic are provided in San Diego, California.

**Healing the Children**  
509/327-4281  
[www.healingchildren.org](http://www.healingchildren.org)  
HTC provides medical care and treatment in the U.S. and throughout the world. Refer to local Chapter.

**National Craniofacial Association (FACES)**  
800/332-2373  
[www.faces-cranio.org](http://www.faces-cranio.org)  
Provides financial assistance for supportive services (transportation, food, lodging, etc.)

**Shriners Hospitals for Children**  
800/237-5055  
[www.shrinershq.org](http://www.shrinershq.org)  
Children under the age of 18 receive excellent medical care absolutely free of charge. Cleft teams in Chicago, Cincinnati, Portland and Springfield.

**World Craniofacial Foundation**  
800/533-3315  
[www.worldcf.org](http://www.worldcf.org)  
Provides financial assistance for children who are in need of medical treatment to correct birth-related or acquired deformities of the head and face, including trauma, degenerative diseases and tumors.