

# 5 YEAR

## IMPACT & GRATITUDE REPORT



JAN 2015  
-  
JAN 2020



# MESSAGE OF IMPACT

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In the last 5 years, SpineHope has made incredible strides on the global outreach front. In accordance with our mission, we have helped build a sustainable pediatric spine program in Costa Rica that empowered local surgeons to clear over 150 children from their waiting list. We have also established partnerships with two new global sites in Ukraine and Ecuador, both sites having a substantial need for pediatric spine clinics. The clinics we set up with our host surgeons and partnering hospitals include patient reported outcomes, new patient clinics, and follow-up clinics. Our goal is to provide the same high level of care at our outreach sites as the finest institutions in the world and prove it with data.

In addition, partnering with Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas (member of Ascension), we have advanced our Hub Program to help children from under-resourced countries. Since 2015, we have provided spine care for a dozen patients. We continue to follow these patients with long term follow-up visits in person sponsored by our donors and via remote televisits. We hope you see the value of our programs and help us continue our mission.

## **MATTHEW GECK, M.D.**

Board Chairman / Co-Founder / Volunteer Spine Surgeon



I am proud of our achievements and am beyond grateful for the overwhelming support SpineHope has received from generous sponsors, donors and volunteers, making our mission a noteworthy success.

Together we can continue to make an impact one child, one spine at a time. Here's to the next 5 years!

## **DAWN DEAKIN**

Executive Director





# FIVE YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

**50**

CHILDREN  
RECEIVED  
SURGERY

## GLOBAL OUTREACH

- 3 Global Programs/Sites
- 38 Spine/Neuro Surgeries
- 172 Patient Examinations
- 59 Trip Volunteers
- 8 International Partnering Organizations

**186**

PATIENT  
SPINE  
EXAMS

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- 7 Fundraising Benefits
- 4 Kendra Scott Give Parties
- 6 Events to Raise Awareness
- 50+ Event Volunteers

## HUB PROGRAM

(in Austin, Texas)

- 12 Corrective Spine Operations
- 2 Halo Gravity Traction Cases
- 2 Additional Patients Assessed
  - 30+ Care Provider/Product/Surgical Service/Testing Donors, Volunteers & Sponsors

## EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAMS

During Global Site Visits:

- 2 Education Conferences
- 2 Round Table Discussions
- Training on Advanced Surgical Techniques & Spine Care

OVER

**575,000**

MILES TRAVELED FOR  
GLOBAL OUTREACH  
& HUB PROGRAMS

OVER

**\$10 MILLION**

OF DONATED  
MEDICAL SERVICES,  
PRODUCT & SUPPLIES

## OUR MISSION:

To transform the lives of children worldwide through spine surgery, education and research.



# GLOBAL OUTREACH SITES

**200**

on the Waiting  
List for Surgery  
Reduced to

**2**

## COSTA RICA, CENTRAL AMERICA

2015 - 2017

HOSPITAL NACIONAL DE NIÑOS, SAN JOSE

- 3 Surgical Trips
- 32 Pediatric Spine Surgeries
- 3 All Day Clinics Examining a Total of 83 Patients
- Onsite Training & Education for Local Surgeons, Medical Staff & Students Helped Build a Sustainable Spine Clinic
- 37 Trip Volunteers



- 1 Surgical Trip, 2 Scouting Trips
- 3 Pediatric Spine Surgeries
- 2 All Day Clinics Examining a Total of 29 Patients
- Future Planning Focused on Establishing Multiple Sites in Ecuador
- 15 Trip Volunteers

## ECUADOR, SOUTH AMERICA

2018 - 2020

HOSPITAL DE LOS VALLES, QUITO

Strong  
Relationships  
with Local  
Groups &  
Partners





# UKRAINE, EUROPE

2019-2020

CENTRAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL, STRYI

60  
Patients  
Examined in  
1 All Day  
Clinic

- 1 Surgical Trip
- 3 Pediatric Spine/Neuro Surgeries
- 1 All Day Clinic Examining a Total of 60 Patients
- 7 Trip Volunteers
- Future Planning Focused on Establishing Multiple Surgical Sites in Ukraine
- Working Alongside the Local Team at the International Neurosurgery Center to Build a Longterm Pediatric Spine Program to Help Ukrainian Children Suffering from Spine & Neurological Conditions



## GLOBAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS

SpineHope programs are NOT based on a fly in-do-surgery-leave model. Our goal has always been to help establish sustainable spine care programs wherever we go, meaning we help equip locals at our sites with the knowledge and skills necessary to take care of their own children with complex spine problems in our absence. We aspire to make ripple effects through the local system and duplicate excellence via data and reporting.



# HUB PROGRAM - AUSTIN, TEXAS

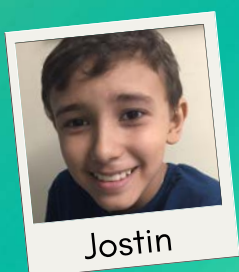


12  
Children in  
4  
Years

- 12 Children Received Corrective Spine Operations & Other Surgical Treatment
- 2 Halo Gravity Traction Procedures Performed
- 2 Additional Children were Evaluated
- Patients Brought to Austin were Treated for Scoliosis, Kyphosis & Complex Spine Conditions
- Collaborated with 30+ Care Providers, Product & Surgical Service Donors, Testing & Imaging Companies, Child Sponsors & Volunteers

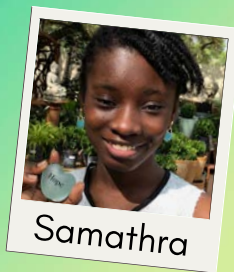


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Republic of  
Guyana &  
Sri Lanka



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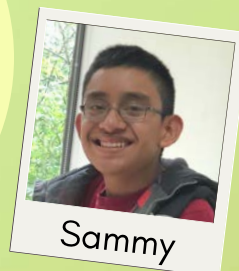
Collaborative  
Effort with 30+  
Local Austin  
Partners &  
Volunteers



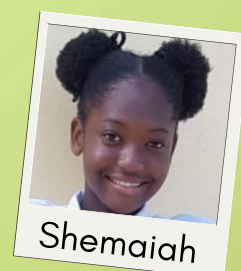
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In 2014, we launched the SpineHope Hub Program, focused on bringing children from countries with zero or limited access to spine care to Austin, Texas for evaluation and surgical treatment, followed by a recovery period. The majority of services are donated and SpineHope, along with generous child sponsors, cover the expenses of bringing the patient and guardian for a 6-8 week stay (including travel, accommodations, food, visa fees, medical costs not donated and medication).



# ABOUT SPINEHOPE

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Millions of children around the world suffer from severe spinal deformities and are in need of surgical treatment. For a significant number of these children, access to quality spine care is limited or non-existent. Because spine operations are difficult and costly, deformities are often overlooked and ignored as are other complex spine conditions. The negative impact on the children and their families (physically, mentally, emotionally and financially) is enormous.

Since 2008, SpineHope has been a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing advanced spine care to children from under-resourced countries. Our goals are to help correct spinal conditions and provide optimal treatment to improve quality of life, reduce pain and, when possible, prevent paralysis. We offer direct services to patients as well as education and support to surgeons and medical teams worldwide.

For more information and to learn how you can get involved to advance our mission and help more children in need...

Visit our website: [www.spinehope.org](http://www.spinehope.org)

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CHILDREN WE SERVE



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