

Nogales, Arizona Fall 2017

Cleft Palate/Cleft Lip Mission—October 2017

October 7-11 we will again journey to Hermosillo for our Annual Cleft Palate/Cleft Lip Mission. This is our 13th year of bringing life-changing surgery to children living in Mexico.

Angel de Jesus Izaguirre Verdugo was born with a double cleft lip and cleft palate. His twin brother, however, had neither. In 2010 when he was 4 months old, his parents brought him to the Annual Cleft Palate/Cleft Lip Mission for cleft lip surgery. Afterwards his father said, "Now he looks like his brother."



Angel de Jesus with his twin brother and parents and pediatrician Dr. Paul Melchert of Children's Surgery International.



Luna Lopez Monterrosa was born with a cleft lip. Her mother brought her to our March 2017 Clinic. The nutritionist gave her mother one Haberman bottle and nipples to help Luna get the nutrition she needs. She is one month old in this picture and lives in Nogales, Sonora. She is on the list for surgery in October.



The family lives in Ciudad de Obregon, Sonora.

Since 2010 Angel de Jesus has had cleft palate surgeries and speech therapy. Today Angel de



Jesus is very happy with his smile. He is six years old.

Angel de Jesus will continue to have surgeries and speech therapy as needed.

If you make a donation for the Annual Cleft Palate/Cleft Lip Mission, please write "cleft palate/lip" on the memo line of your check. ¡Gracias!

Patients Need Different Services

In the **Augmentative/Alternative Communications Department** children who are unable to speak learn to use



I-Pads with special software to communicate. Here, Gloria Ramos (right) shows Sofia Martinez Buelna how to use her I-Pad. Sofia is 5 years old and Gloria is 12. Both girls live in Nogales, Sonora.

Here Elias Santiago is happy to receive his new eye glasses



provided by the **Vision Department**. He is 2 years old and he lives in Caborca, Sonora.

Physical Therapists in the **Physical Therapy Department** work to improve the children's motor functioning in areas of balance, coordination, movement, and mobility.

In the photo at the top of the next column, two physical therapists work with a cerebral palsy



patient, Christian Flores. Christian and his twin brother, Brian are both patients at The Clinic. They are age 9 and live in Caborca, Sonora.



Here a dental technician from First Things First applies fluoride to Jorge Felix. He is one year old and lives in Caborca, Sonora.

The fluoride treatment is provided to children age five and under. Because Mexico's water is not fluoridated, they can be treated every month if they are at The Clinic.

Camila Molina visits The Clinic because she has scoliosis of the spine. She is a patient in the **Orthopedics Department**.

She is five years old and lives in Magdalena, Sonora. To make it



easier for her to get around, the American Wheelchair Mission provided her with a wheelchair at the May Clinic.

Then and Now

María Guadalupe Cardenas was eight years old in the picture below. She received a doll from the Tucson Doll Guild at the Christmas Clinic in 2010. Maria lives in Nogales, Sonora.

María has scoliosis of the spine and one leg is longer than



the other. She is a patient in the **Physical Therapy Department, Orthotic and Prosthetic Department, and Orthopedics Department.** She wears ankle-foot orthoses (AFOs) and special shoes.



Above at age 12, she was doing lunges in the **Physical**

Therapy Department.

María has been a regular Clinic patient and is now 15 years old. María's family is very grateful to The Clinic and its volunteers.



AFOs cost \$750, and special shoes are \$70-\$150. These are provided to the patient free of charge.

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Clinic Wish List

To donate any of the items below, please call the Clinic office in Green Valley at: (520) 648-3242 or e-mail office@standrewsclinic.org

- AA Batteries for speech/ language devices
- Bacitracin ointment
- Benefiber, Fibersure or Unifiber (non-gelling)
- Blenders
- Breakfast drinks
- Coloring books and crayons
- Clorox wipes
- Disposable diapers (esp. newborn size)
- Eyeglass frames (children's, used)
- Hand sanitizers
- Hearing aids (used) and batteries, pref. #13 & #675
- Hydrocortisone (1% ointment)
- Peanut butter
- Pediasure (generic okay)
- Physical therapy (exercise balls (45 cm & 55 cm)
- Physio rolls "peanut balls" (30 cm & 40 cm)
- Powdered milk
- Prune juice—small cans only
- Simple picture books in Spanish
- Small mirrors & small toys/prizes for homework rewards
- Toys
- Trash bags with drawstring
- Umbrella strollers (available at Wal-Mart)
- Vitamins, children's chewable with iron
- Wipes
- Ziploc bags—quart size only

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport patients from the Border to the Tucson airport and return.

We also need volunteers for special projects.

To volunteer, call The Clinic office at (520) 648-3242.

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Cassie Muñoz of Nogales, Sonora waits patiently to be seen in the **Orthopedics Department**. She is five years old.

Pictured below is Jesus Gael Soto Lopez of Nogales, Sonora. He is three years old and visits the **Physical Therapy Department** and **Orthotic and Prosthetic Department**.

Jesus loves to interact with our Physical Therapists as they teach him and his mother exercise techniques to improve his



mobility and balance.

Dulce Aguilar, age 7 lives in Nogales, Sonora and visits the **Orthotic and Prosthetic Department**. She wears AFOs on both legs.



Mario Rodriguez Ruiz is a patient in the **Vision Department**. He has a red spot on his eye.

Mario is examined by a volunteer ophthalmologist. The Arizona



Medical Eye Unit from The University of Arizona come twice a year to see our patients.



Sofia Romero Dominguez is two years old and lives in Imuris, Sonora. She is a patient in the **Vision Department** and **Orthopedics Department**.

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Grettel Vazquez Fierra is fed by her mother in the **Nutrition Department**. She is six months old and lives in Nogales, Sonora.

Grettel was born with a cleft palate. Her mother received a Haberman bottle to improve her nutrition. The nutritionists teach the mothers how to make proper use of these bottles.

Milagros Varela Soto is blind.



She is seven years old and lives in Nogales, Sonora.

Milagros is a patient in the **Vision Department**. In this department our volunteers help blind children learn to walk with a white cane and learn how to use a braille writer. Refurbished braille writers are provided to patients by

The Clinic free of charge. A refurbished braille writer costs \$250.

In the picture below she is with one of our many volunteers, who teaches her how to use her cane.



Dylan Gonzalez is a patient in the **Orthopedics Department**. He is one years old and lives in Nogales, Sonora. Dylan has one part of his arm stuck to another.



Please Visit Us

Clinic Day tours for groups of 4-6 people are offered to the public (please see our calendar on the last page). The Clinic takes place at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 969 W. Country Club Drive, Nogales, Arizona. Take exit 8 off I-19 to Country Club Drive (the first traffic light) and turn right. You'll see the Church on the left.

Reservations are needed

for tours. To reserve your place on a morning tour, please call The Clinic office in Green Valley at: **(520) 648-3242** or e-mail: office@standrewsclinic.org

Each tour will begin with a video overview of The Clinic in operation. Then, a volunteer guide will lead the tour through The Clinic. Visitors are asked to refrain from taking photographs without permission.

Please note: From the Welcome Table, you will need to walk several hundred yards over our unpaved, uneven and slightly uphill driveway to the Ramada for the video and beginning of the tour. You will find that there are several congested areas in The Clinic. Please give right-of-way to Clinic patients and volunteers. Thank you!

Patients Need Different Services

Aidyla Natale Cardenas Arias, age 3, is from Nogales, Sonora. She is a patient in the **Orthopedics Department**. She wears special shoes which cost \$70-\$150.

The special shoes provided by St. Andrew's Clinic will help her with support and make her mobility easier.



Arath Campa Angano is a patient in the **Audiology Department**. He is 15 years old and lives



in Hermosillo Sonora. He sits with a smile waiting to take his hearing test.

In the picture below are Luis, Angel, and Julio De la Rosa. The three brothers are patients in the **Nutrition Department**.

They are age 12,10, and 7 and live in Nogales, Sonora. The nutritionist told them and their mother that they had a poor diet and they should eat more vegetables.



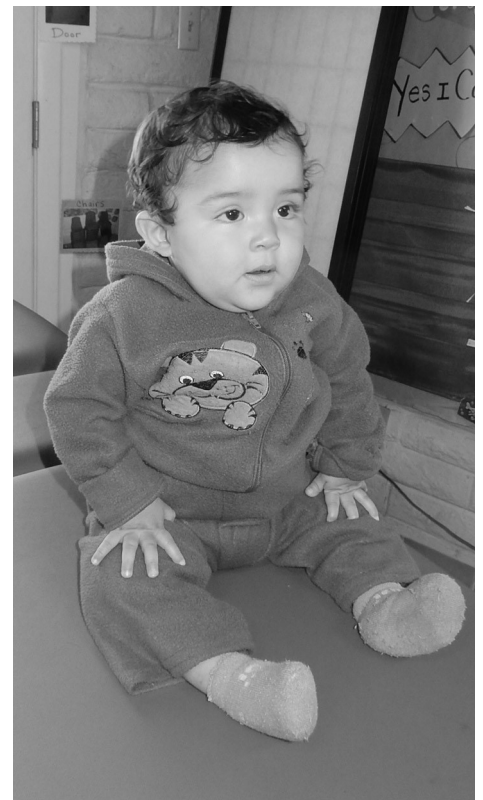
Sofia Alvarez is a patient in the **Orthopedics Department**. She is ten months old and lives in Culiacan, Sonora.

Sofia and her mother come to The Clinic with the hope of having her toe problems fixed.



Keneth Juarez Balbastro is one year old and lives in Nogales, Sonora. He is a patient in the **Orthopedics Department**. He was born with club feet.

Usually surgery at Shriners Hospital is done to correct the condition. The Clinic pays for airfare for the patient and accompanying parent to the hospital. Cost is about \$1,000 for both.



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Jesus Uriel Zamora Garcia is a new patient in the **Pediatrics Department**. He is ten years old and lives in Hermosillo, Sonora.



Jesus has Schwartz-Jampel Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder characterized by abnormalities of the skeletal muscles.

Javier Bojorquez a patient in the **Speech and Language Therapy Department**.

He was born with a double cleft lip and cleft palate. Javier is five years old and lives in Nogales, Sonora.

He is pictured here interacting with an I-Pad to improve articulation and language skills after his cleft lip and cleft palate surgeries.



Ways to Give to St. Andrew's Children's Clinic

There are several ways you can give to St. Andrew's Children's Clinic, either directly or indirectly.

- Enclosed envelope; send check or we will charge to your credit card.
- PayPal from our web site: www.standrewsclinic.org. Click on the **Make a donation** button on the Home page and again on the Donation page.

- e-Scrip program; register St. Andrew's Children's Clinic with your e-Scrip account and a percentage of your purchases will be donated to The Clinic. Online, go to: www.escrip.com and click on: **Make a Difference**.
- AmazonSmile; a portion of your purchases will be donated to the charitable organization of your choice. Web address:

- smile.amazon.com. Choose St. Andrew's Children's Clinic.
- Win a new 2017 Ford Explorer Platinum. Raffle tickets are \$25 or 5 for \$100. Money goes directly to The Clinic. Order from The Clinic office: (520) 648-3242 or e-mail: office@standrewsclinic.org. Compliments of Jim Click Ford of Tucson. Entries must be received by December 8, 2017.

Remember the Clinic with Planned Giving and for Memorials

We now have a Planned Giving brochure that you can request which will give you ideas for how to include St. Andrew's Children's Clinic in your future plans. Contact our business office for a copy: (520) 648-3248; office@standrewsclinic.org.

Looking for a way to honor

someone special in your life? A contribution to The Clinic is a nice way to honor someone special—to say thank you, happy birthday, happy anniversary, etc. It will also help patients who need The Clinic's services.

Send your check in the envelope enclosed with this newsletter.

Include the information about the memorial or honoring. The Clinic office will send the person notice of the memorial or honoring. For memorials listed in obituaries, please include our correct name and address: St. Andrew's Children's Clinic, P.O. Box 67, Green Valley, AZ 85622.

Clinic Calendar

The Clinic meets on the first Thursday of every month except July.

- October 5 (Clinic)
- November 2 (Clinic)
- November 18, 9am-noon (Arizona Hearing Specialists Donation Drive, Tucson & Green Valley)*
- December 3, 2-6 pm (Wine & Cheese Among the Trees, Nogales, AZ)*
- December 7 (Clinic)

*Read more about these events on our Web site.

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The mission of St. Andrew's Children's Clinic in Nogales, Arizona is to provide free, specialized medical care to children living in Mexico who cannot get the care or afford the care they need in their home country.

Victoria Gutierrez is two months old and lives in Nogales, Sonora. She was born with a cleft lip. She is pictured below in the **Nutrition Department**. She is on list to have cleft lip surgery in October.



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