

Nogales, Arizona Spring 2018

FACT SHEET FY 2017

For 45 years, St. Andrew's Children's Clinic has provided free, specialized medical care to children living in Mexico who cannot get the care or afford the care they need in their home country. The Clinic is held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Nogales, Arizona.



Mariana is 9 and lives in Hermosillo, Sonora. She was born with both a cleft lip and a cleft palate. She has had 2 surgeries at our Annual Cleft Palate/Cleft Lip Mission in Hermosillo, Sonora. In October 2017 she had bone graft surgery, a tooth extraction, and a minor lip revision. She will continue to visit our Clinic for Speech Therapy and Orthodontal care.

The Clinic is Celebrating 45 years in 2018. A "Clinic of Love."

St. Andrew's Children's Clinic is a non-denominational, non-profit organization, with a volunteer professional health care staff. The staff sees approximately 225-250 children the first Thursday of each month except July. Every October, in cooperation with Children's Surgery International and CIMA Hospital, 50-60 children (on average) have cleft palate/cleft lip surgery in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. This special mission involves volunteers on both sides of the US-Mexico border who work with the medical team to give patients smiles and a much better life.

In 2017, with the help of generous donors and volunteers, St. Andrew's Children's Clinic provided the following:

- 3,938 Clinic hours by volunteer health care professionals
- 5,229 Clinic hours by other volunteers
- 2,293 patient visits
- 128 first-time patients to The Clinic
- 123 office visits (US and Mexico)
- 123 lab tests (US and Mexico)
- 72 cleft palate/cleft lip surgeries (56 children)
- 8,010 prof. health volunteer hours for cleft palate/lip surgeries
- 525 dental visits
- 52 eye doctor/surgeries
- 39 orthopedic surgeries
- 82 pairs of eye glasses dispensed
- 39 round-trip flights and transportation to hospitals for patients
- 29 prostheses
- 171 pairs of corrective shoes and orthotics
- 32 repaired hearing aids
- 37 customized wheel chairs, walkers, and strollers
- 122 donated wheel chairs distributed
- 30 prescriptions, for cornea transplants or dermatology patients
- 9 iPads and software for augmentative/alternative communication patients
- also, medicated eye drops; Braille writers; strollers; speech and language equipment; nutritional supplements; physical, occupational, and speech therapy; dermatology and cardiology consultations; and many generous donations of blankets, diapers, and toys.

98% of all donations goes to patient care.

Cleft Palate/Cleft Lip Mission—2017

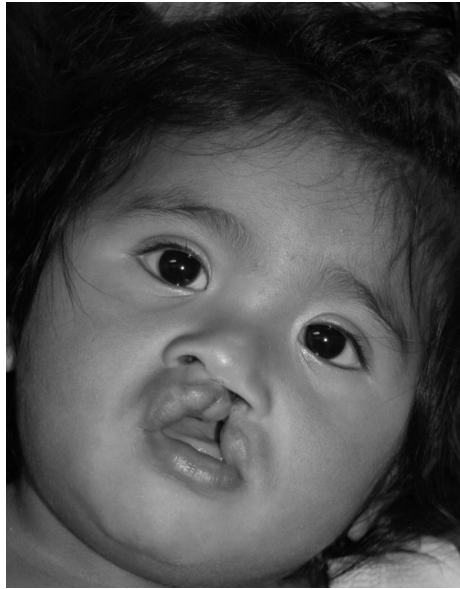
October 7-11 we traveled to Hermosillo, Sonora for our 13th Annual Cleft Palate/Cleft Lip Mission. This mission is a three-way partnership. Medical staff from Children's Surgery International, based in Minneapolis, provides the specialists and medical staff. Hospital CIMA provides surgical and exam rooms at a discounted rate. Their volunteers, the Voluntariado, pre-screen patients and organize files, and provide entertainment for the children. St. Andrew's Children's Clinic raises funding for the mission, provides nutritional supplements, special bottles/nipples, and speech therapy. Clinic staff also serve as interpreters throughout the Mission.

This year we had surgeries on three days. There were 72 surgeries on 56 children. Surgeries included cleft palate, cleft lip, pharyngeal flap, alveolar (bone) graft, and rhinoplasty.

We will be updating the cleft palate section of our web site over the next couple of months. Please check there for more information about this part of our clinic: www.standrewsclinic.org.

This mission changes lives dramatically. When we take on a patient we commit to seeing that the child gets all the surgeries needed which can be as many as 6 for cleft palate patients.

Ana Patricia Rodriguez had cleft lip surgery in 2010 at the age of 1. She was born with a cleft palate also.

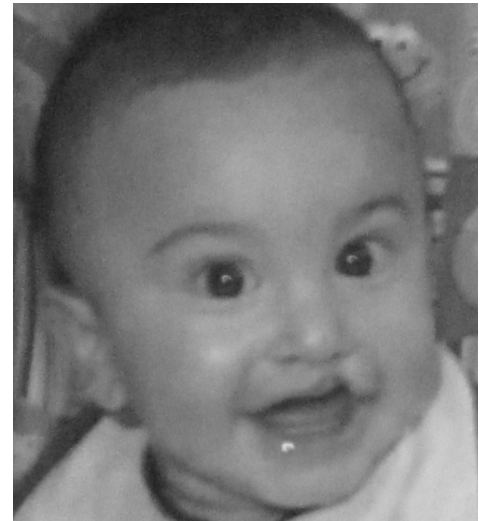


Ana is now 8 years old. She lives in Nogales, Sonoran. She is a patient in the **Speech Therapy and Nutrition Departments**.

Ana's mother receives Nutritional supplements all free of charge by the Clinic.



Gadiel Guerrero Gonzalez was born with a cleft lip and cleft palate. In 2013, he had his first cleft lip surgery at the age of 1. A year later he came back to Hermosillo for his cleft palate surgery and a lip repair.



In the picture below he is three years old and visits the **Speech Therapy Department**.



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Then and Now

Alexis Morales Sanchez age 4, interacts with a tablet to help him with his speech impediment in the **Speech and Language Therapy Department** in 2007. He lives in Nogales, Sonora.



He is capable of using an iPad which will help him communicate with family, friends, and teachers. An iPad 4 with case and basic software costs about \$500

In the photo below, Alexis is 12 years old and using his iPad to communicate with his mother and friends at the Clinic in the **Augmentative/Alternative Communications Department**.



Fernando Rio Canales age 8 is pictured with his father as he shows off his new glasses given to him by the **Vision Department**. He has cerebral palsy and vision problems.

Fernando on the picture below is 12 years old and lives in Caborca, Sonora. Fernando visits the **Physical Therapy Department**



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.

Christmas Joy at St. Andrew's Children's Clinic

Students from Nogales High School come hand out toys and set up a "Meet and Greet" with Santa. They take photos of the patients with Santa and later in the day they receive said photo with a decorative frame.

Students pose with Juan Heriberto and his family receiving their brand new Big Folding Slide.

Juan is a patient in the **Pediatrics Department** and **Orthopedics Department**. He lives in Nogales, Sonora and is 5 years old.



The picture below shows two brothers Damien and Esteban Apodaca receiving a tool Workshop. They live in Nogales, Sonora and are 3 and 5 years old.



The Tucson Doll Guild ready to disburse 220-240 toys to the children. This year they celebrated their 15th year of making our children smile with brand new dolls, remote control cars, basketballs, and actions figures.



Every year 8th grade students at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School in Tucson raise money to buy stuffed toys for the children. This year a group of 30 students purchased 225 lions.



The Woodworkers of Green Valley make beautiful wooden toys for our patients. They make carousels, cars, trucks, planes, jewelry boxes, doll cradles and houses, and foosball tables.



Staff from Arizona Hearing Specialists, Tucson and Green Valley, are volunteers in the **Audiology Department**. They hold an Annual Donation drive each November and collect clothes, toys, non-perishables food to give to the children at our December Clinic.



In the photo below from left to right: Officer Francisco Fuentes, Canine, Officer Angelica Lopex her daughter Isabella Lopex, Supervisor Armendariz, and her son Alex Armendariz.

They hand out balloons, stickers, and tattoos to our patients and allow the kids to pet the canine.



Patients Need Different Services



Jesus Octavio Benitez Valdez, age 17, and lives in the Villa Juarez, Sonora. Jesus is a double amputee and is a patient in the **Physical Therapy Department**.

Jesus loves to show his goofy side as he does a hand stand.



Jose Villa is 14 and lives in Nogales, Sonora. He tries on his new glasses while visiting the **Vision Department**.



Ramses Aguilera age 17 is lives in Nogales, Sonora and is blind. Here he is being taught to use a Braille writer by our **Vision Department** volunteers. The Clinic provides patients with Braille writers free of charge.



If you would like to make a donation to buy a braille writer for a child, the cost is about \$250; we purchase used braille writers on e-bay.

Luis Angel Campos Aguilar is 11 years old and lives in Sinaloa, Sonora. He has cerebral palsy and is a new patient in **Orthotics and Prosthesis Departments**.



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!

White Elephant and the Clinic

Every year we are invited to participate in the White Elephant Parade in Green Valley as one of the many recipients of funding from this organization. This year the parade theme was, "Resale-Recycle-Rejoice."



Our float featured boxes covered with paper flowers with the words Resale and Rejoice, a large elephant covered with white paper flowers with green eye glasses, a tree with red apples, a swing seat with the word rejoice on the top as well as two swinging children. In all we guess that our volunteers made 1,500 paper flowers.



This year we dedicated our float to The Reverend James P. Fitzsimmons in his Memory. He was treasurer and board member of the Clinic. He spent many hours facilitating the work of the clinic.



His banner leading our Float to Victory as we won first place in our division.

In December we attended the White Elephant Distribution Day where we received \$50,000 as one of many area organizations who received funding through grant submission.

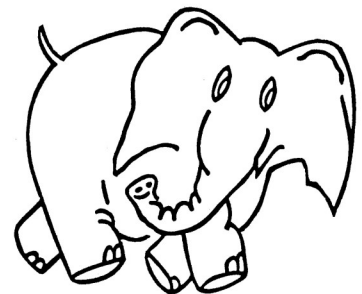


In the picture above, Laura Romero Executive Director of The Clinic thanks the White Elephant and its volunteers for their continued support all these years.

She presented them with a gift of gratitude, Jim Fitzsimmons Memorial Banner.



The Clinic is grateful to the White Elephant and all our donors who make it possible to provide the much needed medical care that our children need.



Patients Need Different Services



Alan Antonio Morales Armenta (left) is 7 years old and lives in Caborca, Sonora. He is a patient in the **Nutrition Department** and **Physical Therapy Department**. He suffers from seizures.



Mia Bellas is a new patient in the **Vision Department**. She has sight problems and is 9 months old. She lives in Nogales, Sonora.



Oscar Borboa, age 5, getting his ears checked by one of The Clinics volunteers. He lives in Nogales, Sonora and has hearing loss. Oscar is a patient in the **Audiology Department**.

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.

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.

- April 6 (Clinic)
- May 4 (Clinic)
- June 1 (Clinic)
- August 3 (Clinic)
- September 7 (Clinic)

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Bianca Patricia Rodriguez, 3, from Nogales, Sonora is a patient in the **Nutrition** and **Pediatrics Departments**. She is an under-sized 3 year old.



St. Andrew's Children's Clinic receives funding from individuals, churches, organizations, corporations, and foundations. No government funding is received from either the United States or Mexico. Of donations received, 98% goes to direct patient care.