

2018-2019

Field  
REPORT





“ At the WorldCF, we have believed for thirty years that possessing a face you aren't forced to hide is a fundamental human right—as important to a fully lived life as freedom from fear or want. When children possess normal faces—when they can see, hear, speak, and chew normally, and when they're not forced to hide their faces from the world, their spirits can soar. Nothing in life seems more important to me than that possibility. ”



KENNETH SALYER, M.D.  
Founder & Chairman, World Craniofacial Foundation



Established in 1989, the World Craniofacial Foundation has raised millions of dollars to help save and renew thousands of children's lives. Our partners across the globe work diligently to transform lives through access to the latest medical and surgical innovations. We believe all children should have access to lifesaving and life-renewing medical treatment, no matter where they live, no matter their ability to pay.



WorldCF Medical Administrator  
**Dr. Diego Steinberg**

WorldCF Medical Director  
**Dr. David Chong**





WorldCF Medical Director  
**Dr. Akira Yamada**



**Stephie**, Philippines, prior to her recent surgery, 2018

In 2018 and 2019,  
the WorldCF has  
**transformed** the lives of

**69** patients

on

**5** continents.

**These patients live in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the United States.**

They are children who suffer from Apert's syndrome, arteriovenous malformation, Crouzon's syndrome, cleft lip and palate, craniosynostosis, encephalocele, Goldenhar syndrome, facial cleft, hydrocephalus, metopic synostosis, microtia, nasoethmoidal mass, neurofibromatosis, syndactyly, and many other disorders.



**Angelica** at seven days, eight years, eleven years, and in high school

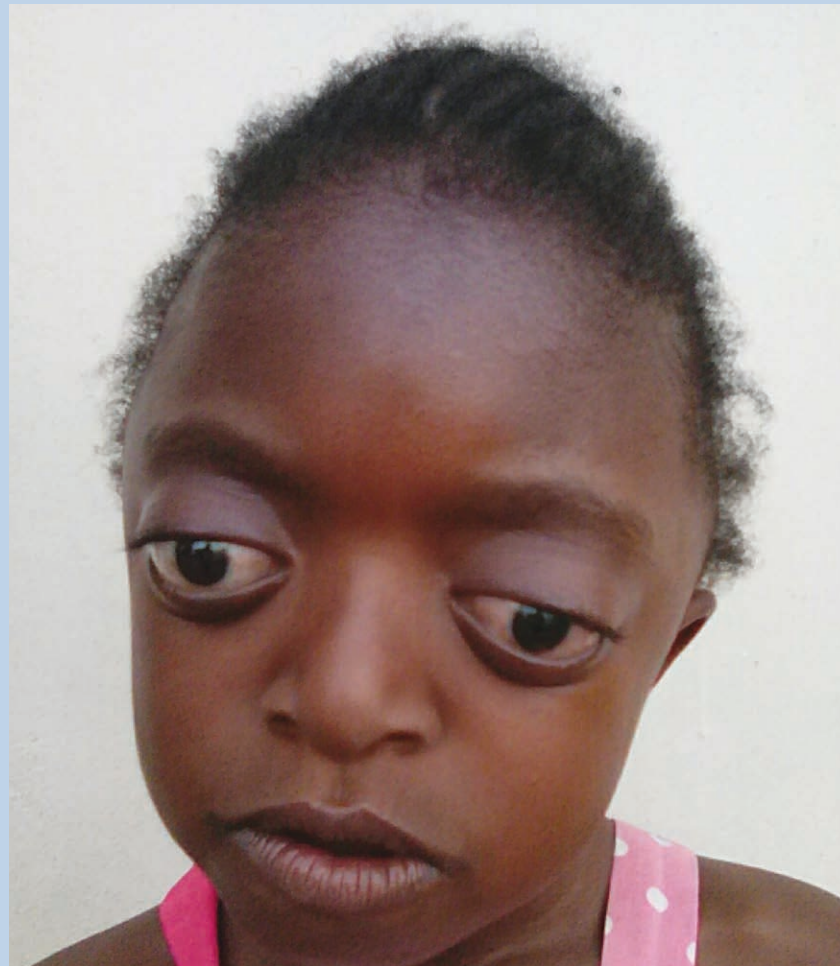
**We have provided direct surgical care, evaluations, referrals, and travel and lodging support to help each of them live normal lives.**



These are a few of our precious patients before and soon after their initial surgeries.

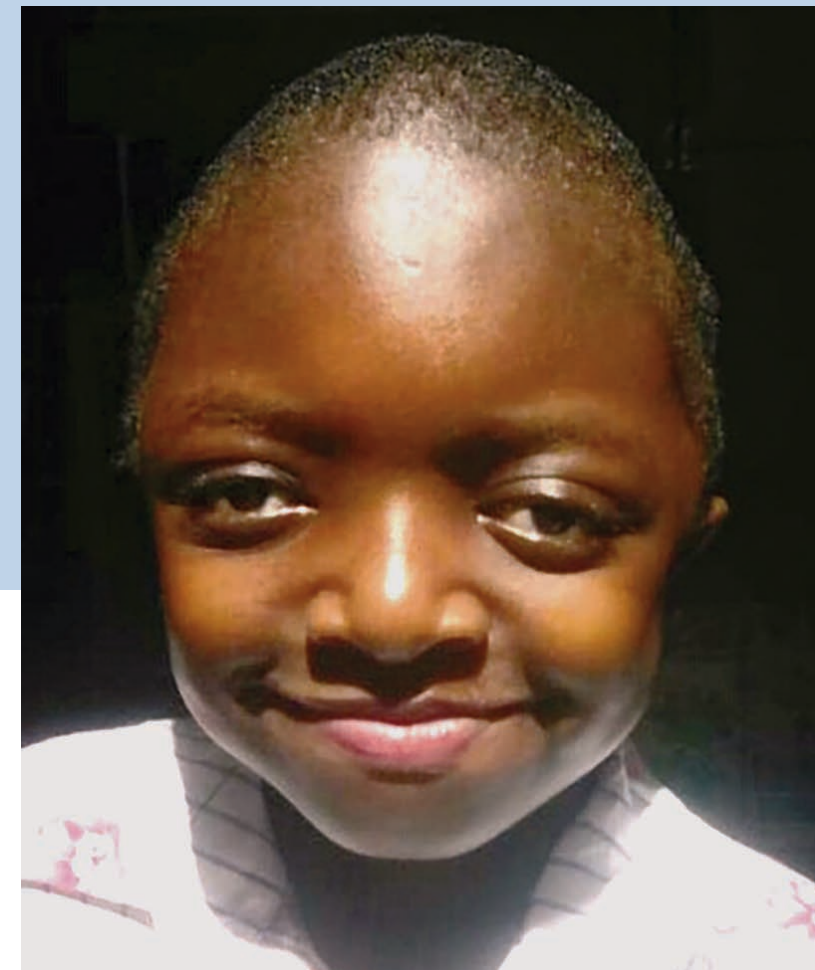


Many patients require multiple surgeries before they become adults.



**Gabisile**

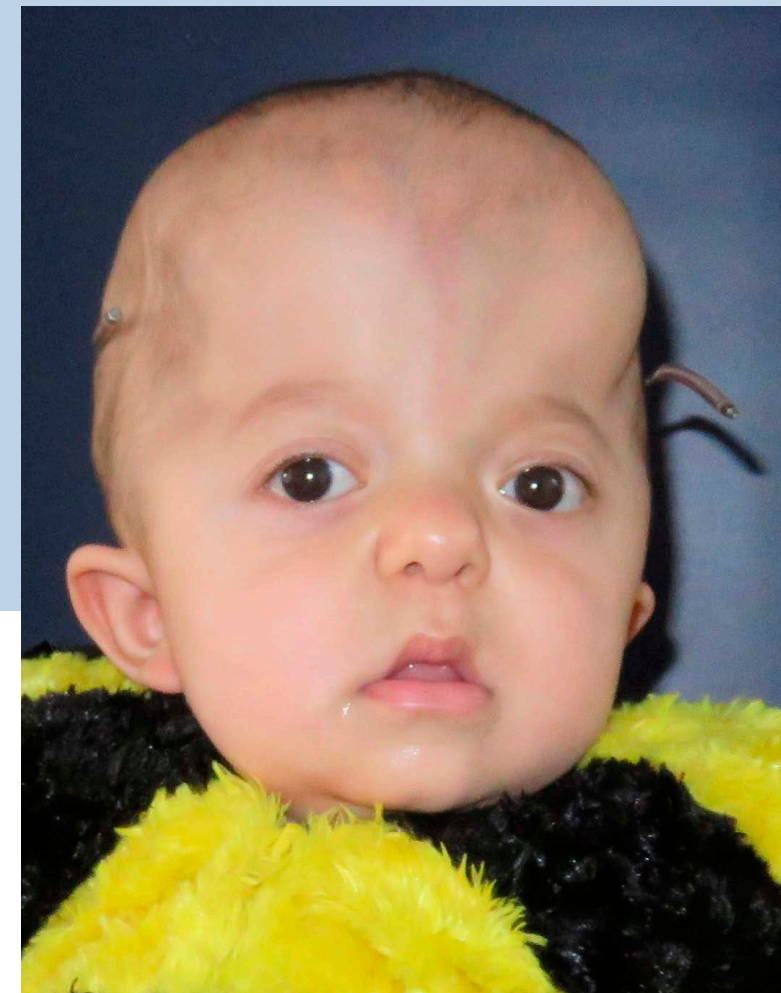
Zimbabwe  
2018, 2019







**Joaquín**  
Colombia  
2018





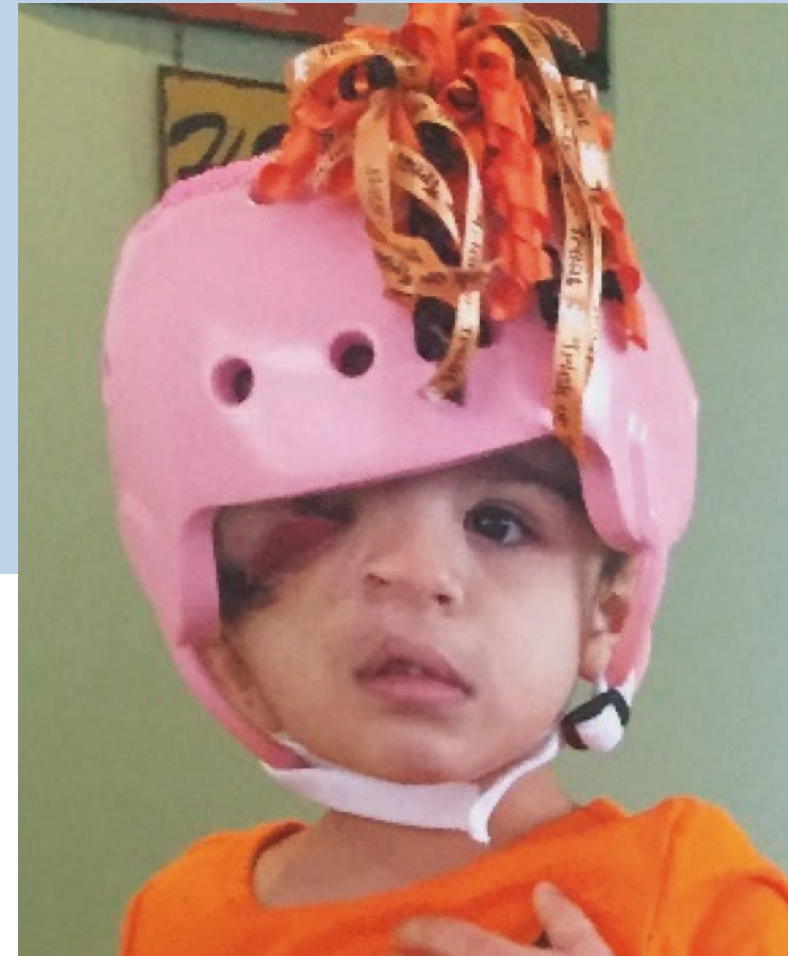
**Arneliza**  
Philippines  
2019





**Freshta**

USA  
2018





**Akikere**

Nigeria  
2018, 2019





**Prabhnoor**

India  
2019



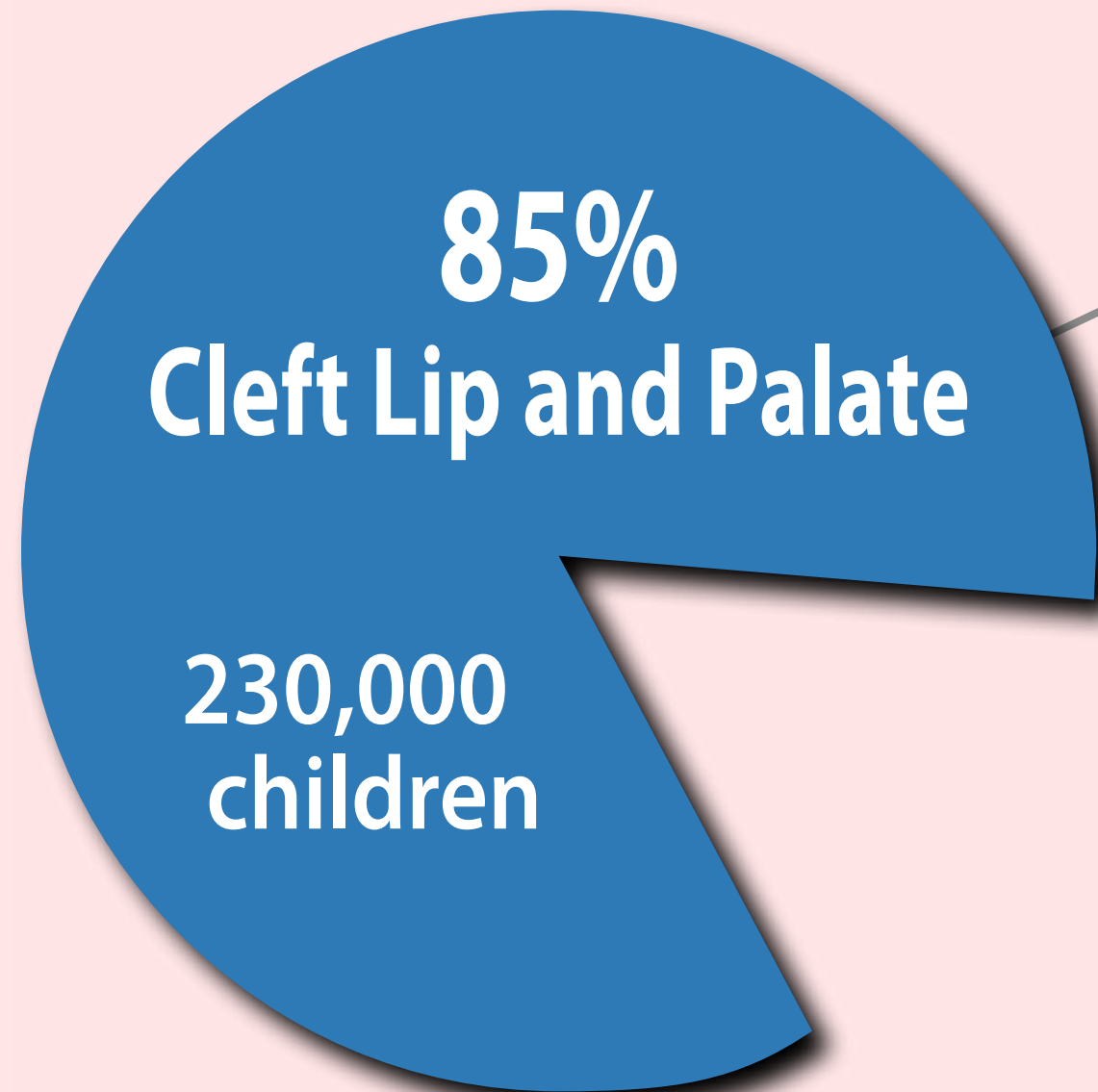
# Head and Face Disorders

The World Health Organization estimates that **1 in 700 children** (0.0142%) are born with head and face disorders annually —

**270,000 children  
per year**

The global birth rate is approximately 19 million children per annum.

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Experts estimate that 85%, or 230,000 of all craniofacial deformities are cleft lips and palates.

# Head and Face Disorders

**15%**  
**Severe Craniofacial  
Challenges**  
**40,000  
children**

The other more complex deformities and tumors, **15% or 40,000 children**, require far more significant surgery, care, and follow-up.

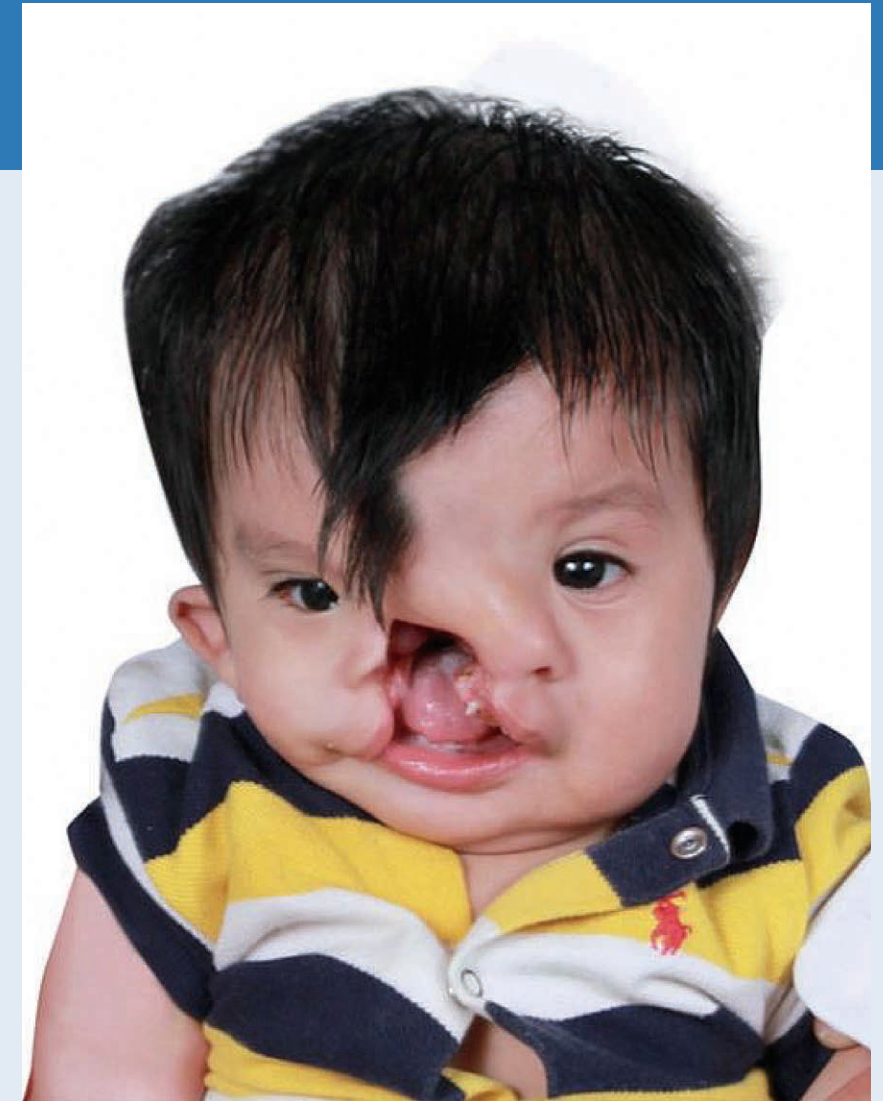
**These children are the focus of the WorldCF.**





**All our patients are special in every way, but little Anderson's story is both singular and a compelling example of how we encounter, support, and treat our patients.**

Among the first WorldCF patients to be treated at our new center in Bogotá, Colombia, **Anderson** was born with a massive facial cleft in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, in 2016. He had breathing difficulties and could not chew and survived only on what he could consume via a bottle. His father is a bricklayer and earns less than \$300 a month in support of his family.



**Anderson**  
from Honduras



Anderson's surgery was planned by **Dr. Diego Steinberg**, the foundation's Medical Administrator, **Dr. Rolando Prada**, our newest Medical Director, **Dr. Derek Bruce**, and WorldCF founder **Dr. Kenneth Salyer** in advance of a highly complex operation that took place in Bogotá in May 2019.

After five and a half hours in surgery, **Drs. Prada, Steinberg**, and pediatric neurosurgeon **Dr. Pablo Baquero** had completed their work, and **Anderson** was transferred to a pediatric intensive care unit. Remarkably, only four days later, Anderson was doing so well he was released from the hospital and, after another week, he and his mother **Isela** returned home to Honduras. He will require additional surgeries to close a cleft palate and to reconstruct his nose, but his transformation already is dramatic, and his life-saving surgery was an enormous success.



**Anderson**  
with his mother Isela, 2019



The WorldCF supports dedicated and referral craniofacial centers in Toronto, Canada; Bogotá, Colombia; Chennai, India; Manila, Philippines, Cape Town, South Africa, and Taipei, Taiwan, and we support patient treatment at additional centers of excellence in the United States and many other countries as well.

While organizations like Smile Train and Operation Smile provide generous and effective care for many cleft lip and cleft palate patients, **only the WorldCF** cares for children with the most complex and severe craniofacial challenges.

Our work is enormously expensive, and we can undertake it only with your very significant financial support.

Please give as generously as you can, and help us help Gabisile, Joaquín, Arneliza, Prabhnoor, Freshta, Akikere, Anderson, and thousands more children like them around the world live normal and productive lives!



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