



Fresh Start Surgical Gifts

Quarterly Impact Newsletter

2025

In April, May, & June:




522
DONATED
VOLUNTEER
HOURS



71
CHILDREN
IMPACTED



184
MEDICAL
TREATMENTS



\$543,768
MEDICAL CARE
PROVIDED



10th Annual Celebrity Golf Classic Hosted by Jermaine Dye

The 10th Annual Celebrity Golf Classic on June 8 & 9 in Chicago was unforgettable—an emotional farewell as Jermaine Dye closed his final year as host. We thank Jermaine for 10 incredible years of dedication, and Honorary Chairman Kevin Miller for joining us in celebrating this milestone. Thank you to Chronicle Media for the wonderful feature. Huge thanks to sponsors: [PXG Golf](#), [Stasica Construction](#), [Chicago White Sox](#), Jason Roach, [C3 Technology Advisors](#), and R1 RCM. Click to: [\[Watch the video\]](#) [\[Read the Chronicle Media article\]](#) [\[View the photos\]](#)



BEAUTIFUL OUTCOMES



25th Life-Changing Surgery Completed in San Antonio

Fresh Start Surgical Gifts and University Health recently celebrated their 25th life-changing surgery for a child in need during July's Surgery Weekend in San Antonio, TX. In just two years, the partnership has provided free reconstructive care to 25 children from around the world. The 25th patient, 17-year-old Damian, **received Fresh Start's first-ever robotically assisted surgery** in San Antonio, allowing him to return to football pain-free. "This partnership puts world-class care within reach for every child," said Dr. Patrick Nguyen, who performed the procedure. Together, Fresh Start and University Health are transforming lives—one surgery at a time.



Fresh Start Welcomes First Patients at UMass Memorial

Fresh Start Surgical Gifts is proud to welcome our first group of patients at UMass Memorial in Worcester, Massachusetts. Eight children and teens from the local area have officially begun their journey to healing, receiving evaluations and pre-operative care for cleft lip and palate conditions. Thanks to our generous donors and volunteer medical professionals, over \$75,000 in donated care has already been provided—at absolutely no cost to families. This marks an exciting and impactful beginning for Fresh Start's expansion into New England.

34th Annual Butterfly Ball

We're thrilled to invite you to the 34th Annual Butterfly Ball, an unforgettable space & aviation themed evening benefiting Fresh Start Surgical Gifts held at the San Diego Air & Space Museum on Saturday, November 15th.

Enjoy a night filled with cocktails, dinner, silent and live auctions, and incredible live entertainment by Tony Suraci and his Highwayman Show, featuring American Idol finalist Makayla Phillips.

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Inaugural Celebrity Golf Classic Hosted by Sherice & Tim Brown

We're Headed to Texas! Join us for the Inaugural Celebrity Golf Classic, hosted by Heisman Trophy winner and NFL Hall of Famer Tim Brown, on November 9–10 at Stonebriar Country Club in Frisco, TX—celebrating over 30 years of Tim's incredible support of Fresh Start!

This two-day event supports our expansion into Texas, bringing free, life-changing reconstructive surgeries to children across the state.

Not a golfer? No problem—dinner tickets are available!

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San Diego Surgery Weekend May 2025

During our July Surgery Weekend in San Diego, Fresh Start Surgical Gifts proudly transformed the lives of eight young patients through the power of reconstructive care. These life-changing procedures would not have been possible without the incredible dedication and expertise of our volunteer medical professionals.

We extend our deepest gratitude to **Dr. Gregory Ostrow, Dr. Michael Brucker, Dr. Chao, Dr. Jodi McGrady, Dr. Melissa Kanack, Dr. Katherine Hinchcliff, Dr. Sarah Marietti, Dr. Madhu Alagari, and the rest of our volunteer medical team!** Their compassion and commitment to our mission are what make weekends like this possible.





Welcome Via to the Fresh Start Team!



Virginia Wheat
Executive Assistant

We're thrilled to welcome Virginia Wheat—known to us as Via—as the newest member of the Fresh Start team! Via brings extensive experience in administration, office management, finance, and human resources. Her passion for our mission is deeply personal, rooted in childhood memories of volunteering alongside her father on Rotary Club projects that provided surgeries to children in need. As our new Executive Assistant, Via is already making a strong impact—and not just in the office! A black belt in Taekwondo and former martial artist, she balances her professional strength with a love for cardio, kickboxing, and dancing. In her spare time, she enjoys building miniature dollhouses and experimenting in the kitchen with creative recipes for her family.

Please join us in giving Via a warm Fresh Start welcome!

Join the Fun: Music Trivia Nights Supporting Fresh Start!

Looking for a fun and meaningful way to support Fresh Start in the San Diego area? Join us for an upcoming Music Trivia Night—a great way to give back while enjoying a lively evening with friends.

Our next events will be held at Coomber Craft Wines in Oceanside on August 20th and Weir Beer in Vista on September 5th. These nights are full of energy, great music, and community connection—all while raising funds to provide free reconstructive surgery for children in need. Visit our events calendar for more information and come be a part of the fun while making a difference!



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