



# Fresh Start Surgical Gifts

## Quarterly Impact Newsletter

2026

In January, February, March:



**852**  
DONATED  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS



**50**  
CHILDREN  
IMPACTED



**121**  
MEDICAL  
TREATMENTS



**\$1,078,989**  
MEDICAL CARE  
PROVIDED



### Driving Impact at the 34th Annual Celebrity Golf Classic

The 34th Annual Celebrity Golf Classic, hosted by Alfonso Ribeiro and presented by EDCO, brought our community together on March 8th and 9th for two memorable days on the course. It was a wonderful celebration of connection, generosity, and impact.

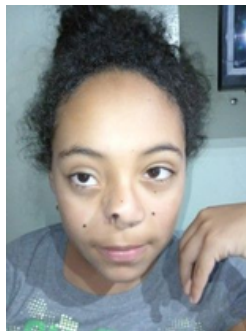
Thank you to everyone who participated—those who golfed, donated, and supported Fresh Start’s mission—and to our celebrity golfers and on-course sponsors for their continued involvement.

A special thank you to our Presenting Sponsor, [EDCO](#), and to [Moore, Schulman, & Moore](#), [Greenberg Traurig](#), [UCSD Health](#), [Godes & Preis LLP](#); [Barnes & Thornburg](#), Jason Roach, [Corient](#), [Sidley, Trinity Capital Inc.](#), and [Pacific Farm & Ranch Agency Inc.](#) for making this event possible and helping provide life-changing medical care for children in need.

[Click here for event photos](#)



# BEAUTIFUL OUTCOMES



**Spanish Hills Club**  
Camarillo, CA  
**Save the Date**  
Charity Golf Tournament  
Monday, August 24, 2026  
Benefiting  
**Fresh Start**  
Surgical Gifts

**Spanish Hills Club**  
999 Crestview Ave Camarillo, CA 93010  
11 AM Shotgun Start  
To learn more about Fresh Start Surgical Gifts visit [Freshstart.org](https://Freshstart.org)

100% of proceeds benefit Fresh Start Surgical Gifts, providing life-changing reconstructive surgeries for children in need.  
For more information, please contact: [Brandy@Freshstart.org](mailto:Brandy@Freshstart.org)

## Save the Date, August 24th: Spanish Hills Charity Golf Tournament

Join us for a beautiful day on the course at the Spanish Hills Club in Camarillo, CA for an upcoming Charity Golf Tournament benefiting Fresh Start Surgical Gifts. Taking place on Monday, August 24, 2026, this special event brings together supporters for a meaningful day of golf, connection, and giving back. With an 11 AM shotgun start, guests will enjoy a memorable experience on one of Southern California’s premier courses.

We’re so grateful to be the beneficiary of this event, where 100% of proceeds directly support our Children’s Medical Program.

[Click here to learn more and get involved.](#)

## Patient Highlight: Eva’s Transformation

At Fresh Start’s San Diego location, in partnership with Rady Children’s Health, little Eva received life-changing care for an open internal palate, a condition that made everyday activities like eating difficult. For the first time, Eva can experience greater comfort and confidence. Before surgery, simple things many of us take for granted were daily challenges—mealtimes were difficult. Today, those struggles are behind her. With heartfelt thanks to Fresh Start medical volunteer [Melissa Kanack, M.D.](#) and her team Eva’s future is brighter than ever.

Eva’s mother shared, “You changed Eva’s life. She is now a happy, healthy girl thanks to you. Your kindness restored our faith in humanity. Forever grateful.”



## Volunteer Highlight: Gloria W. Hwang, M.D.

Gloria W. Hwang, MD, is a dedicated anesthesiologist and valued volunteer with Fresh Start Surgical Gifts, bringing more than 20 years of experience in patient-centered medical care. Based in San Diego, she is affiliated with Rady Children's Health and Sharp Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Hwang serves as Chief Anesthesiologist and is playing a key role in thoughtfully folding the ASMG anesthesia team into Rady Children's Health Anesthesia and its broader family of employees. She is also our primary point of contact for Fresh Start Surgery Weekends and an expert advisor on our Joint Operating Committee.

Thank you, Dr. Hwang, for your leadership, expertise, and commitment to helping our patients receive the medical care they deserve.

## Surgery Weekend January, February, & March 2026

Our January, February, and March Surgery Weekends brought life-changing care to children and families across San Diego and San Antonio. From cleft-related procedures and scar revisions to craniofacial, hand, and eye surgeries, each child received critical reconstructive medical care at absolutely no cost—opening the door to improved confidence and a brighter future.

These Surgery Weekends were made possible through the extraordinary generosity of our volunteer medical teams. In San Antonio, we are deeply grateful to [Richard Thomson, M.D.](#), [Christian Stallworth, M.D.](#), and [Katie Wiggins-Dohlvik, M.D.](#) for their dedication to caring for children in need.

Our January and March San Diego Surgery Weekends were supported by an exceptional team of volunteer providers. Our surgeons included [Bari Cunningham, M.D.](#), [Christopher Heichel, M.D.](#), [Joseph Zeidan, DMD](#), [Asa Morton, M.D.](#), [Benjamin Massenburg, M.D.](#), [Michael Brucker, M.D.](#), [Amanda Gosman, M.D.](#), and [Kate Hinchcliff, M.D.](#). We are also deeply grateful to our anesthesiologists, including [Steve Yun, M.D.](#), [Mark Landon, M.D.](#), [Sandra Saw, M.D.](#), [Ana Cox Newell, M.D.](#), [Sheila Rajashekara, M.D.](#), [Gloria Hwang, M.D.](#), and [Tina Wong, M.D.](#), whose expertise and compassion ensured safe, high-quality care for every child.



Gloria W. Hwang, MD





## Donor Highlight- Thank YOU!

We truly cannot say it enough—thank you.

Thanks to you, children who once faced uncertainty are now given the opportunity for a brighter, healthier future. Your support makes it possible for Fresh Start to provide life-changing medical care to children who would otherwise go without it—and a reminder that 100% of every donation directly benefits our Children’s Medical Program.

This work is not done alone. It is a collective effort—one fueled by compassion, generosity, and a shared belief that every child deserves the chance to thrive. Every surgery, every smile, every fresh start begins with you. Thank you for being such an essential part of this mission.



thank you!

Click the link below to hear directly from our little patients.



## More Music Trivia- Mark Your Calendar!

We’re thrilled to partner once again with [Coomber Craft Wines](#) in Oceanside on May 28 at 6:30 PM for a lively “Songs of Summer” trivia night, highlighting the classic hits that welcome the season and create a nostalgic, upbeat atmosphere for all to enjoy.



Then, on June 19, we’ll head to [Mission Brewing](#) Kensington in San Diego for an 80s–90s music trivia night, featuring throwback hits that are sure to get everyone singing along. Both events offer a great opportunity to gather with friends, test your music knowledge, and support Fresh Start’s mission to provide life-changing medical care to children in need.



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