

Fresh Start *Surgical Gifts* Quarterly Impact Newsletter

In April, May & June:

2026



367
DONATED
VOLUNTEER
HOURS



42
CHILDREN
IMPACTED



139
MEDICAL
TREATMENTS



\$2,171,338
MEDICAL CARE
PROVIDED



Spots Still Available!

Join Us for Golf in Camarillo, CA!

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 day on the greens followed by a luncheon.

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BEAUTIFUL OUTCOMES



Fernanda's Fresh Start is a beautiful new ear!

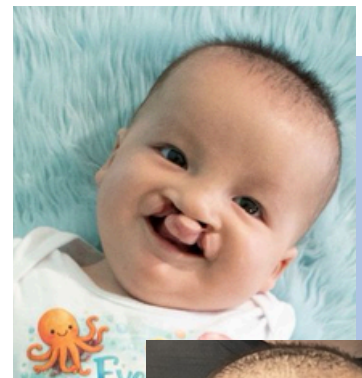


Save the Date, November 14th 35th Annual Butterfly Ball

Believe it or not... One night can transform a child's future. Join us for the 35th Annual Butterfly Ball on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at the San Diego Air & Space Museum. This magical evening will bring together supporters, our local community, and friends of Fresh Start Surgical Gifts to celebrate 35 years of transforming children's lives through life-changing medical care. 🙌 [Click here to learn more and get involved.](#)

Patient Highlight: Simon's Story

At just 8 months old, Simon has already shown incredible strength and resilience. Recently, he underwent his second-stage cleft palate repair at Fresh Start Surgical Gifts' San Antonio location partnered with [University Health](#), an important procedure that helps restore proper palate function to support speech development and improve feeding safety and efficiency. This stage of repair allows the muscles of the palate to work together as intended, laying the foundation for healthy communication and growth in the years ahead. Simon's procedure was led by [Dr. Richard Thomson](#) and made possible through the dedication of Fresh Start's volunteer medical team. As Simon continues to heal and recover, he is taking another important step toward a brighter future.



Volunteer Highlight: Norm Ogilvie



Norm Ogilvie
Surgery Technician

For more than 15 years, Norm Ogilvie has been an integral part of Fresh Start Surgical Gifts' mission in partnership with Rady Children's Health. A Surgery Technician at Rady Children's Health since 2007, Norman has volunteered with Fresh Start since the beginning of the partnership in 2009, dedicating countless hours to helping provide life-changing medical care for children in need. His commitment, expertise, and compassionate care have made a lasting impact on thousands of patients and families served through the program. Norman's unwavering dedication behind the scenes helps make each surgery possible, and we are incredibly grateful for his continued service.

Surgery Weekend April & May 2026

Our April and May Surgery Weekends brought hope, healing, and life-changing medical care to children and families in San Antonio and San Diego. In April, at our San Antonio location partnered with [University Health](#), [Richard Thomson, M.D.](#), performed a cleft palate repair to help a young patient improve feeding, speech development, and overall quality of life. During the same Surgery Weekend, [Joshua Stone, D.D.S., M.D.](#), and [Izabela Tarasiewicz, M.D., FRCSC](#) performed a complex craniosynostosis procedure, helping ensure healthy skull growth and development for a child in need.

In May, our San Diego Surgery Weekend, partnered with Rady Children's Health provided specialized care for children with a variety of reconstructive needs, including eye, ear, and hand procedures. We are deeply grateful to our volunteer surgeons and anesthesiologists, including Catherine Liu, M.D., [Sandra Saw, M.D.](#), [Christopher Heichel, M.D.](#), [Sheila Rajashekara, M.D.](#), [Michael Brucker, M.D.](#), [Scott Gillin, M.D.](#), [Kate Hinchcliff, M.D.](#), and [Alyssa Brzenski, M.D.](#), whose expertise and compassion made these surgeries possible. Together, these dedicated volunteers donated their time, expertise, and compassion to help children gain confidence, improve function, and move forward with brighter futures. We extend our heartfelt gratitude not only to our surgeons and anesthesiologists, but also to the entire volunteer medical team—including nurses, surgical technicians, surgical assistants, and support staff—whose commitment makes each Surgery Weekend possible.





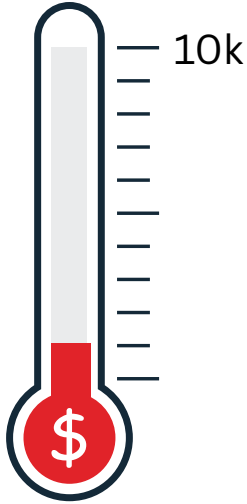
Every Month, Every Child, Every Fresh Start

Life-changing impact doesn't have to start with a large gift. By becoming a monthly donor, starting at just \$5 per month, you become part of a community dedicated to giving children a second chance at life.

Our goal is to reach \$10,000 in monthly giving—\$10,000 each month that goes directly to helping provide reconstructive medical care and related services for children in need. **100% of every monthly donation supports our patients and medical programs.**

This goal isn't meant to be reached by one person. It is a collective effort—one fueled by compassion, generosity, and the belief that together, small monthly gifts create extraordinary impact. Whether you give \$5, \$25, or \$100 each month, your ongoing support helps ensure more children receive the care they deserve.

[Join our monthly giving community](#) today and help provide hope, healing, and a fresh start—one child, one month, and one gift at a time.



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First Annual Give Kids a Fresh Start Disc Golf Tournament



Fresh Start Surgical Gifts proudly hosted the inaugural Give Kids a Fresh Start Classic Disc Golf Tournament on May 9, bringing together players, sponsors, and community partners for a day of competition and philanthropy. We are incredibly grateful for our sponsors: [Societe Brewing](#), [Circle One Disc Golf](#), [Altitude Disc Golf Park](#), [Innova](#), [Isa's Tamales](#), [Elli's Party Salsa](#), [Discraft](#), [Trash Panda Disc Golf](#), [GRIpeg](#), [The Belly Up](#), and [Back Pain Relief Chiropractic](#) for their generous support in making this event possible. The enthusiasm and support from the disc golf community exceeded our expectations, and we look forward to building on this momentum as we continue growing the tournament in the years ahead.



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