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NEWSLETTER

Spring 2024

From the Rotaplast Office

Greetings from Rotaplast HQ! As the world awakens from its winter slumber, we find ourselves amidst the vibrant tapestry of springtime - excited about our ongoing surgical trip to Medellin, Colombia from May 5 -18th. With nature's palette in full bloom, we're delighted to bring you the latest updates and stories to brighten your days ahead. During the Spring season of renewal, we hope you'll take a moment to be inspired by highlights from the last three surgical trips. In the next several months, in addition to Colombia, our volunteer surgical teams will be traveling to Kampala, Uganda and Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam. Be sure to follow the [Rotaplast blog](#) to see updates for each trip from our Mission Historian.

Thank you for growing with us!
Daniel & the Rotaplast Team

Previous versions of the Rotaplast quarterly newsletter can be found [here](#).

Surgical Clinic Updates

[Nagamangala, India: November 25 - December 8, 2023](#)



Partner Hospital: [Adichunchanagiri Hospital \(AIMS\)](#)
Partner Organizations: [Rotary District 3192](#) & Rotary Bangalore North

In December of 2023, Rotaplast celebrated its 10th surgical trip to Nagamangala, India! Despite holding 10 surgical trips, we have worked with the Rotary Club of Bangalore North for over eighteen years, with our first mission in 2006. Next year is going to be our 10 year anniversary working at AIMS, we are already looking forward to our 2025 trip Nagamangala. There is a lot to celebrate!

Click [here](#) to learn more about Rotaplast's 2023 surgical trip to Nagamangala, India!

[Sylhet Bangladesh: January 20 - February 3, 2023](#)



Partner Hospital: [Sylhet Women's Medical College and Hospital](#)
Partner Organizations: Rotary Club of Jalalabad, Rotary International District 3281, Bangladesh

Chevron, Emirates Foundation, and the Rotary Club of San Jose came together to hold a beautiful and productive surgical clinic in Sylhet! This trip was astounding as it is the first time that all of the partnering organizations had worked together since 2019 - prior to the pandemic! It was amazing to reconnect with old friends and collaborators in the provision of free care!

Click [here](#) to learn more about Rotaplast's 2024 surgical trip to Sylhet, Bangladesh!

Cebu City, Philippines: February 25 - March 10, 2024



Partner Hospital: [Adventist Hospital Cebu](#)
Partner Organizations: [Cebu Port Centre Rotary Club](#) and [Rotary District 5300](#)

This was our 19th surgical trip to Cebu City, Philippines! We are so impressed by the Cebu Port Centre Rotary Club. For almost two decades they have hosted our team with such enthusiasm and genuine care. Their hospitality and warmth leaves an impression on our patients but also our volunteers! This year was no exception. We are already looking forward to celebrating 20 years of saving smiles next year in Cebu!

Click [here](#) to learn more about Rotaplast's surgical trip to Cebu City, Philippines!

Future Surgical Clinics

Site Name
Dates
Additional Information

Medellin, Colombia
May 5 - 18, 2024
[2023 Medellin, Colombia Surgical Trip Recap](#)

Kampala, Uganda
June 2 - 15, 2024
New Site!

Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam
June 30 - July 13, 2024
New Site!

Narnaul, India
September 22 - October 5, 2024
[2019 Narnaul, India Surgical Trip Recap](#)

Volunteer Recognition



Tom Fox, Mission Director & Board Member - RD5170
Tom Fox of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton has volunteered with Rotaplast since 2002 and has served in 43 missions in various roles such as Mission Director, Quartermaster, and Sterilizer. For each mission, Tom drives an hour to the Rotaplast warehouse to pick up and deliver our 34 boxes of equipment and supplies to the airport. He has done this for decades. Tom's dedication and selflessness are inspirational. Tom Fox is one of a kind.



Kim Capps, Head Nurse Extraordinaire
Kim Capps, Registered Nurse, has been volunteering with Rotaplast since 2001, serving on 31 missions. Kim has served as Head Nurse, the OR nurse and COVID Control Officer. If there is ever a staffing issue - Kim selflessly rises to the occasion and jumps in with enthusiasm. Anyone who has worked with her will agree that her energy, kindness, generosity, and compassion shine through in everything she does. Kim is family and we are lucky to have her as a volunteer.



**Dr. Monzurul Choudhury,
Local Partner & Problem
Solver - Rotary Club of
Jalalabad Sylhet,
Bangladesh**

Since 2014, Dr. Choudhury's partnership with Rotaplast dates back to 2014, since then he has helped organize seven surgical trips to Bangladesh providing free surgical care for over 490 people. He is inspiring resourceful and a strategic problem solver. His hard work and get things done demeanor have contributed to the success of the last seven surgical trips. We are already looking forward to working with you next year!

Rotaplast and More



Rotaplast International Lands' End Store

If you'd like to purchase Rotaplast branded gear - such as jackets, shirts, or bags - please visit our new Lands' End store at <https://business.landsend.com/store/rotaplast/>. Need help using the Rotaplast Lands' End Store? Click [here](#) for a brief tutorial.

Get Involved with Rotaplast

Sponsor A Surgical Trip

Sponsorship opportunities are available for Rotary Clubs and Districts as well as other service oriented organizations, private foundations and individual donors. We welcome any size donation from a group or individual. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Host a Surgical Trip

If your community has a need for free cleft lip and palate or major burn surgeries, please [contact us](#) to learn how to collaborate with our team.

Medical Volunteers

If you are interested in joining the Rotaplast International medical volunteer team, please click [here](#).

Non-medical Volunteers

Most non-medical positions are filled by Rotarians from the sponsoring Club and Districts. Click [here](#) to learn more about non-medical volunteers.

Volunteer to Be a Rotaplast Ambassador

Have you participated in a recent Rotaplast surgical clinic? Join our team of volunteer ambassadors to speak at Clubs in your area! [Click here to join our ambassador team!](#)



Surgical Trips Completed
261



Patients Served
21,300

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