



5th Annual Mission Trip

Year 2015



Mission: BRAIN

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Together, we can make a difference!

This summer, Dr. Alfredo Quiñones and Dr. George Jallo from Johns Hopkins, Dr. Michael Lawton from the University of California San Francisco (UCSF), and Dr. Theodore Schwartz from Cornell, along with several members of their clinical teams and family members, traveled to Hospital Civil de Guadalajara in Guadalajara, Mexico to embark upon their fifth annual mission trip. During this mission, members of the 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, **Mission: BRAIN Bridging Resources & Advancing International Neurosurgery**, comprised of neurosurgeons, medical suppliers, nurses and volunteers, they performed twelve free of charge neurosurgeries on patients in desperate need (the most they've ever done in a single trip), and held several teaching seminars with other residents and neurosurgeons to share resources, knowledge and neurosurgery techniques. These collaborations are building bridges between countries and, most importantly, giving patients the best possible outcomes. As part of the mission, the team also spread joy and hope by donating toys to the children in the pediatric wing and medical supplies to the public hospital.

Without a doubt, this mission would not have been possible without your generous contributions and ongoing support. Thank you for working with Mission: BRAIN to change the world!



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A GALA FOR HOPE

As Mission: BRAIN grows and thrives, its members are striving for ways to be able to help more people in need and collaborate with more neurosurgeons from all over the globe. In an effort to raise funds to be able to carry out these goals, the first “Gala for Hope” was held on October 9th at the Baltimore Museum of Art in Baltimore, Maryland.

The event was a complete success! Guests were treated to beautiful symphonic music from the Occasional Symphony directed by Joshua Hong, entertainment and a delicious meal in an elegant art museum. Demian Bichir, as keynote speaker, gave wonderful remarks about the importance of helping those with less, and promised to continue to be an Ambassador for Mission: BRAIN. Tes Scanlon, Health Advocate and Miss United Nations 2015, and also one of Dr. Quinones’ dearest patients, was named an Ambassador as well. Dr. Jallo, Lisa Hannegan, April Sabangan, and Will Aarsheim, Mission: BRAIN team members, gathered from across the USA to pledge their devoted support as always.

Through ticket sales sponsorships and donations, Mission: BRAIN raised \$175,000 that will go towards supporting upcoming mission trips to Mexico, Philippines, Ecuador, Peru, Colombia and Africa. The money raised will cover the expensive travel costs for the team, as well as allow them to acquire advanced surgical instruments for the foundation to use in these areas, which may not have the technology readily available.

This event would not have been possible without your contribution and generous support in helping Mission: BRAIN build these bridges of knowledge and resources to developing communities and perform some of the most complex brain surgeries at no cost. Together with your contribution and ours, we are another step closer to making it happen. We want to continue building bridges of knowledge between the United States and the world.

This is just the beginning.

Personal message from Dr. Quiñones

Dear friends,

There are no words to describe the tremendous impact your generous support has had on global health. First and foremost, we were able to give hope to the twelve patients we operated on this past July.

Besides doing altruistic surgeries in our missions, it is also of great importance to build bridges, and tear down the barriers, so we can exchange knowledge and information between Mexico and the United States. The main goal of these bridges is to create partnerships that will benefit both countries. Since 2006, I (Dr. Quiñones) have been going to Mexico to do academic missions and I (Dr. Lawton) joined in 2011 and our goal is to continue to do so. However, we also want to expand these missions throughout the world.

This year has been very special to me, as we continue with the same purpose of strengthening these bridges, accomplishing more surgeries, and successfully raising funds for our non-profit organization, Mission: BRAIN. Currently, we are excited to announce that we are in the planning stages to bring our missions to Ecuador and Peru for 2016.

We truly appreciate your generosity, which has a lasting impact on the lives of people throughout the world. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. All of us are very grateful and honored to have your unconditional support and will be forever! We are changing the world and making it a better place together and I look forward to partnering again in the future.

With the warmest wishes,
Dr. Michael Lawton
Dr. Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa



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Donated Items

- ❖ Medical Supplies and toys to Hospital Civil de Guadalajara
- ❖ Toys and art supplies for the pediatric wing
- ❖ Controversies in Neuro-Oncology

More information about our mission:

To see the recap videos of the Gala, click on these links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ns9cetKcxzc&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/mujnh4qgri1http/Gala%20Speeches%20%28Dr.%20Q%20and%20Demian%20Bichir%29.m4v?dl=0>

<https://vimeo.com/148882315>

To see videos and press releases about our missions, click on these links:

<https://vimeo.com/147603930> Password: missionbrain

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