

# Amigos de los Niños Our Children Our Impact

2014/2015

October/November 2014  
Help after Hurricane Odile



On September 16<sup>th</sup> Hurricane Odile hit Los Cabos with a mighty force. People lost material belongings and those who live in fragile homes lost everything. In the aftermath **Amigos de los Niños** distributed food and hygiene packages to our patient's families and, along with other NGO's, set up centers in rural areas to help those in need. We were also able to learn how to demonstrate and distribute water purifiers supplied by 'Waves for Water'.

Fortunately, none of our patients suffered personal harm during Odile or during the long hard weeks after. **ADLN** was proud to be a part of the disaster relief efforts made by all the Local, National and International Nonprofit Organizations that came together to help our community in this time of need.



## 2015 January/October ADLN Building Project

In January **Amigos de los Niños** began our **Building Project**, a second story to our office in Cabo San Lucas. The Project was completed in October and are now moved in and ready to start the new year. 2016 will mark the **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of continuous work for Los Cabos children by our organization and this will be a perfect space for our **ADLN Mission** to grow in the future.

Generous donors from the **Discovery Land Company Foundation** and the **I.A. O'Shaughnessy Foundation** had become familiar with **ADLN's Mission** over the years and provided grants of \$120,000 Dollars for this Building Project which includes a three chair Pediatric Dental Suite, a Meeting Room and two Consultation Rooms for audiology, cardiology and other pediatric specialties.

This extra space to organize and hold **ADLN Free Clinics** in-house will triple our ability to impact the community's children in need of quality medical care.



## Amigos de los Niños Free Clinic Program

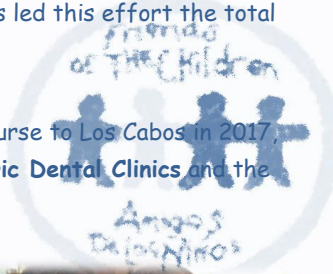
### April 2015 ADLN Free Pediatric Dental Clinic

Dr. Greg Psaltis, renowned Pediatric Dentist and **ADLN BOD Member**, came with his team in March for the **ADLN Free Pediatric Dental Clinic**. This Clinic specializes in pediatrics making it a perfect fit for our children, many future dental and general health issues can be resolved by seeing children at a young age.

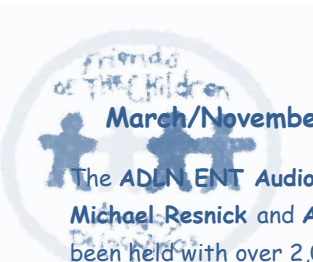
Before finishing our Building Project, we had used a dental office with only one chair, even so the team treated 40 to 60 children per clinic. With our new **ADLN Dental Suite** we have three pediatric chairs, this will double our impact short term and holds the possibility of tripling it in the future.

Dr. Psaltis planed and designed the Dental Suite and the **ADLN Dental Program** for the future. These clinics produce an average of \$20,000 USD in in-kind volunteer dental work for the children of Los Cabos, over the past 10 years in which Dr. Psaltis has led this effort the total value is over \$200,000 USD.

Dr. Psaltis will be bringing an Ongoing Education Pediatric Dental Course to Los Cabos in 2017, this will facilitate even more volunteers for our **ADLN Free Pediatric Dental Clinics** and the opportunity for local dentist to take part as well.







## March/November 2015 ADLN Free ENT-Audio Clinic with Hearing Aids

The ADLN ENT Audio Clinics have been held biannually for the past 23 years organized by Dr. Michael Resnick and Audiologist James O'Hara. During these years more than 46 Clinics have been held with over 2,000 Los Cabos children evaluated and diagnosed by these wonderful ADLN Volunteers. Over 1,000 hearing aids have been given free of charge to hearing impaired children from our community, ADLN is planning to expand this program. These Clinic have an in-kind volunteer medical value of \$6,500 for each clinic and each hearing aid given has a cost of \$200 USD.

Many patients for the audio clinic have other medical problems or conditions, we are happy to collaborate and receive children from other NGOs such as Red Autismo, the Rehabilitation Center CRIT Teleton and the local Special Needs Schools of San Lucas and San Jose.

Taking part in a program where we are privileged to see a young child hear their parent's voice clearly for the first time is among the most emotionally rewarding work we do, these ADLN Clinics are always surrounded by tissues for the grateful tears that occasionally escape even the professional's eyes.

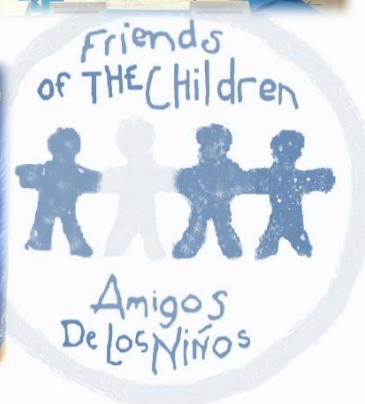
With the new Consulting Rooms ADLN has an appropriate space to conduct audio testing and fittings for hearing aids. We are exploring suppliers in Mexico for the aids we need and seeking the involvement of local physicians to expand this rewarding program.



## August 2015 ADLN Corrective Eye Surgery Clinic

Amigos de los Niños Corrective Eye Surgery Clinic was held in August with the financial aid of Cabo San Lucas Del Mar Rotary and the medical assistance and substantial discounts of Blue Net Hospital. The father and son team of medical specialist Dr. Fausto Lechuga Jr. and Dr. Fausto Lechuga Sr. performed surgeries over a two-day period for 7 children with strabismus, a condition that makes learning, socializing and sometimes just walking difficult.

ADLN has held several of these Clinics over the past years and the children's outcome has a large impact, they begin to flourish in school as well as enjoying a more rewarding experience with new friends and relationships without the teasing and even bullying that they were exposed to because of their condition. We have a waiting list of children for the next ADLN Corrective Eye Surgery Clinic which will be scheduled for 2016.



## April 2015 ADLN Pediatric Cardiology Clinic

Dr. Richard McFaul and Dr. Alejandro Valderrain have been helping children with congenital heart defects for over twenty years here in Los Cabos, **ADLN Free Pediatric Cardiology Clinics** are held twice a year or as needed for and new child or a prior patient with problems. **ADLN** is continually networking with other foundations and organizations to be able to find medical help for our children, with the collaboration of **Los Cabos Children's Foundation**, **American Airlines**, the **Avera McKennan Hospital** and the **Omaha Children's Hospital** we were able to send 15 children to the US for corrective open heart surgeries and procedures. Because of this work groundwork Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgeon **Dr. James Hammel** and his team of medical specialist are now able to come biannually to La Paz to preform cardio surgeries at the **Salvatierra Hospital**. **ADLN** and Doctors McFaul and Valderrain continue to see post-surgery patients, the oldest just turned 17.





## Amigos de los Niños Special Case Program

### 2006 to 2016 Special Case Cancer Children

**ADLN** has supplied chemotherapy meds and transportation cost for children with cancer from Los Cabos for the past three years, we have covered cost of \$170,000 USD. for 18 children.

Our work began with these children in 2005 when we discovered that there was no specialized medical attention for them in Baja California Sur. **ADLN** along with other concerned organizations traveled to Culiacan, our neighbors in Sinaloa, and met **Dr. Eduardo Altamirano** and **Sra. Elizabeth Lopez**. With their help we were able to send over 50 cancer children from our state to theirs for treatment and Elizabeth founded **Casa Valentina** where the children and their mothers could stay during these long trips.

Three years ago **Dr. Altamirano** relocated in La Paz with financial assistance from **ADLN** and **Los Cabos Children's Foundation**. The Pediatric Oncology Unit in La Paz has been up and running since then and over thirty children are treated in the **BCS Pediatric Hemo-Oncology Unit at the Salvatierra General Hospital** which is run with State and Federal funds.

The **Seguro Popular**, a government insurance program, has been accredited for the Pediatric Oncology Program and in 2016 **ADLN** will be moving our funding forward to cover additional medical needs for these children not covered by the **Seguro Popular**. **ADLN** is also contemplating and investigating a program for individual at home care for end of life patients and emotional help for the families during this most difficult time.

**ADLN** is proud to have seen this project through from its start on to a government insurance covered service for children with cancer right here in their own State complete with a **Casa Valentina BCS** to stay close to the Hospital when children are hospitalized. We look forward to a new phase of involvement in areas close to our Mission and Vision.







## 2014/2015 Special Cases

### Meds, Equipment, Test and Medical Travel Aid

For other **ADLN Special Case Children** we supply medication that will be needed continually by these children, most are expensive and the parents are unable to afford them. They may be anti-convulsion, anti-anxiety or muscle relaxing drugs to help children with special needs lead a more normal and comfortable life. Some need several surgeries to restore their wellbeing, this is usually orthopedic surgery, some are completed by local friend and physician, Dr. Javier Escamilla, and others have been sent to **Shriners' Hospital**. Many of these children receive extraordinary rehabilitation at our States **Teleton CRIT BCS**, this is a state of the art rehabilitation center that we are very fortunate to have to care for children with disabilities and syndromes. ADLN does our best to see that these children have everything they need to do the best they can, their visits are a joy for us and they are our good friends.



## 2015 ADLN Support Groups

At **Amigo de los Niños** we deal with many extremely ill children, some of them because of acquired illness and others because of congenital disorders or conditions. For all the parents of these children there is a process of sadness, acceptance and a plethora of other understandable feelings that they go through, especially at the first diagnosis of their child. We have found that the support of other parents is like a warm blanket for them, they know they are with people who really do understand and who will just sit and listen if asked or supply any insights they have gleaned in their experience with their child. This is especially helpful with our cancer children. When parents are given the diagnosis of cancer for their child they literally have the breath knocked out of them. In this first phase **ADLN** makes their appointments, provides transportation and tries to pair them with another family who has been in cancer treatment for a while longer.

**ADLN** also invites professionals with expertise in areas of interest to talk at these meetings, the parents many times request a topic they have interest in.

In 2015 **ADLN** will be setting a calendar for these meetings to build a base of knowledge for families, and with these first graduates we will have more guides to help the next round of parents coming into this circle of comprehension, empathy and knowledge to share with others what they have experienced and to form a safety net for newcomers to the **ADLN Support Group**.

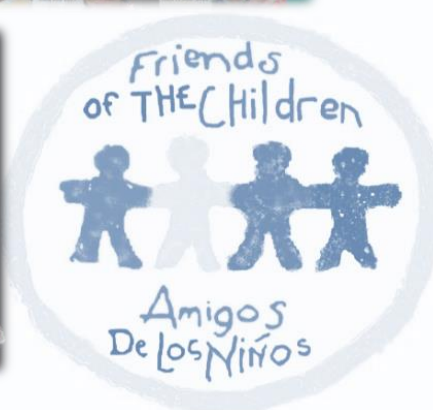


## Amigos de los Niños Special Events

### Los Cabos Children's Foundation

### Duckett Challenge Golf Tournament

In one of Los Cabos most looked forward to and well attended events the **Los Cabos Children's Foundation** presents two days of golf and special entertainment as their gala fundraiser of the year. All of the Organizations who receive Grants from the Foundation are there to show what they have accomplished during the year and to be a testimonial for the wonderful work the generous donations and grants received support.





## Chefs al Rescate 2015

In April **Amigos de los Niños** was invited to be the beneficiary of a wonderful event called **Chef's al Rescate**. All the best Chefs from Baja California Sur who came to join in the festivities this National Organization presented in Los Cabos for the second time. The beautiful **Hacienda del Mar** development was the host and the event was held in the spectacular newly remodeled **Pitahayas Restaurant**. The funds raised for **Amigos de los Niños** was put to use in our **ADLN Free Audio Clinic Program**, Hearing aids and audio testing equipment. Thank you **Chef's al Rescate**, **Pitahaya's Restaurant** and **Hacienda del Mar** and for assuring a full house the **Cabo San Lucas Del Mar Rotary**.



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## ADLN Redheads Bay Cruise and Beach Party 2015

For years Sammy Hagar fans, the faithful 'Redheads', have made their way to Los Cabos to take part in Cabo Wabo's October Birthday Bash for their favorite, The Red Rocker. For 15 years **Amigos de los Niños** has been the charitable organization the **Redheads** have chosen to give back to the place and people they love and call their second home. Every year together we organize a Bay Cruise and a Beach Party where Sammy Memorabilia and prizes from around town are raffled and auctioned off to raise funds. This year a little over \$10,000 USD was raised and is directly applied to quality medical service for the children of Los Cabos. This is all possible because of the generosity of the **Redhead Fans** and our local sponsors. Thank you for helping to make **ADLN Projects** a reality!



## ADLN Annual Christmas Ornament Sale

For the past four years the distinguished **Members of the Amigos de los Niños Board of Directors** have spread joy through the Los Cabos community selling our **ADLN Christmas Ornaments**. These are lovely hand painted papier-mâché ornaments with our beautiful Arch at Lands' End and the **Amigos de los Niños** logo, they are a wonderful way to evoke and remember the spirit of giving to others during the Holiday Season and we hope your tree holds several! If you are interested, please contact us at [bajathatcher@hotmail.com](mailto:bajathatcher@hotmail.com)



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Amigos de los Niños de Cabo San Lucas, A.C.

**Se un amigo de los niños**

¡Es momento de dar! En esta época de esperanza y generosidad adquiere una esfera y ayudanos a ayudar.

\$150 Pesos que van directamente a la Asociación

**Be a friend of the children**

It's time to give! During this season of hope and generosity buy this ornament and be a "Friend of the Children".

\$10 USD that goes directly to the Association





## Donors and Collaborations

Amigos de los Niños wishes to give special thanks to **Mr. Eric White of Sun Marketing and the Pueblo Bonito Group** for his loyalty and love over the past 15 years of generous support for our Organization and our children, without this wonderful man's efforts a large part of ADLN's work would not have been accomplished, many children would not have received the medical help they needed and our hearts would not have been warmed by the generosity you and your people show to our cause. Thank you is not enough sometimes, from all of us at Amigos de los Niños, we love you Eric!



## ADLN Networking and Cooperating with Other Non Profits

Cooperation between Non Profit Organizations and Foundations is a tried and true method for success with **Amigos de los Niños**. Our long term commitment to children with cancer has been a team effort. It all started with a patient shared with **ADLN** and **Los Cabos Children's Foundation** and from there went on to include the **Sinaloa Pediatric Hospital IAP**, **Avera McKennen Hospital**, **St. Jude International Outreach Program**, **Casa Valentina IAP**, **Casa Valentina BCS**, and finally the **State Government of Baja California Sur** and the Mexican Federal Government's **Seguro Popular Insurance** accredited in the Pediatric Oncology Unit in La Paz. Bringing Pediatric Oncology service to our State could not have been accomplished without this joint effort of which **ADLN** has been a key member.

The same methodology was used for the Pediatric Cardiology Program. Dr. Richard McFaul has been holding **ADLN Free Pediatric Cardiology Clinics** with the help of Dr. Alejandro Valderrain for the past 23 years. Our first contact for corrective surgeries was with the **Sinaloa Pediatric Hospital**. With the founding of the **Los Cabos Children's Foundation** by **Mr. Tom Walsh** doors were opened at the **Omaha Children's Hospital** and with their Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgeon Dr. James Hammel. **Amigos de los Niños** did pre surgery care, often including long hospital stays, and took parents through the US Visa process in Tijuana enabling them to travel to Omaha and receive surgery. Once they returned **ADLN** has kept tabs on their health through twice yearly clinics where all are tested and evaluated by Dr. McFaul to make sure they remain in good health. A total of fifteen Children were sent from Los Cabos to Omaha Children's for these lifesaving surgeries. Dr. Hammel has now come to La Paz for Pediatric Cardiology Surgery Clinics and the children from BCS can receive their treatment right here at home.

In the **ADLN Free Audiology, Dental and Corrective Eye Surgery Clinics** we work with other local Non-profits to find as many children as possible. Children from **Red Autismo**, **Liga MAC**, **Los Niños del Capitan**, **Saraguario**, **PAMAR**, **Teleton CRIT** and the **Special Needs Schools** attend our Free Clinics, these clinics are open to all children in need of this free medical care.

In this spirit of cooperation **ADLN** has come to know local, National and International Non Profits and Medical Facilities, we are greatly enriched by these friendships and our children are assured of finding the best possibilities and outcomes available for their health needs.



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## Financials (USD)

External Audits for 1993 through 2014 available upon request

Donations & Fundraising Oct 2014/Oct 2015.....	\$242,576
Building Project.....	\$120,000
Administrative Cost Oct 2014/Oct 2015.....	8.3%
In Kind Donations Oct 2014/Oct 2015.....	<u>\$87,100</u>
Total	\$449,676

## In Kind Donations

### ADLN Free Clinics:

Pediatric Dentistry.....	\$22,000
Audiology/Hearing Aids .....	\$20,000
Corrective Ophthalmology Surgeries.....	\$13,500

### Special Cases:

ADLN Pediatric Cardiology Consultations.....	\$10,000
Courtesy Rooms Physicians Hacienda del Mar and Solmar.....	<u>\$21,600</u>
Grand Total	\$87,100

**Total ADLN In-Kind Services \$87,100 US**



## To Our Donors, THANK YOU! We cannot do this without you!

### **Foundations and Organizations:**

Discovery Land Company Foundation  
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Chefs al Rescate

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## You and the ADLN Mission

If you or your business would like to give back to the community and become an active participant in providing quality medical care for the children of Los Cabos, **Amigos de los Niños** can offer several venues for your donation. So many children require our help, you would be so important to them!

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We can also provide **US Tax ID Letters** to those who wish to make a US donation, our '**Friends of Fund**' at the **International Community Foundation** is quick and easy to use.

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# AMIGOS DE LOS NIÑOS

DE CABO SAN LUCAS, A.C.

## Mission Statement

Amigos de los Niños provides quality health care in Los Cabos to children up to the age of 18 who have no other means of receiving same or whose health care provider is deficient arranging for external medical consultations, organized Free Clinics and assistance in setting up medical treatment for Special Cases of the severely ill or disabled.

