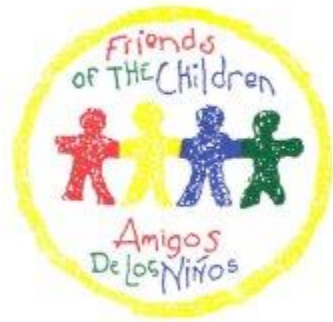


Annual Report 2007

Amigos de los Niños, AC



General Information

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 clinics and assistance in setting up medical treatment for special cases of the severely ill or disabled.



Mario and Orlando
In Loving Memory

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

History, Social Impact & Vision

The organization, 'Amigos de los Niños' (Friends of the Children), took its first step toward committed community social work when a group of people, both foreign and national, all living in Cabo San Lucas, showed interest in helping their less fortunate neighbors. They joined together during the Holiday Season and decided to dress one person up as Santa Claus, and distribute Christmas gifts to marginalized children in the 'barrios'.

They found, although a lot of laughter and smiles were provoked, that this was defiantly not an adequate solution for the much greater problems that these children faced. They also learned that the kids looked for The Three Kings to bring them presents, not Santa Claus, whom they had never even heard of!

After holding a series of meetings to form a consensus on what their ideas for social aid really were, and taking into consideration the cultural differences that made it necessary to figure out the 'how to' effectively deliver this aid, they decided to elaborate and carry out projects that would address the heart of the problem, and effect change for a better quality of life for the children.

Now, with a vision of looking for significant ways to help, they started looking for projects.

It was found that the public schools in Cabo San Lucas did not have water purification systems, so, the newly formed group installed this service, improving the basic health of hundreds of school children.

With this project accomplished, a vision for the future was formed by Amigos de los Niños. It would be to help alleviate the tremendous need for quality medical care that these marginalized children so desperately required.

This need was being further accentuated by the rapid growth of the Los Cabos area, and the fact that the majority of jobs available were of the lowest paying-no benefits type such as basic construction work. Many of these mainly immigrant families were not included in the Mexican Social Security medical program, or, the attention they received from the institution was inadequate due to the lack of staff and supplies within this governmental organization.

It was in 1991 when Amigos de los Niños became incorporated as an official non-profit organization, an 'Asociacion Civil' in Spanish. The Mission was to help alleviate the serious problem of children who had no means of receiving medical attention. Amigos carried out their plans to accomplish this through; Organized Clinics, Special Case Children, and External Consultations with local doctors.

All methods for providing medical attention for the children through Amigos de los Niños are totally free of cost.

ADLN can achieve this end exclusively through donations from our local community supporters and foreign visitors who are made aware of our work, and who wish to help make a better quality of life possible for these children. We also receive in-kind support from many local businesses; this is a basic for being able to satisfactorily complete the work at our clinics.

Amigos is also fortunate to count on the help and support of many local doctors and medical institutions, they donate their work, or do it at a fraction of the normal cost. Without them, we could not do what we do.

In 2003, Amigos de los Niños saw over 1,500 children. In 2004, ADLN held clinics in Cardiology, Asthma, ENT, Audiology, Plastic Surgery, Pediatrics, and Adolescent Gynecology. We also had 41 special cases at different stages of progress in the medical specialty that they require.

The majority of doctors who assist in our clinics come from the USA, but many of the local medics have been inspired by them, and are now interested in doing free clinics, consultations and special case work for ADLN on their own.

Some of our Special Case children are receiving treatment in the USA. They have been taken, with the help of many caring people, to medical facilities in the US that specialize in their particular medical problem.

In 2005, ADLN Clinics included; ENT/Audiology, Cardiology, Orthopedics, Asthma, and an Organizational and Grant Writing Seminar for ten local non-profit groups to further our knowledge base and foment working together to get the help needed to the people in need the best way possible.

For 2006 ADLN held an Optometry Clinic in January giving away over 1,000 pairs of free eyeglasses, ENT and Audiology Clinics in March and November, and an Orthopedic Surgery Clinic. We also held a Neurosurgery Clinic with operations that had never been performed in the State of Baja California Sur before; four children were restored to health in this amazing free clinic.

2007 saw the Optometry Clinic repeated, two ENT/Audology Clinics, two new Pediatric Dentistry Clinics, and an Ophthalmology Surgery Clinic. Our Special Case workload increased significantly to an average on 60 to 70 cases, and will follow this path in years to come because of the rapid growth of the Los Cabos area, 17% per year which means about 160 new people come to BCS each day!

Amigos de los Niños completes the everyday work necessary to the organization with a five-person team at the office located in a small house donated to ADLN for this purpose. More than fifty faithful volunteers assist with all the fundraising projects, and the help we need with clinics, translating, bringing and setting up the equipment, transportation and entertaining kids while they wait for their appointments.

The office team began their jobs in January of 2004, and receive a moderate salary. Before this, the Board of Directors and volunteers had done this work.

The decision for having an office staff was made by the Board of Directors at the end of 2003, it was considered an urgent and necessary step in keeping up with the growth of Los Cabos, and, more importantly, with the medical needs of the marginalized children in the

area. Our Mission demanded that we accomplish this if we were to continue to achieve the social impact that was required of Amigos de los Niños.

The office positions are; Executive Director, Coordinator of Clinics and Special Cases, Assistant to Director, Secretary, and Accountant. The staff also does many hours of volunteer work when not on office time.

The ideals of all the people who take part in Amigos de los Niños, Office Staff, Board of Directors, Ex-Officers, Volunteers, Donors, and Medical Personnel are based in the belief that all children deserve a life of equal opportunity and circumstance to insure the most important aspect of life, health. Without health, life is extremely limited.

Our Mission is based on ethical work to achieve this end, and in faith to provide for some miracles when we fall short of what is needed to save or change a child's life, and in resignation to be able to go through the times we fail to win the battle.

Amigos de los Niños also tries to console and guide the parents and families of these children as they go through these trying times.

The joining together of all these people, those who give and those who receive, activate the best learning device possible for showing how to humbly help your fellow man. This is an integral part of the social impact of Amigos de los Niños, along with the thousands of children who's lives have been helped, saved or changed through this Mission.

As a fruit of this effort, there are more people everyday willing to lend a hand to their community and it's people. Over the years, the children Amigos have attended grow into men and women who help as they were helped.

Sickness is not the only thing that is contagious, so is love, faith and lending a helping hand.

The example of Amigos de los Niños is a direct cause in furthering the culture of community involvement, and returning a part of what you have been given.

2007 Clinics and Special Cases



AMIGOS DE LOS NIÑOS 2007 'SPECIAL CASES'

Through Partnership with Los Cabos Children's Foundation

Doctors, Airline and Organizations who collaborate:

Los Cabo Children's Foundation

Tom and Cathy Walsh Founders and President

Jeanie Conzemius Executive Director

Omaha Children's Hospital

Dr Jim Hammel Pediatric Cardio Thoracic Surgeon

Avera Mckennan Hospital

Dr. Dave Erickson Medical CEO

Fred Slunecka CEO

Pat Simmons, R.N.

Roseanne Morris, RN

Dr Zahid Amin Pediatric Cardiologist

Dr. Farid Kutayli Pediatric Cardiologist

Dr. Sami Awadallah Pediatric Cardiologist

Dr Walter Carlson Pediatric Orthopedic

Dr. Marwan Hanna Pediatric Oncologist

Dr William Smithson Oncologist

Dr Vinod Parmaswami Oncologist

Dr. Stephen Karl Pediatric Surgeon

The Heart Hospital

Dr. Mohama Pediatric Cardiologist

Mayo Clinic, MN

Dr. Vilmarie Rodriguez Pediatric Oncologist /Transplants

Dr. Shakina Kan Pediatric Oncologist / Transplants

Ronald McDonald House, Rochester, Minn.

American Airlines

Monte Ford VP

Anita Schiller Ast to VP

All the AA staff in Los Cabos

Casa de Carlitos

Jon Madland

Bob and Donna Spielman

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

U.S. Consul, Cabo San Lucas

Mike Houston

7 Patients:

Mario

Little 18-month-old Mario went for heart surgery at Omaha Children's Hospital in January. It was too late for him; he was unable to overcome his congenital heart defects and passed away back home in Cabo San Lucas a month later

Yoselin

This 8 year old little sweetheart went to Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls for her heart procedure, and came home with a little scare with tonsillitis and a fever for which she was hospitalized for two days in Amerimed just for caution. She is back home and fine now, growing and gaining weight, as a normal child should.

Ana Maria

Had open-heart surgery at Avera McKennan Hospital, it changed her life. She is now a giggling fun loving girl instead of the tiered retiring child we sent up for medical attention!

Armando

Our beloved two-time bone marrow transplant patient went to the Mayo Clinic for his every six-month check up and came back with a clean bill of health. He will be going back in 2008 for another check up.

Erick

A 5-year-old boy who suffered a tragic automobile accident when he was two months old and was left with Neurological damage. Erick had two hip displacement correction and neurological studies done at Avera McKennan. With a brand new state of the art wheelchair and on going therapies we hope that Erick will eventually become an active child with good learning capacities....every time he meets a lady, he says, 'Hola mi amor' how can we resist that!

Jazmine

A beautiful teenager with a cardio problem that had her very endangered with the threat of 'Sudden Death Syndrome', she is still in Sioux Falls, we are looking forward to welcoming her back, and are she is looking forward to a more exciting life style now that she is well.

Amigos de los Niños Special Cases Ortopedic

Physician:

Dr. Javier Escamilla

17 patients

Sofia Margarita Torres Rendón

6 years. This girl needs orthopedic surgery called Plexo Braqueal Elongation for her right arm. She is using a brace to help correct her hand.

Montserrat Martínez Jaimes

3 years. This child needs surgery for a dislocated hip on the right side. She suffers from light cerebral palsy.

Flor Alejandra Ramírez Pancho

3 years. ADLN operated on Flor for her sever club feet, one ankle was turning in a little and she required a small second surgery to correct it

Yesenia Mejia Acevedo

2 years. Dislocated hips due to mild spina bifida that will require surgery. This has been held up as Yesenia has some other problem, probably her shunt, which causes her to run a fever.

José Francisco Martínez

9 years. A boy who suffered meningitis that caused sever cerebral damage, he has had tendon relaxation on arms and legs. He is doing very well and walking now.

Víctor López Ayala

3 years. This child has conjoined fingers and toes requiring surgery. Victor has had his first surgery to separate his fingers and toes.

Julia Chávez

1 year six months. Dislocation of hips caused by cerebral palsy.

Eber Garcia Mora

6 year old has a congenital disorder that cased his fingers and feet to not developed properly. Eber was seen at the 2004 Medical Mission and has been check every six months ever since. Dr. Escamilla has noted that his knees are not developing properly and will require surgery.

Cristóbal Adolfo Meza Martínez

4 year old with a club foot malformation. Surgery has been completed and Cristobal is doing well.

Christopher Castro Quintana

5 year old with dislocated hip and tendons that needed releasing, he has received his surgery.

Lizeth Martínez Ramos

1 and a half, Elizabeth is a twin and because of that was held in a prenatal position that did not permit her knee to develop correctly. As she has grown a very large fibroid tumor developed involving muscle, bone and tissue. Dr. Escamilla operated twice on this child to remove the tumor, which was non malignant, and later to correct the scarring. She is doing well.

Jorge Ismael Sandez Ceceña

1 and a half-year-old with club foot and needs surgery.

Vanesa Gutierrez

11 year old who goes to Shriners Los Angeles, ADLN has helped with travel expenses.

Camila Esmeralda Juárez Ortiz

2 year old with dislocated hip due to cerebral palsy.

Pedro Ramón Palomares

3 year old who suffered from Guillén Barre, Dr. Escamilla is checking him and he receives therapy en DIF.

Kevin Eduardo Beltrán

9 year old with sever hip and foot malformation. He is currently being eveluated for treatment.

Justin Quintero

1 year old with cist on forehead that needs to be removed when he is a little older.

Amigos de los Niños Special Cases Neurology

Physicians:

Dr. Salvador Frías

Neurologist

Dr. Joel Rodriguez

Neurosurgeon

13 Cases:

Julia Chávez

1 year 5 months. This child is under neurological treatment for convulsions caused by cerebral palsy.

Paola Álvarez Bala

2 years old Paola is undergoing treatment for as yet undiagnosed syndrome similar to Down's, she is gaining weight and is walking. When ADLN received her case, she was just getting out of the hospital where she had been for 25 days and almost died. She suffers from continuing fevers that don't allow her to gain weight, as she should. She is attending the San Lucas Special School.

Abigail Calderon Bello

2 years old. This child suffered a fall; as a result she is undergoing treatment for convulsions, and requires speech and physical therapy.

Marco William Aldaz

9-year-old child being treated for convulsions caused by epilepsy. He has medical follow through every three months.

Gonzalo Francisco Diego

8 years old. Gonzalo has been with ADLN of and on since he was 4, he has cerebral palsy and is treated for convulsions.

Gerardo de Jesús Maldonado Morales

4 years old with Cerebral palsy, also treated for convulsions, this child has many neurological problems caused by cerebral palsy and hydrocephalia. He is under treatment to control convulsions. Gerardo is waiting for a wheelchair from Mobilize Mankind, and has attended ADLN Audiologist Clinics to change his hearing aid. His hydrocephalic condition is causing sever headaches at this time.

David Carvajal Veles

9 months. David has West Syndrome and is under treatment.

Javier Rivera Piñón

4 years old. Child in treatment and undergoing test for epileptic type convulsions

Cesar Bonifacio Félix:

12 years old. This child suffered from epilepsy after an accidental blow to the head. An Encephalogram was taken and the boy is under a medication process to lessen these attacks. With three months of this treatment the child was able to go back to school regularly. His med doses have recently been lowered, and he has responded well. He now goes to the Neurologist every six months for check ups.

Antonio de Jesús Ramírez:

16 year old has a neurological lesion that has caused mental retardation, neurological crisis and psychomotor damage. He suffers from insomnia and angst and being medicated for these problems. This medication has been successful so far, but he is still suffering from convulsions. This boy is in extremely bad health and we will continue with his treatment that can be considered palliative until he is 18.

Maria Guadalupe León de la Cruz

6 years old suffers from epilepsy and is undergoing a medical treatment plan to reduce convulsions.

Elizabeth Rodríguez Lieras

13 year old as partial paralyses that affects half of her body laterally. Elizabeth had an Orthopedic surgery through ADLN to help he be able to use her left hand, but she still suffers from convulsions and is under treatment.

Sarai Flores Dircio

11-year-old girl with psychomotor and mental retardation who will be dependent on her family for the rest of her life. She is going to the Special School to help with her language skills and is reacting well to treatment.

Mayra Mejia Montaña

Sever neurological problems 12 year-old-girl. Frontal Lobular Epilepsy and Oligofrenia. She is being helped through meds and is checked every six months.

Amigos de los Niños Special Cases 2007 ENT and Audiology

Physician

Dr. Juan Manuel Portillo Montelogo

Patients: 4

Rosa De La Rosa Armenta

13 year old who had perforated ear drums that required a long treatment, she is being checked periodically to make sure she is doing well.

Raúl Arturo Castro Corrales

15 year old with a septum malformation that causes frequent infections, he is under treatment.

Jesús Gil Perez

6 this boy has very large tonsils that require surgery.

Eva Nelly Rosales

12 year old with sever tonsillitis that provokes bronchitis.

Amigos de los Niños Special Cases 2007 Ophthalmology

Physician

Dra. Brenda Najera
Ophthalmologic Surgeon

13 Patients

Melany Alejandra Días Mendoza
5 years old with strabismus

Melanie Daniela Aragon ****
4 months old with strabismus

Jesús Edgardo Nabarro ****
4 year old with a detached retina

Josio Maximiliano Duran ****
8 year old with congenital cataract

Kevin de Jesús Ramírez Corona ****
2 year old with cerebral palsy and strabismus

Carol Gallardo Mendoza ****
2 year old with strabismus

Justin Norberto Rosas Nieto
3 year old with tear duct problem

Maria del Carmen Osuna
9 years old with a tumor in the orbit, she had surgery performed by Dr Najera at the Hospital de la Luz in México City.

José Ángel Sierra Dircio
7 year old with strabismus

Christopher Baltasar Ponce

Juan Carlos Baltasar Ponce

Juan David Baltasar Ponce

Cristian Baltasar Ponce

11 moth old quaduples with estrabismus

***** For next clinic

Amigos de los Niños Special Cases Pediatric

Physicians:

Dr. Laura Elena Castañeda
Dr. Marcial Chavez

Patients: 5

Edgar Lara Esteves

4 years. This child has sever birth defects and goes for periodical check ups with the pediatrician. He also goes to ADLN Audio Clinics.

Damián Cruz Heredia

9 years. This boy has mild cerebral palsy but is often sick, ADLN sends him to the pediatrician every two months to try and control this. Her also goes to ADLN Audio Clinics.

Gustavo Valdez Chávez

3 years. Recurring colds .

Ángel Jesús Alejo

3 years. A severely over weight child, ADLN is trying to find the cause of this and treat him.

Fernando Valdez Chávez

4 years. Tonsillitis, under treatment to be able to under went surgery at November ENT Clinic.

Amigos de los Ninos Special Cases Cleft Lip and Palet

These Children are referred to the BCS Department of Health's program for this specialty. They receive surgeries, dental and speech therapy all of which ADLN oversees and provides pediatric care when needed and transportation cost to La Paz for their appointments

2 Patients:

Guadalupe Itzel Guardián Marure

7 year old

Vanesa Santiago de Jesus

5 year old

Amigos de los Niños Special Case Children

Medical Travel Expenses 2007

Physicians / Hospitals

Doctor Eduardo Altamirano Álvarez

Oncólogo Pediátrico

Hospital Pediátrico De Sinaloa, Culiacan

Dr Brenda Najera

Oftalmóloga

Hospital de la Luz, México DF

Shriner's Children's Hospital Los Angeles CA

Pacientes 12

1) Fernando Hernández

Mes: Febrero 2007

Hospital: Obregón

Leucemia

Los Cabos – Obregón – Los Cabos

2) Vanesa Gutiérrez

Mes: Marzo 2007

Hospital: Shriners

Ortopédico

Los Cabos – Los Ángeles – Los Cabos

Vanesa Gutiérrez

Mes: Abril 2007

Hospital: Shriners

Ortopédico

Los Cabos – Los Ángeles – Los Cabos

3) Bárbara Geraldo

Mes: Abril 2007

Hospital: Culiacán

Leucemia

La Paz - Culiacán

4) Orlando Olachea

Mes: Abril 2007

Hospital: **Culiacán**

Tumor Cerebral Maligno

La Paz – Culiacán

5) Omar Arce

Mes: Mayo 2007

Hospital: **Culiacán**

Leucemia

Los Cabos – Culiacán

6) Maria del Carmen Osuna

Mes. Mayo 2007

Hospital De la Luz México DF

Tumor en la Orbita (Eye)

Los Cabos – México

Omar Arce

Mes: Junio 2007

Hospital **Culiacan**

Leucemia

Los Cabos – Culiacán – Los Cabos

7) Ángel Alejo

Mes: Junio 2007

Hospital **Culiacan**

Obesidad

Los Cabos – Culiacán

8) Caleb Carmona

Mes: Junio 2007

Hospital **Culiacan**

Tumor Non Malignant

Los Cabos – Culiacán – Los Cabos

Orlando Olachea

Mes: Mayo – Junio

Hospital **Culiacan**

Tumor

Culiacán – La Paz

Bárbara Geraldo
Mes: Mayo - Julio
Hospital **Culiacan**
Leucemia
Culiacán – La Paz – Culiacán

Orlando Olachea
Mes Octubre
Hospital: Culiacán
Tumor, Passed Away in October
Los Cabos – Culiacán
Transportation and Funeral Cost

9) Víctor Ulsiel Martínez Sánchez
Mes Octubre 2007
Hospital **Culiacan**
Leucemia
La Paz – Culiacán – La Paz

10) Ricardo Daniel
Hospital **Culiacan**
La Paz – Culiacan
Tumor Maligno

11) Janet Ramirez
Mes Noviembre 2007
La Paz - Culiacan – La Paz
Hospital **Culiacan**

Janet Ramirez
Mes Noviembre 2007
Hospital **Culiacan**
Infermedad Congenita

12) Jacqueline Ramirez Alejo
Mes Noviembre
Hospital **Culiacan**
La Paz - Culiacan
Leucimia

Amigos de los Niños Eco Cardiograms

Dr. Jorge Garcia Bareño

Ángel Manuel Ramírez de Dios
Francisco Javier Miguel Santiago
Ángel de Jesús Alejo Nava
Jazmín Lizeth Rodríguez Ceceña
Joselyn Rojas

Amigos de los Niños

Extrenal Consultations

Physicians

Dr. Jesús Marcial

Pediatrician

Dra. Laura Elena Castañeda

Pediatrician

Dr. Velderrain

Cardiologist

Dr. Salvador Frías

Neurologist

Dra. Brenda Najera

Ophthalmologist

Dr. Contla

Nerfologist

Dr. Rocha

General Surgeon

Dr. Antonio Serrano

Ophthalmologist

Dr. Juan M. Portillo

ENT Surgeon

Dr. Jorge G. Bareño

Cardiologist

34 Patients

Paola Álvarez Bala

1 and a half gastro intestinal problema

José Manuel Higuera

9 years old diabetic child ADLN has helped with travel expenses to go to treatments and pediatric visits.

Ángel Jesús Alejo Nava

6 year old who suffers from obesity.

Cindy Morales Chávez

6 years old under weight and with convulsions, sent to pediatrician.

Dulce Maritza Corona

4-year-old underweight and vitamin deficiency, pediatrician

Dulce Vázquez Castrejon

7-year-old pediatric care for this child who has leukemia

Fernando Valdez Chávez

7 year old with desnutricion

Félix Uriel Domínguez Guzmán
4-year-old gastro intestinal problems

Guadalupe Valdés Chávez
5 year old, desnutrición and ameobas

Ruth Contreras Olvera
14 year old with bronquitis

Audry Arechiga García
10 month with umbilical hernia, Dr Rocha preformed surgery and repaired it.

Luis Ángel Niño
10 year old gastro intestinal problem

Miguel Valdez
10 year old with asthma

Fernanda Murillo
2 year old with flu and kidney problems

Jesús Martínez Castro
10 year old with renal problems

Luis Herrera Valdez
4-year-old desnutricion

Justin Rojas Nieto
3 year old with tear duct problem

Tomas Morales Chávez
13 year old with asthma

Brenda Ivonne Rodríguez
9 years old with Heart problems

Zaira Aguilar
11 year old with congenital problems

Ángel Manuel Ramírez de Dios
6 months cardio problem and nemonia

Yacsiry Valdez Niño
5 year old with hepatitis

Francisco Javier Miguel Santiago
6 months with heart condition

José Manuel Tomas Alonso

4 year old with anemia.

Melany Alejandra Hernández

5 year old with gastro intestinal problem

Javier Eduardo Soriano Santos

2 year old with Ostio Genisis Imperfecta, sent to doctor with urinary problems

Jade Quintero

3 year old with Downs Síndrome and irreversible Heart problems

Abigail Calderón

3 year old with anemia

Eva Nelly Rosales

12 year old with bronchitis

Natalie Baldearas Sánchez

1 year old with pneumonia.

Cielo Pedraza Perez

4 year old with Down syndrome and Heart problems

Felix Uriel Domínguez

4-year-old suffering from pneumonia

David Aguilera

5 year old with renal

Ruth Contreras

13 year old with bronchitis

Amigos Eye Care and Amigos de los Niños, AC
Eye Glass Clinic
January 2-3-4-5 2007

16 Member Team from
Oregon Pacific University College of Optometry

Doctors of Optometry:

Dr. James Kundart

Dr. Joseph Neron

Dr. Paul Roline

Doctor Responsible:

Dr. Antonio Serrano

Place of Clinic:

Los Ninos del Capitan Day Care Center

Total Free Eye Glasses: 523

**AMIGOS DE LOS NIÑOS
DENTAL CLINIC
FEB 14 -15 2007**

**Place: Los Niños del Capitán Day Care Center
Dentist: Dr. Greg Psaltis**

Children Treated:

Name	Age	Treatment	Work
Michell Iozoya	6	1 Filling	Junio
Sergio Jimenez	6	3 Fillings	Junio
Erica Petatan	6	Could not do	Junio
Jesús Zenon	6	2 Fillings	Junio
Luis Alberto Avial	6	Could not work	Junio
Laura Morales	6	Could not work	Junio
Jose Miguel Mtz	6	Could nor work	Junio
Ziurabeth Llanas	6	4 Fillings	Complete
Diego Vazquez	6	2 Fillings	Junio
Stefanie Renteria	6	4 Fillings	Complete
Arely Morales	6	2 Fillings	Junio
Cristian Hdz	6	4 Fillings	Junio
Jose Silva	6	3 Fillings	Junio
Alan Gerardo	6	Could not do	Junio
Juan Almeda	6	Could not do	Junio
Jesús Rivera	13	Could not do	Junio
Santiago Cerros	22	4 Fillings	Junio
Arianeth Aviles	9	2 Fillings	Junio
Luis Alberto	7	Could not do	Junio
Raquel Mtz	12	Cleaning	Junio
Irving Herrera	4	Exam and Cleaning	Junio
Perla Avilez	8	Cleaning	Junio
Cindy Lopez	9	Cleaning	Junio
Damian Cruz	14	Cleaning	Junio

AMIGOS DE LOS NIÑOS DE CABO SAN LUCAS AC
REPORTE DE CLINICA DENTAL
JUNIO 11 – 13, 2007

Place: Los Niños del Capitán Day Care Center

Dentist: Dr. Greg Psaltis

Nombre	Edad	Tratamiento	Cita
Fátima Juárez	18 años	2 rellenos	
Gaudencio García	13 años	2 rellenos	
Efraín Hdez	13 años	3 rellenos	
Alan Verdugo	23 años	2 rellenos	
Edith Moreno	23 años	4 rellenos	
Randy Santana	20 años	3 rellenos	
Santiago Cerros	20 años	2 rellenos	
Edgar	11 años	2 rellenos	

Name	Age	Treatment	Work
Alejandra	5	2 fillings	Complete
Noe	5	1 fillings	Complete
Jessica	4	2 fillings	Complete
Isabel	4	3 fillings	Complete
Mayte Morales	5	2 fillings	Complete
José Silva	5	2 fillings	Complete
Michell Lazoya	5	Cleaning	Complete
Erica Petatan	5	1 fillings	Complete
Luis Ávila	5	2 fillings	Complete
Marta Sandoval	8	2 fillings	Complete
Juan Almeda	6	Could not do	Feb 2008
Fernanda Murillo	2	Cleaning	
Linda Ruelas	7	4 fillings	
Luis Alberto	5	Cleaning	Feb 2008
Evanely Rosales	13	2 Fillings	
Luis Ibarra	12	2 fillings	
José Miguel Mtz	5	Cleaning	Feb 2008
Stefanie	5	2 fillings	Complete
Irving Herrera	4	Cleaning	Feb 2008
Litzi Ceceña	5	2 fillings	Complete
Cesar González	6	2 fillings	Complete
Evelyn	4	2 fillings	Complete
Diego	5	2 fillings	Complete
Laura Castro	5	Cleaning	Feb 2008
Sergio Jiménez	5	2 fillings	Complete
Fernanda	5	2 fillings	Complete

Hernández			
Norma	5	2 fillings	Febrero 2008
Vanessa	3	Cleaning	Febrero 2008

Name	Age	Treatment	Work
Jesús	4	2 rellenos	Complete
Uziel	3	Exam y cleaning	Febrero 2008
Lupita	4	Exam y cleaning	Febrero 2008
Luis	3	Exam y cleaning	Febrero 2008
Irving	4	Exam y cleaning	Febrero 2008
Flor	4	Exam y clearing 2 fillings	Febrero 2008
Marco	4	Exam y cleaning	Febrero 2008
Luis Murillo	13	4 fillings	Complete

AMIGOS DE LOS NIÑOS
ENT / Audiology Clinic March 2007

DOCTORS:

DR. MIKE RENSINK	ENT
DR. PAUL COTTON	ANESTHESIOLOGIST
JAMES O'HARA	AUDIOLOGIST
ROBERT MARTIN	AUDIOLOGIST

CABO SAN LUCAS:

Children seen: 71

43	AUDIO EVALUATIONS
6	AUDIO TEST
10	HEARING AIDS
12	TONSIL – ADINOID – EAR SURGERIES

SAN JOSE DEL CABO:

Children seen: 27

19	AUDIO EVALUATIONS
4	AUDIO TEST
4	HEARING AIDS

SURGERIES DR. RENSINK MARCH (MONDAY) 2007

1)	Daniela Huerta	12F	49K	T&A
2)	Alejandra Cossio	3F	25K	Tubes T&A
3)	Lesli Romero	6M	32K	T&A
4)	Jorge Fco Pérez	5M	21K	Tubes T&A
5)	Josael Aguirre	7M	35K	T&A

SURGERIES DR. RENSINK MARCH (TUESDAY) 2007

1)	Sandra Hernández	9F	33K	T&A
2)	Israel Martínez	10M	45K	T&A
3)	Kenny Noyola	8M	41K	Cleaning ears
4)	Oscar Magaña	12M	45K	T&A
5)	Rubén Quiñónez	5M	20K	T&A
6)	Marco Ceseña	4M	19K	T&A
7)	Ricardo Cortes	6M	22K	T&A

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ENT/ Audiology Clinic November 2007

DOCTORS:

DR. MIKE RENSINK	ENT
DR. PAUL COTTON	ANESTHESIOLOGIST
JAMES O`HARA	AUDIOLOGIST
ROBERT MARTIN	AUDIOLOGIST

CABO SAN LUCAS:

Children seen: 60

32	AUDIO EVALUATIONS
6	AUDIO TEST
6	HEARING AIDS
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SAN JOSE DEL CABO:

Children seen: 19

10	AUDIO EVALUATIONS
1	AUDIO TEST
8	HEARING AIDS

SURGERIES DR. RENSINK NOV 05, 2007

1)	Ereida López Payen	4F	15K	T&A
2)	Misael Cota	3M	30K	TubesT&A
3)	Melanie Zapata	5F	18K	Clearing ears
4)	Samara Velarde	5F	21K	Tubes T&A
5)	Casandra Ceseña	4F	26K	T&A
6)	Ricardo Cortes	6M	17K	A&T
7)	Cruz Martínez	9M	33K	T&A
8)	Lesly Jiménez	13F	46K	T&A
10)	Erika Martinez	15F	86K	T&A

SURGERIES DR. RENSINK NOV 06, 2007

1)	José Manuel Pino	4M	16K	T&A
2)	Joanna Frank	13F	64K	T&A
3)	Marta Rubio	6F	32K	T&A
4)	Manuel Araiza	6M	20K	T&A

5)	Erick Bopp	7M	38K	T&A
6)	Luís Ángel Hdez	7M	30K	T&A
7)	Daniela Huerta	8F	34K	T&A
8)	Evanely Rosales	13F	45K	T&A

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Hello again from **Amigos de los Niños!** The pace for the first part of 2007 has been fast and furious! We started the year on day 1 with our now annual **Optometry Clinic**, this time we held it in the **Los Ninos del Capitan School** in Mesa Colorado. Of course we checked out all of the little eyes of the children who attend there.....and a lot of their families and friends. Many others came from around the neighborhood and over 600 pairs of glasses were provided plus some spiffy sunglasses to protect from UV rays! **Every one was seeing straight and looking good!** This was a five-day clinic with fourteen Optometrists coming from the **Oregon Collage of Optometry**. The beautiful **Sheraton Hacienda del Mar Resort** once again came through with the **courtesy rooms** to house these volunteer medics during their stay. **Thank You!**

Then we had this great experience.....late last year **Amigos de los Niños**, received a **\$7,000 grant** from the **Mexican Teleton** to complete a computer program of **Assisted Technology** in the **Cabo San Lucas Special School**. Well, the seven computers complete with big strong round cornered desks and some great software from **Mobilize Mankind** are now installed....**you should be so lucky as to see the looks on these children's faces! They are transformed!** They sit in lines of two or three each patiently waiting for their turn and watching with great interest what the child before them is doing on the screen. One boy with cerebral palsy chose to type, **communicate** with others through the computer; he had a **smile** from ear to ear and was writing as fast as he possibly could. Another **amazed** us by choosing action clips....sky diving, windsurfing, surfing....and just plain getting so **excited** it was contagious. Another child was very **intrigued** by the pyramids of Egypt. Each made their own **choice**, and when they found the right one, **what a moment!** This is one of the most exciting things we have seen in helping the special needs children. **Greg and Gayle Edwards, the Directors and Founders of Mobilize Mankind**, a non-profit that does therapeutic, orthopedic, mobilizing and educational work for handicapped children will be down here to stay this month thanks to a grant from **Los Cabos Children's Foundation**. One of their projects is to have the **Cabo San Lucas Special School be a statewide model for Assitive Technology for Special Needs Schools. This is a tremendous**

example of how the maturity of non-profit organizations networking and working together can permanently change the lives of children and families!

The next **ADLN Clinic** was held on February 14 and 15th. Twenty-five children from the **Niños del Capitan School**, and the **Cabo San Lucas Special School** had their teeth taken care of by **Pediatric Dentist Greg Psaltis, Dental Hygienist Dayna Hayvas and their tireless assistant Tara....** This group was incredible; **just try to imagine children five to six years old, or kids with special needs at the dentist!** Well, the surprise was that the children were **MUCH** easier to care for than adults....**walked right in, sat right down, opened their mouths, had their fillings done and smiled afterwards!** **ADLN** will be repeating this clinic in June with these expert pediatric dentist, and it will become yet another **bi-annual Amigos de los Niños Free Clinic. Dr. Primitivo Gomez, along with Dr. Jaime and Dra. Erica** let us use their dental office for this two-day clinic....**thank you so much!**

All of us suffered a terrible blow on February 22; we lost our little heart patient Mario. He was not expected to live past birth; his congenital heart malfunction had been diagnosed during pregnancy by ultrasound, but he bravely warriored through nineteen months of life leaving his parents and all who had the pleasure of knowing him with bittersweet memories. Rest in peace dear Mario, you will always be in our payers and an inspiration to keep doing this work to help save other children. Thank you for letting us share your family's inspiring example of love and faith. Through this child's fight for life, more doors have been opened for further cardio care for Los Cabos children in top notch US hospitals. "The pure of heart shall see the Face of God", we know Mario is in the safest of places.

Amigos de los Niños is proud for our help with the opening of the brand new **Santa Josefina Blood Bank** now serving Los Cabos, a major medical facility filling a very major need! It is now up and running, **call 1050354 for your appointment to see if you can help by donating blood** for those in need in **YOUR** community, we never know when we made need it or friends and family....if we step up before, we can avoid some of the distress caused by such an emergency because the blood we all may need will be there! You have a chance to become a periodic **Altruistic Donor**, are you willing to the help Los Cabos in this way? **GO DO IT!**

On March 11 through 15 we will hold our **Bi-Annual ENT/Audio Clinic**, these have been held for over **15 years** in conjunction with the **Municipal DIF** and the **Secretariat of Health. Fourteen surgeries** are scheduled for this visit, and many **hearing aids** will be given away to children who suffer from hearing problems. Over the years **500 ENT surgeries have been preformed by Dr. Mike Rensink,** and close to **1,000 hearing aids have been fitted and given free of charge!** This is a **monumental and constant effort** to always be there for these children....**Felicidades to Doctor Mike and Audiologist Jim O'Hara!**

Amigos de los Niños has sent **Yoselin** and **Ana Maria** for their planned **open-heart surgeries** to the **Avera McKennan Hospital** in South Dakota. **Los Cabos Children's Foundation** picks up the job from there, the girls receive great **pro-bono medical attention**, are housed in '**Casa de Carlitos**' clothed (Double layered long underwear right now!!) and fed by the volunteers and staff of this wonderful organization in Sioux Falls. **Yoselin** has already had her repair and will be coming home soon as good as new. **Ana Maria** is scheduled for the second week in March. Both these girls and their Mothers have been through some extra first time experiences by being in SD for **not one but two blizzards!** Last time I called they were throwing **snowballs!** The '**Circle of Love**' just keeps getting bigger!

Amigos de los Niños will hold their first annual '**St. Patrick's Day**' party at **Miguel Locos Restaurant** right off the Amelia Wilkes Plaza in the center of Cabo San Lucas on March 17th, you can go by and buy tickets there beforehand! **Corned beef and cabbage....green beer....live music....and REALY GREAT raffle prizes....**and all this to support our work with children. **It is 'THE IN' party for St. Paddy's!** Listen to **Radio Mil** for the exciting details also! A **World Class Garage Sale** will be coming up soon...so if you are doing Spring Cleaning...give the **really good stuff** to **ADLN call 1443195 to get directions to drop off the goodies!** We are out to let you have fun while helping the children this year!

And speaking of support, **Pueblo Bonito Time Share Owners and Executives** have come through big time again....**\$30,000 US Dollars!** This wonderful donation lets **ADLN** really get into the swing of each new year, we are very touched by this **year after year generosity** from these great people who regularly visit '**Paradise**' at one of the beautiful **Pueblo Bonito Resorts!** We had just received another great donation form the **PB Sales Reps and Managers** at the end of '06. They also **regularly supply courteously rooms for our visiting physicians and VIP's** who help us out so much. Thanks once again for this support that **saves and changes children's lives!** Our next news will be of all the help **ADLN** has been able to find **though donations!**

Thank you!

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When a non-profit organization carries out continuous work on **projects and children while interacting and networking** with other non-profits, there comes a time when many things start coming together in the most miraculous ways. **The physicians, the hospitals, the foundations and organizations, the children and the families** have all been walking on their own paths through parallel time, **each with their own story, determination and dedication**. It would seem at times that they **walk alone in their struggles**, but then we see how this has all been laid out as a beautiful symphony played back to us with each note in place from just the right instruments, and listened to by an attentive audience of people moved **emotionally and spiritually** by this wonderful music, it is magic.

Amigos de los Niños has just passed through such a time of uplifting coincidences, or if you believe as we, **not coincidences at all, but the prearranged destiny that fulfills the promise of all things working together for good**. You have been reading of our small and large advances, our heartaches and joys. We were heartbroken to tell you in the last newsletter of the **loss of our little cardio patient Mario**, and how through this pain and sadness **doors would be opened** for other children and families of the Los Cabos area who suffer from similar problems.

This last week we were blessed by the visit of **Pediatric Cardiologist Sami Awadallah of Avera McKennan Hospital, Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgeon James Hammel of Omaha Children's Hospital and Pediatric Intensive Care Nurse Kim Hanson also of Omaha Children's**. This wonderful trip was arranged by **Jeanie Conzemius Executive Director of LCCF** to promote the cause for better chances for survival of these little cardio patients. They saw our local hospital system and met with local **Cardiologists Rafael Moguel, Jorge Garcia Barreño and Alejandro Velderrain** as well as other local doctors and medial directors.

The first day we saw **five of the children** who have **already gone to the USA through the help of ADLN and Los Cabos Children's Foundation** for their

cardio surgery or process, **Maria Jose, Ana Maria, Luis, Yoselin, and Omar**. The doctors also examined **two new seriously ill patients, Jade and Angel** on this visit. The amazing part of this examination was that the **eco cardiogram was performed live on Telemedicine seen by cardiologist at Avera McKennan Hospital of Sioux Falls South Dakota at the same time it was being done at the Cabos San Lucas Amerimed Hospital.**

This is revolutionary in getting these very sick children the help they need. What used to take months of sending reports, tests and records back and forth by computer and messenger services now was **happening before our very eyes, in real time it was exactly as if the patient was at the hospital where they would receive treatment or surgery**, the time has been cut to perhaps a two or three week period of progressive diagnosis through **Telemedicine** instead of three to six months of sending and resending the patients records and results. This was, needless to say, a very **emotionally charged moment for all of us involved** in the culmination of work by these two hospitals to truly connect the physicians in their mission of diagnosing these pediatric cardio patients....**Angel's little heart was pumping on the screen....thump, thump, thump was the only sound** in the room full of doctors, nurses and the non-profit directors who were there. **It was a historic moment in the ability to serve the children of Los Cabos who are in need of this medical care! Angel** was a very sick baby when we found him, and is still at **Amerimed** receiving treatment from **Dr. Laura Elena Castañeda** for pneumonia, he will need very special continuing care from **ADLN** to prepare him for cardio surgery.

The guest **Cardiologists** then made a visit to the **ADLN Office** where the children and families first come looking for our help for these medical conditions that far outreach the ability of permanent solutions here in Los Cabos. They also visited the new **Santa Josefina Blood Bank** (*Please call 1050354 for your appointment to see if you can help by donating blood for your community!*) The day was ended with a beautiful sunset dinner at **Club 96 of Villas del Mar**, a founding partner along with **Snell Real Estate**, of the **Los Cabos Children's Foundation**. Years of work by everyone involved were **celebrated by this local and US medical and non-profit community, Amigos de los Niños** is proud to have a leading role in making the plight of these children known, and looking for the generous responses that are building new possibilities for them to **survive**.

The good doctors left on Wednesday after a **very active and participative visit to Los Cabos**, they will **continue to work for our children!** After an hour or so of refecation on the marvels of this trip while waiting at the airport....we received a team of **Pediatric Oncologist!**

Coming from the **world famous St Jude Research Hospital of Memphis Tennessee** founded by **Danny Thomas** where, **Dr. Carlos Rodriguez Galindo MD, Director of their Mexican Outreach Program, and Carmen Sandoval, Volunteer Coordinator of the Outreach Programs.**

Joining them on this visit sponsored by the **Los Cabos Children's Foundation Pediatric Oncology Clinic Project** were, **Dr. Eduardo Altamirano, Director of Pediatric Oncology** at the **Pediatric Hospital of Sinaloa**, and **Dr. Fernando Sanchez Zubieta** and **Dr. Magdalena Ortiz** from the **Hospital Civil of Guadalajara**. These hospitals are both formal **Partner Sites with St Jude** providing services and support to these children through **hospitals and foundations**.

Dr. Eduardo Altamirano, with 19 years of experience at the Sinaloa Pediatrics' Oncology Department as its Director, has been working for the **Los Cabos Children's Foundation** and the **Santa Josefina Blood Bank** for some time, and has been named the **Medical Director of the Pediatric Oncology Clinic Project here in Los Cabos**.

For non-profits whose Mission is bettering children's health it has been the sad observation that **the plight of children with leukemia or cancer is an especially agonizing one**. There are **no pediatric oncology facilities in Baja California Sur** making it necessary for these children to travel, as sick as they are, to mainland Mexico for their treatments. This often destroys the very fiber of these families who don't have the money needed to support themselves during these at least once a month trips to hospitals where they know no one, and the **survival rate for these children is dismal**.

BCS suffers, as do many areas, from the **top five challenges** that **St Jude** has discovered present a formidable challenge at their **Partner Sites, Lack of Physicians and Nurses, cost and access for medications, an increase of patients seeking treatments and their abandonment of same**, and of course, **funding to be used for all of the above**.

During this meeting we visited **La Paz and Los Cabos hospitals** to see what the situation is, and more importantly, **what it can become**. As we visited a La Paz Hospital, we met **a five-year-old girl named Barbara**, she had just been admitted, and **leukemia** was suspected.

After **Dr. Altamirano and his colleagues** examined little **Barbara** and talked to her terrified parents, it was decided that **she would be the first case shared by these institutions and foundation and start the work of the Pediatric Oncology Clinic for Los Cabos**. She is doing well now at the hospital in Culiacan, and we are praying for a good outcome as she is readied to start her chemotherapy. The family is staying at housing available for this purpose near the hospital and are being helped to understand the gravity, but more importantly, the new hope for their situation.

Today **another father** came to the **ADLN** office looking for **help for his small son suffering from leukemia**, and we are starting to have answers for these children. Although we will send children to the excellent Culiacan facility at first, **Dr. Laura Elena Castañeda, Pediatrician**, will be going one week monthly for training with

Dr. Altamirano, as will three nurses, and **Dr. Magdalena Ortiz** has voiced the probability of coming to the area to start bettering the circumstances for these children traveling to La Paz and Los Cabos.

On-going education for local doctors, teachers and health care workers will be organized using **St Jude educational materials** to help these people in contact with children to better recognize the first signs of cancer. **Education, screening and new specialized physicians** in the area is the progress so far, much is left to be done, **but much has been accomplished by the work and funding of Los Cabos Children's Foundation and Amigos de los Niños**. We will continue our work at **ADLN** in being the first step in finding and receiving these children and sending them on to the appropriate physicians while continuing to provide moral support for the families and medical help for the children. We will be receiving an additional **\$10,000 Grant** from **Los Cabos Children's Foundation** to facilitate the travel expenses incurred by these families while being diagnosed and treated.

ADLN has also been very busy with our **Special Cases** at **Amerimed Hospital**. **Dr. Javier Escamilla** just preformed surgeries for **Monica**, who suffers from cerebral palsy, doing ligament relaxation surgery, and **Victor**, who is having conjoined fingers and toes separated in two operations, has successfully completed the first one. Little **Alondra** was hospitalized for several days getting over an infection caused by the shunt for her hydrocephalic condition, and **Yesinia** will have orthopedic surgery to correct her hip misalignment this week.

Our next **free surgical clinic for local children** will be in **Ophthalmology** correcting eye problems such as strabismus for **six little patients** on May 18th and 19th. **Dra. Brenda Najera** will be the physician in charge of this clinic, and we are planning another for six more patients later in the year. The response of **local physicians** in helping the children of **Amigos de los Niños** is amazing; we can count on a full crew of specialist to alleviate these children's medical problems that would otherwise go unattended

Amigos de los Niños will also hold a **Dental Clinic** the 12th and 13th of June with **Dr. Greg Psaltis and his wonderful team**. We will follow up on children they saw in February, and look for new patients to take advantage of the opportunity.

A great fun event is coming up! The **1st Annual Amigos de los Niños Softball Tournament** will be held May 11th, 12th and 13th at the **Cabo San Lucas Baseball Stadium** (Behind the Red Cross), 8 teams will be competing from local resorts with the **Grand Final After Party** being held at the **Love Shack** on Saturday the 13th, call Vicky at 1443195 for more information!

Amigos de los Niños first annual '**St. Patrick's Day**' party at **Miguel Locos Restaurant** in Cabo San Lucas on March 17th, was a great success and fun for all who turned out to support our work with children, It is '**THE IN**' party for **St. Paddy's** and will be an annual event to look forward to! Thanks to all who made it possible! Thank you!

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ADLN reported in our May **Newsletter** on the visit of pediatric oncologist from **St. Jude Outreach Program** and also physicians from the Mexican Mainland. This work has continued to go forward and we now are helping **five children with cancer** in the **Hospital Pediatrico de Sinaloa** under the direction of **Dr. Eduardo Altamirano**. This is again is a project in coordination with **Los Cabos Children's Foundation** and the **Baja California Sur Secretariat of Health** that involves children from the whole State.

Amigos de los Niños finds these little patients, or more frequently, by word of mouth they come to us recommended by other families who have been helped through our **Mission**. **ADLN** then does all the work in getting together their papers and medical file and any testing or pediatric evaluations necessary though **Dr. Laura Elena Castaneda**, who is part of the **LCCF Pediatric Oncology Project**, then we arrange for the patient and one or both parents, as the circumstances permit, to fly to Culiacan where they are met at the airport by the staff from the **Hospital Pediatrico de Sinaloa**. Once there, they receive the best of oncological care, all have been inscribed in the **Seguro Popular for Catastrophic Illness**, a new public insurance program made available to Mexican children who find themselves in this situation. This insurance covers part of the astronomical cost of chemo therapy and other medicines they will need for their treatment which in some cases is up to two and three years long. **Dr. Altamirano** is on staff with the **LCCF Pediatric Oncology Project 'Spirit of Joy'** and cares for the children using his eighteen years of expertise, twelve of those in a program with **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital of Memphis Tennessee**.

Los Cabos Children's Foundation has rented and is renovating a temporary home for these families, as they need to stay for long periods of time in Culiacan during treatment. The home has been christened **Casa Valentina** for a child that was lost in her fight to overcome illness. Her Mother, '**La Mama de Valentina**' as everyone knows her, has taken on the volunteer work of organizing and operating **Casa Valentina** through a Foundation she is creating.

As we progress with the plans in both Los Cabos and La Paz for the facilities to attend to these cancer patients, we will be able to care for more of them here at home and the trips to Culiacan will be reduced to only the more complicated

procedures. As the dream is realized, through training and the acquisition of equipment, **we will be able to do the entire treatment and care for these children right here in Cabo so they don't need to travel long distances.** The first major step towards this goal was the **Santa Josefina Blood Bank (Please call 1050354 for your appointment to see if you can help by donating blood!).** A blood bank is a major need for children with leukemia supplying them with **palettes** and **blood transfusions.**

In other good news, **ADLN held a five-surgery Ophthalmology Clinic** for children with strabismus, **Dra. Brenda Najar** performed these surgeries at **Amerimed Hospital** on May 18th. **Gustavo, Irving, Oswaldo, Valentin** and **Gaby** are all seeing much better now! **ADLN** will hold another of these clinics before years end to take care of all the children we have on our list for this type of surgery.

Jose Juvenio received elbow surgery performed by **Dr. Javier Escamilla,** Orthopedic Surgeon, also at **Amerimed.**

Amigos de los Niños Dental Clinic on the 12th and 13th of June with **Dr. Greg Psaltis and his wonderful team** went very well, 8 Special School students, and 40 children from the Los Niños del Capitan school and surrounding neighborhood were seen to follow up on children they saw in February and look for new patients to take advantage of the opportunity. This will be an annual clinic in which we will try to keep up with the children that we are presently seeing, and add new ones as others finish....we should be able to keep these children's teeth in pretty good shape! **The estimated value of the material and service donated by these dental professionals is over \$13,000, Muchas Gracias!!**

Three children are presently being prepared by **ADLN** to be sent to the **Avera McKennan Hospital** in Sioux Falls through the **Los Cabos Children's Foundation** for treatment not available here in Cabo, two are severe orthopedic cases and one young lady with a cardio problem. The future will look much brighter for these children after their visit to the wonderful people in Sioux Falls!

The **1st Annual Amigos de los Niños Softball Tournament** was a huge success; everyone had fun as well as a very competitive time! The team from **Villa del Palmar** won the **Grand Final** and all celebrated in **The Love Shack.** Thanks to everyone who helped and took part, we are looking forward to doing this again next year.

ADLN also held a two-day **Garage Sale** with great items donated by our volunteers, **thank you** to all who helped make this a success!

Amigos de los Niños next major Fundraising Events will be during the famous **Bisbee Fishing Tournament** with a first ever **Beauty Pageant** sponsored by **Platinum Capital International** kicking off the week and the **Annual Bisbee Golf Tournament** ending with a great time for golfing fishermen and many locals who

compete for the **best hotel team, restaurant team, pros, closest to the hole, longest dive and on and on....** everyone leaves with a prize at this fun tournament sponsored by **Golf in Mexico** and their team, there are a lot of great opportunities for getting your businesses name on it though sponsorship too, take a look at <http://www.golfinmexico.net/bisbee/index.htm>.

ADLN is able to help the children through help from others, **be part of this effort and see what richness it can bring to your life!** We will need lots of **volunteer help in October** for our events, please call 1443195 and speak with Vicky if you are interested! And...as always...the amount of children who need help to overcome serious medical problems never ends in our growing community, nor should our ability to give it, this requires the availability of ongoing donations to be able to keep up with the job, please continue to offer these children the help they need, if not us, who? We are available for your inquiries, and offer **US and Mexican tax-deductible receipts**

Thank you!

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Hello again! Whew, 2007 has gone by so quickly with all the **Free Clinics, Special Cases** and **Fundraising Events** celebrated by **Amigos De Los Niños....** and we barely have time to catch our breath before **starting the work for 2008!**

We hope you all have had a great year too, thanks to the help of our **faithful donors, Amigos de los Niños** has been able to accomplish **more than ever** this year. If you have heard the **ADLN** story, or thought you might like to **help us help the children** though a donation of any size, please call us at **624 143195** or send us an email amigospresident@yahoo.com, please, take this step **NOW in this season of sharing** and become part of the ongoing story! **ADLN** offers **US and Mexican** tax-deductible receipts for your donations. Take a look at <http://www.adlncabo.com> to find out more about us, and the children we have served since 1991! We know you have wanted to help...now is the time and it is a perfect way to show your solidarity with the children of the **rapidly growing Los Cabos community....**if you live here or are just passing through, leave your mark by **benefiting children with medical problems**. However you celebrate...**Happy Holidays** or **Merry Christmas....**put some **oomph** behind the salutation, and **thank you** for showing you care in this important way!

In the news this year, the **ADLN / Los Cabos Children's Foundation** project for BCS children with cancer is growing, we have now sent 10 little patients to the **Hospital Pediatrico de Sinaloa** for diagnosis and treatment, six children were diagnosis with some type of cancer, leukemia is the most prevalent, and others had maladies which were either cured, or an ongoing treatment plan found for them.

2008 will be a very exciting time for this project, **Amerimed San Jose** will open their doors and within will be a two-room suite dedicated to taking care of these patients with the **chemotherapy** and **hospitalizations** necessary. The new hospital is complete with **neonatal** and **pediatric intensive care** so we will have everything they need right here in **Los Cabos**. **Dr. Eduardo Altamirano**, the well know Pediatric Oncologist who is the **Medical Director** for the project will be taking a leave of absence to come to **Los Cabos** and set up this **Pediatric Oncology Clinic**. The most difficult cases and those that are just being diagnosed will still go

to Culiacan, but the ongoing treatment will be done here, and as the project evolves and people are trained, more and more will be accomplished right here at home.

The world famous **St Jude Children's and Research Hospital** is on board with the '**BCS Twining Program**' that puts their experience with that of local **Mexican Physicians** in the effort to help children with cancer, this is part of **St Jude's Outreach Program of which Dr Altamirano has been a partner for the past fifteen years**. We are very excited about this; it is truly a **revolutionary step in medical care for BCS children!** **ADLN / LCCF** helped with transportation and creating **Casa Valentina**, a home in Culiacan where the BCS children can stay while undergoing treatment. **Casa Valentina** was founded through the vision of Elizabeth, '**La Mama de Valentina**', as everyone knows her. Little **Valentina** was a twin and was the second of the two babies to be lost to cancer last May. Elizabeth's strength and salvation from this overwhelming sorrow has been to help other children and mothers going through this very painful experience. **Together we have made a safe haven for children suffering from cancer and its effect on the families.**

And....we remind you that the **Santa Josefina Blood Bank** is the only blood bank in the **Los Cabos** area, **it was founded as the first step in the Pediatric Oncology Project**, children suffering from leukemia need blood transfusions and platelets! The benefit in **emergency blood for the community** is also a big plus in this project! **Santa Josefina** has served over **450 calls from local hospitals** for units of blood or blood products helping to save many lives. To be able to do this....**Santa Josefina** needs **Altruistic Blood Donors.....call (624) 1050354** to find out more about our blood bank and how to **donate** or be on an **emergency donor lists** when '**your type**' is needed!

Amigos De Los Niños has taken care of several of our pending **Special Case Children** this year, the lists now run into 60 to 80 cases at any given time...some of the cases who have received **orthopedic surgery through our good friend Dr. Javier Escamilla** were **Jose, Victor, Flor, Lizeth, Monica** and **Jose Juvencio**...still this year **Adrian** will receive a much needed tonsillectomy performed by long time **ADLN** faithful **Dr. Jose Manuel Portillo**. **Thank you to all the local physicians** who help us get the children well, and all of those **who travel here to help children**, and the **wonderful hospitals and medical personnel** who allow our children to be sent to far away places to receive treatment!

Special Case Children Erick and **Jazmine** went to **Avera McKennan Hospital** in South Dakota in the last half of the year, **Erick** is recovering nicely from two orthopedic hip surgeries and neurological test and treatment, he will be home for Christmas after experiencing snow for the first time, **he is a bright little boy who is charming the doctors and nurses up there as much as he has us....even in English now!**

Jazmin just got back to **Los Cabos** after having a **heart intervention** that took her out of danger from **Sudden Death Syndrome**. She is **sweet sixteen** and so glad to get back to a normal life, we all went over to her house for a 'carne asada' the other night and had a great time...thanks yous from about twenty cousins and a Grandmother who all love her dearly. When we can help a young girl back to health and then see her interaction with family and friends first hand, we really get to see just how much **this collaboration of non profits, doctors and people means, it is incredibly to be able to be part of helping a miracle happen!** When you help **Amigos de los Niños**, you really do help **save and change children's lives**.

While **Erick** and **Jazmine** were together in Sioux Falls in the hospital and at **Casa de Carlitos**, the home started by **Los Cabos Children's Foundation** to help these children and families while they are receiving medical attention, an amazing thing happened. **Jazmine** loved taking care of five year old **Erick** who suffers multiple neurological problems, all were amazed to see that they formed a **very special bond**, **Erick** responded to **Jazmine** saying and doing things **for the first time ever**, through their new friendship, this little boy corresponded with reactions that were amazing...they both still talk about each other and will be furthering the friendship when **Erick** gets back. **Healing comes in so many ways**. A special thanks to **Jeanie Conzemius, Executive Director of Los Cabos Children Foundation**, she takes care of the children sent to South Dakota as if they were her own, they all love her and her wonderful family and she is a big part of this healing process!

Amigos de los Niños, in coordination with the **Cabo San Lucas Special Ed School**, brought in the **ParOlimpic and Pan-American gold medal winning swimmer, Doramitzi Gonzales** in October for the **Special Schools Arts Festival** and a special conference for parents of children with special needs. Doramitzi is a wonderful spokeswoman having herself overcome a disability to become a world-class swimmer. This is an annual project that **ADLN** has taken on to shine a light on these **special needs children** though hearing stories of success and fulfillment told by people who truly know just what they go through. You certainly don't need different capabilities to be moved to tears when hearing just how much of **the right stuff** it takes to do what these special people do...and how the unfaltering support of friends and family make it possible. **ADLN** is able to find these special athletes through our friendship with the **Mexican TELTON**. Speaking of which, the 2007 donation to **ADLN** from the **TELTON** went to purchase early stimulation equipment to be placed in the **Cabo San Lucas Special School**, these are all those tactile 'soft things' that teach special children how to maneuver in this world...brightly colored soft steps, a pool of soft balls and so on, these will arrive in late December just in time for **back to school in January!**

Then on to clinics! **Optometry** in January...**Pediatric Dentistry** in February and June, **ENT and Audiologist** in April and November and **Ophthalmic Surgeries** in May, each one of these clinics takes two months and twenty five letters to the different authorities involved to organize, Secretariat of Health, Customs and

Immigration, plus a local physician taking on the responsibility for all the care the children receive, and the after care that is involved. Not to mention the logistics of getting the team **housed, fed and moving** around! **ADLN** wishes to especially thank **The Bungalows, Sunset Beach** and **Hacienda del Mar** who are our unfailing partners in housing for these visiting medical teams, without them, **ADLN** would not be able to provide this service to the community. **A special thanks** to the **ADLN Office Staff** for their very committed work for the children, without them, none of this would happen, **Rebeca, Vicky** and **Yuliana**, you are the best!

And **fundraising events**, thanks to the great **ADLN Board of Directors, Mike, Paige, Sheryl, Terri, Bridget and Jamie**, we had a lot and made a lot for the children! **An Arts and Antique Sale** in February, **St Patrick's Day Party** in March, **Softball Tournament** in May, **Garage Sale** in July, **Volleyball Tournament** in August, **Sammy Hagar's Cabo Wabo Birthday Bash** and **Miss Los Cabos** in October, **RCI Golf Tournament** in November, **ADLN** works hard for the money and **thanks all of the sponsors** who made it possible! Thank you to all the **organizers, volunteers** and **participants**, you make our year!

This is **Amigos de los Niños 2007** all-star list of ongoing financial donors, **thank you so much for all that you do**, you make it happen for our children! **Los Cabos Children's Foundation, Pueblo Bonito Group, Cabo Tenders, The McMillan Foundation, Eagles Wings Foundation, TELETON**, and **The Haddonfield Rotary**, may you all receive the blessing of a child's smile everyday!

So if it sounds exciting, it is! January 6, 2008 **Amigos de los Niños** holds the first **Free Clinic for 2008...Optometry at the Anikan Hospital. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays** to all of you, **we wish you every blessing and happiness for the New Year!**

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