IMAGINE GALA 2024

Mending Kids
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Be a Pearl in Our Ocean of Hope
Celebrate our 19th Year of Transformation with Us!

Honoring Dr. Jason Frischer Cedars-Sinai Guerin Children's Heber Carias

March 16, 2024
6pm - 10pm
Skirball Cultural Center,
Los Angeles, CA
Let us imagine for a moment the countless children around the world who face medical challenges. It's easy to feel overwhelmed by the sheer number of those in need.

It's like trying to count the grains of sand on a vast and endless beach. But in the face of this vast ocean of need, you are the pearls. You are the ones who can make a difference. You represent compassion and the ability to change lives.

On March 16th, 2024

We come together to share our pearls of wisdom to bring healing and hope to these children.
At Mending Kids, we are dedicated to a simple yet powerful mission: healing children and transforming their lives. For nearly two decades, we have tirelessly worked to provide critical surgical care to children and mend their futures. Our commitment knows no borders, as we extend our reach to children in need both at home and abroad.

OUR MISSION:
Healing Children, Transforming Lives, Supporting Communities
WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS:

Every child deserves a chance at a brighter, healthier future. By sponsoring the "Imagine Gala: Be a Pearl in Our Ocean of Hope," you're not only supporting an unforgettable event but also contributing to our life-changing work. Your support is a catalyst for hope, love, and mending—the driving forces behind our mission.

As a sponsor, you play a vital role in making a tangible difference in the lives of children. Your commitment directly impacts their well-being and opens doors to a world of possibilities they may not have had otherwise.

Join us, in this extraordinary journey as we celebrate our 19th year, celebrate exceptional honorees, and work together to create a world where every child's dream can be realized. Your support is the pearl that will help us continue our mission.
Heber Carias

Heber fell from a hammock when he was 5 years old, the trauma caused him to be intubated in the ICU for 17 days which caused stenosis and which is how he ended up with a tracheotomy. When he was 12, he fully expected to be living with it for the rest of his life, that was until he met Mending Kids surgeon, Dr. Ayal Willner, who promised to help him and restore his vocal chords. After multiple surgeries in Guatemala and the United States, Heber was finally mended. His vocal chords restored and breathing without a device, he is currently studying to be an accountant, with plans to graduate in 2025. We honor Heber with the Hope Award because his story is a testament to the transformative power of hope in the face of adversity, and he serves as a source of inspiration for others facing medical challenges.
CEDARS-SINAI GUERIN CHILDREN'S

For nearly two decades, Cedars-Sinai Guerin Children’s has provided unwavering support to Mending Kids, from their surgeons and medical teams volunteering their services and time, loaning specialized equipment or donating care for our patients at their center, from Africa to Asia and Central and South America they have and continue to make a profound impact on the lives of countless children globally. As early partners in our Hometown Mission, they have played a pivotal role in bringing world-class surgical care to our local community.

Their steadfast commitment extends beyond the surgical suite, as they have consistently supported our campaigns, helping us raise awareness and critical funds. Cedars-Sinai Guerin Children’s enduring dedication to pediatric surgical care not only exemplifies the Love Award but also inspires us all. With profound gratitude, we honor them for their unwavering love and care, their commitment to transforming lives, and their enduring support for Mending Kids.
We are proud to honor Dr. Jason Frischer with the Mend Award at our Imagine Gala. As a world-renowned pediatric colorectal surgeon and a dedicated board member of Mending Kids, Dr. Frischer, who serves as the Director of the Colorectal Center at Cincinnati Children’s, has consistently demonstrated unparalleled skill and unwavering dedication to mending the lives of children suffering from colorectal conditions. His outstanding record includes leading eight surgical missions to the Bugando Medical Center in Mwanza, Tanzania, where, alongside his remarkable team from the Colorectal Center in Cincinnati, he mended over 130 children.
Dr. Frischer has not only played a pivotal role in healing and improving the lives of countless children but has also been instrumental in supporting and elevating the standards of care at the Bugando Medical Center, guiding them toward self-sustainment. His exceptional contributions are the embodiment of the Mend Award, and we are privileged to recognize his extraordinary work in our mission to bring healing and hope to children in need. Dr. Frischer's dedication and profound impact make him a deserving recipient of this prestigious honor.
Mending Kids provides sick children with life-changing and life-saving surgical care while advancing education and training towards medical sufficiency in their communities.

Since 2005, thanks to our dedicated volunteer surgical teams from world-renowned medical institutions, we have mended over 5150 children from 74 countries, including over 143 kids in the United States and 164 surgical trips.
## Sponsorship Opportunities

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JOIN US
Together, we can save young lives and restore childhoods.

SHINE
Illuminate all the good that you do through your support.

INSPIRE
Be a source of inspiration by helping children and making their lives matter.

INVEST
Invest in their future as a role model for exceptional corporate citizenship.
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**Enhanced Exposure:** Prominent recognition/Presented by” in all event-related materials, including invitations, flyers, newsletter, social media, website, Step n’ Repeat and event program.

**Video Spotlight:** Opportunity for your service/product video to be presented on our website.

**Double Spread Tribute:** A dedicated two-page tribute/ad in the event program, which can include a personalized message, images, and branding. Presented by/cover & Double-page ads in the event program.

**Recognized Sponsor:** Recognition in event materials, including invitations, flyers, newsletter, social media, website, and event program.

**Social Media Spotlight:** Logo with a hyperlink on the Gala event web page.
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Full page tribute:  
$750

Half page tribute:  
$500

Quarter page tribute:  
$300

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INVESTING IN FUTURES

Why sponsor our event?

By sponsoring the Mending Kids gala, you're not only supporting critical surgical care but also becoming a vital part of our mission to provide hope, love, and mending to young lives worldwide. Your investment will transform futures, ignite hope, and make a lasting difference. As a sponsor, you'll not only gain valuable exposure and recognition, but you'll also have the opportunity to be part of a compassionate community that believes in the power of healing and compassion. Your sponsorship will enable us to continue our life-changing work, ensuring that every child receives the medical care and support they deserve.

Together, we can create a world where children's dreams can be realized, and their potential can be fulfilled. We invite you to be a part of this journey and help us weave a tapestry of hope, love, and mending for children in need.

Volunteer Naomi Carmona-Morshead and our patients in Nicaragua
Impactful Philanthropy

Your sponsorship directly contributes to providing critical surgical care for children in need. It's a chance to make a real difference in their lives, offering hope and healing.

Emotional Connection

The event embodies themes of hope, love, and mending, creating a strong emotional connection. Sponsoring it allows you to showcase your values and engage deeply with your audience.

Visibility and Brand Exposure

Sponsoring the gala offers valuable exposure and recognition, enhancing your brand's reputation and demonstrating your commitment to social responsibility and positive change.

Long-Term Impact

Your investment has a lasting impact, improving the health, education, and opportunities of children, which can transform their lives for a lifetime.

Fulfillment and Satisfaction: Supporting the gala provides a deep sense of fulfillment, knowing that you've contributed to a cause that directly impacts the lives of children in need. It's an opportunity to make a tangible and positive difference in the world.

Your support matters; it matters more than you can imagine. Invest in their future, and together, let's make a profound and lasting impact on the lives of children in need.
JOIN US!

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