

Atlanta Plastic Surgeon Aids Children in Guatemala and Named National Top Doctor

Atlanta Facial Plastic & Reconstructive surgeon Mike Majmundar, M.D. founder and principal of Northside Facial Cosmetic Surgery, recently returned from extending some Southern hospitality, and much needed surgical expertise, to some of the poorest citizens of Guatemala. Working with the non-profit organization Flying Doctors of America (FDOA), Dr. Majmundar and his team were hosted by a government-run hospital in Retalhuleu.

Dr. Majmundar performed 15 surgeries, mostly on children (one as young as 12-days-old) during this trip to Guatemala (his second) with FDOA. During his daily assessments, he saw lots of smiles as he passed out coloring books, stickers, and stuffed animals to the kids - always one of the favorite parts of his trip. "It's so fun and rewarding to be able to make the kids smile, and it's very satisfying to have the opportunity to use our skills to impact these peoples' lives to such a great extent," reflected Dr. Majmundar. In fact, without surgery to repair a missing eyelid, the 12-day-old baby would have eventually scratched his cornea and become blind.

This year's trip was particularly challenging as the government-run hospital kept requiring Dr. Majmundar to purchase supplies, such as operating room light bulbs, sheets, and patient gowns, before permission would be given for him to use the OR each day. "I didn't mind purchasing the supplies; it was just frustrating to find out the day's requirement, and then have to use precious time to track down the needed supplies when I could have been doing more surgery," he explained. Dr. Majmundar is thankful for his U.S. support including patients, friends, Northside Hospital, Alpharetta Head & Neck Surgery Center, and Northside ENT for donating money and supplies for the trip. "Without the generosity of my Atlanta contingent of supporters, I wouldn't have had what I needed to perform surgery," he stated.

Upon his return home, Dr. Majmundar learned that he had been named one of America's "Top Doctors" for the third year in a row by U.S. News & World Report and the prestigious Castle Connolly Medical group. It is also the third, consecutive year that he has been named one of Atlanta's Top Doctors by his peers, and featured in Atlanta Magazine.

Dr. Mike Majmundar is a double board-certified facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon. He can be reached at 770.475.3146 or online at <http://www.northsideplasticsurgery.com>.

*Feature information on specific patients in Guatemala is available. Please contact Ms. Hull to arrange a personal interview with Dr. Majmundar.

About Northside Facial Cosmetic Surgery:

Northside Facial Cosmetic Surgery and Dr. Mike Majmundar specialize exclusively in cosmetic and reconstructive surgery of the face, head and neck for the residents of Atlanta, Sandy Springs and the surrounding communities in Georgia. Dr. Majmundar is a double board certified facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon with knowledge of not only beauty and form, but also function. Nose Jobs

(Rhinoplasty), Eyelid Surgery (Blepharoplasty), Facial (Natural Facelift) Plastic Surgery, Injectables, and more.

Background On Flying Doctors Of America:

Flying Doctors of America was founded by Allan M. Gathercoal in 1990. Currently it has more than 7000 volunteers in association.

The organization brings together physicians, dentists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, pharmacists, and other non-medical volunteers who give medical and dental care to people in developing countries throughout the world. All of the missions are short-term (one or two weeks), professionally managed and affordable. Each team member makes a small donation to the organization which is used to cover the cost of transportation, lodging and mission expenses. Each year, the schedule of missions is posted on the organization's website.

The organization is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization [1] registered as Medical Mercy Missions, Inc. with the IRS [2] and in the state of Georgia, DBA: Flying Doctors of America.