



Wings Around the Galaxy Intergalactic Gala





Tina & Brad Hillstrom, "Mend Award" Honorees



Actress Kelli Goss & Savannah Jayde w/ Guests



Greg Booth, "Love Award" Honoree

Mel Gibson Greets Mending Kids Patient



Dorothy Lucey and Ana Garcia, Hosts



Mending Kids Patients Enjoyed the Gala





Press Release



(Los Angeles) – On November 8, Mending Kids is holding its annual gala at Hanger 8 at Santa Monica Airport. This year's fundraiser is entitled "Wings Around the Galaxy" with the theme "How far will we go together to mend a child?"

The evening will be hosted by veteran broadcasters Dorothy Lucey and Ana Garcia, will honor Dr. Brad Hillstrom and Tina Hillstrom of Transparent Media Company, who will be presented with a Mend Award for their contributions to Mending Kids. The Love Award goes to Greg Booth, a business development executive at Google and a loyal board member of Mending Kids; and the Hope Award will be given by Mel Gibson to Dr. Philip K. Frykman, Dr. Keith Kimble and Janet Kimble, R.N., all of Cedars Sinai Medical Center, for all of the hope they have given young people around the world through their tireless efforts. Also being recognized is the Mending Kids Club of San Marino High School for their dedication, fundraising efforts and commitment to volunteerism.

Mending Kids, a Los Angeles based non-profit organization, has provided thousands of free life-changing surgeries to children from 54 countries, including the United States. Mending Kids deploys renowned surgical teams on missions to developing countries, and brings children to Los Angeles, where they live with volunteer Host Families during advanced surgical care and recuperation. Mending Kids' missions also focus on providing pediatric surgical training to help local doctors build long-term sustainable surgical programs. Funding comes from donations and special events; 90% of every dollar raised goes to the surgical treatment of the children.

Guests will be hosted by sponsors including Ace Rivington, Packair, Ducati Newport Beach, Beryll, Warner Bros., Montrose Travel, and Deloitte.

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"Extra's" Mario Lopez caught up with Mel Gibson in an exclusive interview at The Mending Kids Gala

What a cool thing to have such an impact on so many people, to change someone's life, a kids life. – **Mario Lopez**



It's fantastic! I think the most important thing - a lot of charities, the money doesn't get there to help people but this actually - over 90 cents of every dollar gets to these kids, the doctors, to the process of operating and healing them.

We've affected a lot of lives. Life saving surgeries ... from congenital heart disease to facial deformities, Spina bifida, burns, the whole 9 yards. Wherever there is a need we try and fill it.

They [Mending Kids] provide such great work. They send out doctors, nurses and techs. They train doctors, nurses and techs in other countries so there is sustainability involved.

Your dollar goes a real long way here. – **Mel Gibson**



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MENDING KIDS AROUND THE WORLD



MENDING KIDS AROUND THE WORLD—Surgeons Dr. Philip K. Frykman, right, and Dr. Keith Kimble, along with wife Janet Kimble, R.N., (above left) were honored with the Hope Award for their surgical volunteerism and contributions to pediatric medicine Saturday at the Mending Kids “Wings Around the Galaxy” gala at Santa Monica Airport’s Hangar 8. Drs. Frykman and Dr. Kimble invented a low-cost muscle stimulator for anorectal malformations repair that is currently in commercial production. Actor Mel Gibson presented the Mend Award to residents Brad and Tina Hillstrom (above right) for their support of the nonprofit that has provided thousands of free life-changing surgeries to children from 54 countries, deploying surgical teams on missions and bringing children to Los Angeles.

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San Marino High's Mending Kids Program is Making a Difference



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The Mending Kids Club of San Marino High School, SMHS 4 MKI, will receive the Teen Leadership award at Mending Kids' 'Wings Around The Galaxy' Gala on November 8th at Hangar 8 at the Santa Monica Airport. Mending Kids is a Los Angeles based non-profit organization that provides surgeries, free of charge, to children in need in the U.S. and 54 other countries around the world.

Started three years ago, SMHS 4 MKI has maintained over 30 energetic and determined student members each year. The devoted students have organized a classroom donation drive to collect items to go in goodie bags for Mending Kids' surgery patients.

Other projects have included making blankets for the children, as well as hosting a fundraising bake sale. Some of the teens travel to Burbank to volunteer at the Mending Kids' offices to assist with medical supply inventories and to help with packing supplies for medical missions.

One student, Anita Sheno, and her mother Lalita, participated in a medical mission to Peru, accompanying a medical team that performed necessary surgeries on numerous children. The volunteers were able to see the work this non-profit does first hand including watching surgeries, entertaining the children and helping the parents and siblings of the patients.

Anita, Lalita and other volunteers on the mission also visited local schools, where they trained the children in dental care and they distributed books, toys and supplies to those in need, both in and out of the hospital.

"This was an amazing experience," said Anita, "I am so grateful that Dr. Dean Anselmo of Children's Hospital Los Angeles, who volunteers with Mending Kids and headed the medical mission to Peru, came to our school last year to speak about Mending Kids and its remarkable work. It inspired me to not only want to join the medical mission, but to become a doctor someday. I strongly recommend that other teens go on one of these missions. It's really a life changer."

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