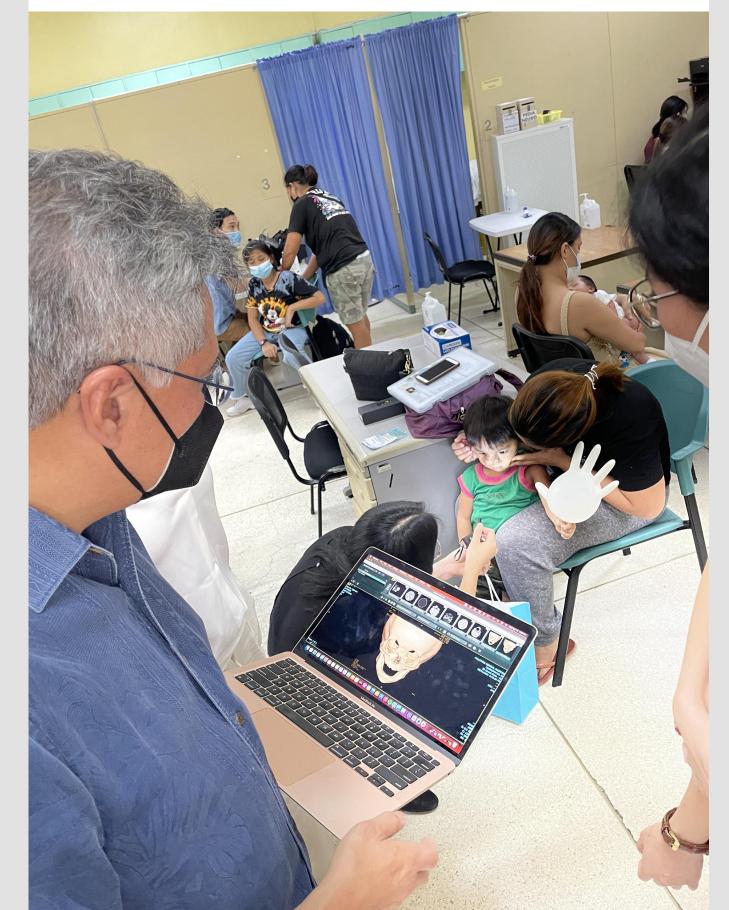


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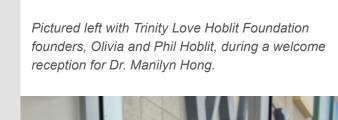
Healing Minds, Educational Awards, Patient Support, Fundraising Event, and ESM 2023

Healing Minds

NOF kicked off 2023 with a television broadcast of the documentary, Healing Minds. Aired on local Jacksonville TV stations, the documentary highlights the essence of NOF's work and its impact on global neurosurgery. Award winning producer, Mr. Ray Hays, accompanied the ESM 2022 team to the Philippines and captured intimate moments of hope and the determination of volunteer neurosurgeons helping people get treatment. Eloquently told, this film will move you. Missed it? No worries, you can view it here.

Educational Award: NOF-TLHF Jacksonville Traveling Fellowship

It took almost 4 years for the first NOF-TLHF Jacksonville Traveling Fellow to fulfill her award. Between pandemic lockdown, travel issues, and scheduling, we were so happy to finally welcome her to Jacksonville this past spring. Dr. Manilyn Hong is Filipino-Chinese and comes from a large family in South Cotabato, Philippines. Her journey to neurosurgery has been disrupted but her resolve remained strong. She completed a pediatric neurosurgery fellowship in Canada before observing at Wolfson Children's Hospital and Baptist Health System. Her sixweek stay gave her a glimpse of patient management and specialized healthcare systems in addition to neurosurgical disease management processes and procedures. Dr. Hong returned to the Philippines with the intent to start her practice in an area that is



grossly underserved. We wish her the best!



Traveling Fellowship, supported by the Trinity Hoblit Foundation was an exceptional opportunity for me as a young neurosurgeon, to gain exposure and handson experience in neurosurgical care in a high-income country setting. Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida, which is known for its world class neurosurgical care provided me an

"Neurosurgery Outreach Foundation's

opportunity to work with experienced neurosurgeons, learn new techniques and approaches that I could adapt to my community, which currently lacks access to specialized neurosurgical care. This fellowship was an invaluable experience for me and I've gained valuable knowledge and skills during my time there.....[the] program is a testament to both of their commitment to advancing health and improving access to specialized neurosurgical care in underserved areas. Their support helped make my experience at Wolfson Children's Hospital even more enriching and rewarding and I'm forever grateful that they have given me this opportunity." ~ Dr. Manilyn Hong

Educational Award: NOF-JGNS Global Neurosurgery Research

The second annual Global Neurosurgery Research Award was presented this past spring. NOF is proud to have collaborated with Journal of Global Neurosurgery with this award that provides opportunity to advance global neurosurgical research and build research capacity by and in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs).

Special thanks to Dr. Frederick Boop, St.Judes' Children's Research Hospital, Dr. Ariana Barkley, University of New Mexico Health Science, Dr. Ramesh Grandhi, University of Utah, and Dr. Anthony Figali, University of Cape Town, South Africa, and the editorial staff at JGNS for selecting the winners.

Congratulations! Find their work at www.journalofglobalneurosurgery.org.

1st Place: "Assessment of the Prognostic Value of Helsinki Computer Tomography Score in Severe Traumatic Brain Injury in Patients at Kenyatta National Hospital" - Dave Mangar, CK Musau, A. Odhiambo, G. Mwang (Kenya)

2nd Place: "Surgical Treatment of Chronic Subdural Hematomas by the Trepanation Technique. Results of a Prospective Randomized Study between Drainage through a Trephine Hole and Two Holes" - Dahmane Elhairech, MD., Saloua Kanazy, MD., Bouchra Rhesissi, PhD., Nadia el Kadmiri, Phd., Mohamed Lmejatti, MD (Morroco)

3rd Place: "Decompressive Hemicraniectomy in Hemispheric Ischemic Stroke: A Prospective Cohort In a Brazilian Population. Does Timing Really Matters?" - Daniela Buzaglo Concalves, Makarem Oliveira, Gabriela Campos da Silva Coutinho, Edson Bor-Seng-Shu, Wellingson Silva Paiva, Manoel Jacobsen Teixeira, Paloam Cardoso Novo, Robson Luis Oliveira de Amorim (Amazonas, Brazil)

Service, Education, and Support (Patients Say Thank You)

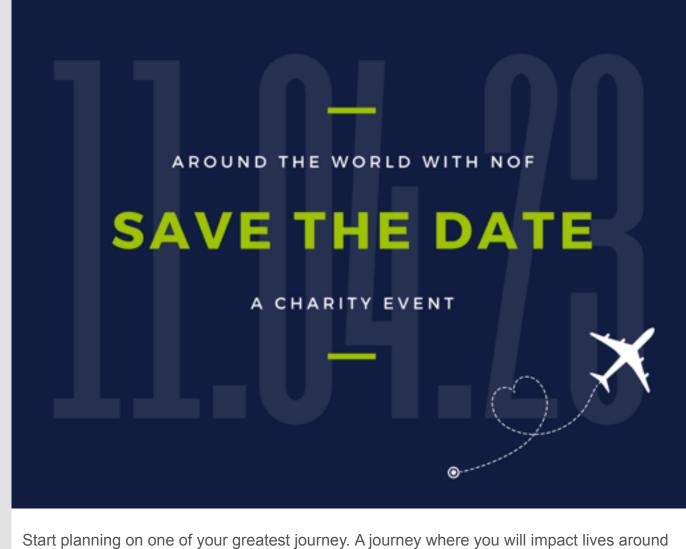
NOF works tirelessly to help families from underserved communities to access care and treatment when they need it. Part of the solution is having access to funds so people can afford components or the entirety of their treatment. In some parts of the world, each part of a disease management process is itemized and families often select options that they can afford. At times, opting out of critical components or even opting out altogether because the cost is too high. Giving families a fund to draw from to bridge that cost gap can be a difference between life and death. We are so pleased that with our donors' generosity, two charity hospitals in the Philippines house NOF funds for indigent patients, giving them peace of mind in getting treatment. Pictured below are a few grateful patients.







Save The Date for NOF's Fundraising Event



Kristin Pirris, for one evening to raise funds that will bring a lifetime of hope to someone suffering from a brain tumor, aneurysm, spinal cord injury, or any other neurosurgical impairment. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Russ Thomas who have graciously offered their hangar to

the world. Mark your calendars for November 4. Join Honorary Chairs, Dr. Stephen and Mrs.

hold this inspiring evening—a perfect space for this year's fundraiser themed-event, Around The World With NOF. Watch out for your invitations coming through your mail in September and remember to book early! We thank the following for their early contributions ~

Jacqueline and Ron Dorrance-Tomlinson JB Foundation **The Lisa Barton Team Ponte Vedra Beach Trinity Love Hoblit Foundation**

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ESM 2023: Mongolia

Educational Surgical Missions. This year's destination is Mongolia. Why Mongolia? Simple, the country's sole pediatric neurosurgeon asked for help. 31.2% of Mongolia's population are children (Statista), a bit over 1 million. The medical team consists of Dr. Eylem Ocal (University of

2023 marks the year when NOF begins its annual

Aldana (University of Florida). This ESM will also be the first of its kind focusing only on pediatric neurosurgical cases. Let's wish our team a successful ESM this September. Keep up with the mission by following @nofjax social media.

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ensure the work we do stays on course with the mission statement. The 2023-2024 Board of Directors are:

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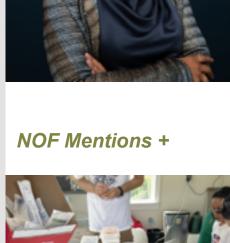
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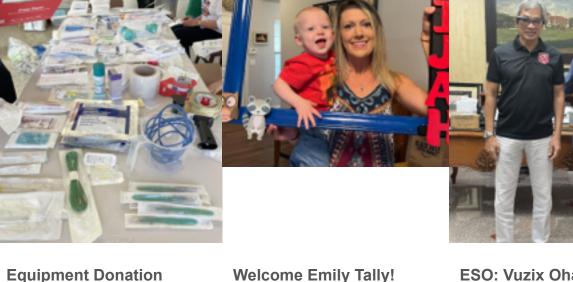
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Destination: Turkey It takes about a day for volunteers to sort,

catalogue, and box new and prior modeled medical and surgical equipment. Items are donated to underresourced hospitals. So far, NOF has sent a box to devastating earthquake and a box to the southern part of the Philippines.

Welcome Emily Tally!

ESO: Vuzix Ohana One Glasses / Tele-mentoring We are delighted to Exciting, innovative, and welcome a new volunteer impactful are words that who will help coordinate come to mind about NOF's NOF's educational awards. recent collaboration. Using Please say hello to Emily technology to aid in surgical Tally pictured here with her training, volunteer neurosurgeons can telementor anywhere. Pictured

General Hospital where this

I want to give!

initiative will be launched.

precious one. Emily works as a residency program Turkey immediately after the coordinator at the University above is Dr. Aldana of Oklahoma. delivering the glasses to Dr. Legaspi of the Philippine

Stay tuned for updates! + NOF-TLHF Educational Award for Skull-Base and Vascular Technique Course 2023 recently closed its application. Winners to be announced soon! + NOF-TLHF Jacksonville Traveling Fellowship 2023 recently closed its application.

Winner to be announced at the TLHF Annual Gala in September. + You can now find NOF listed as a charity of choice in Benevity. Help your organization fulfill its social impact promise by making employee giving and matching easy!

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Did you know that the human brain can generate about 23 watts of power? No wonder the icon for an idea is a light bulb! To generate light, it takes about the same amount of wattage. With that much power, the brain needs rest in the form of sleep. Enough sleep helps maintain your brain healthy and sharp. ~ nm.org

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