



International Hospital for Children

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Dennis and Kimberly Quaid

Congratulations to actor Dennis and Kimberly Quaid and big brother Jack on the birth of their beautiful twins, Thomas Boone and Zoe Grace. The twins faced adversity when at two weeks old were giving a massive overdose of medication that left them fighting for their lives. We are so thankful that the babies have fully recovered and have become our youngest volunteers alongside their dad, actor Dennis Quaid, who has been an active IHC volunteer for more than 25 years.



Zoe Grace, Kimberly Quaid, Thomas Boone, and Dennis Quaid

Dennis and Kimberly Quaid with their twins Zoe Grace and Thomas Boone



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KATRINA'S RECOVERY

Third Anniversary

A With the 4th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina upon us, we want to thank each and everyone of you who have contributed to the recovery. We also want to thank Mayer Heiman, founder and president of this organization; for his leadership, optimism and hard work during this time. Dr. Heiman and his wife were among the thousands of people who lost their homes with all of their possessions. While most victims of the hurricane were trying to figure out what to do to survive, Dr. Heiman was volunteering at shelters where hundreds of people needed medical attention.

Because of his vision and desire to help the needy IHC's mission has been transformed. Since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, we don't just take care of patients in other countries, but now locally have a crucial role in supporting free medical clinics, that sometimes don't have the very basic of medical supplies to care for the poor and uninsured.

In addition to medical needs, IHC also provides assistance to families that are trying to rebuild by providing them with furniture and bedding.

To all of our donors, we thank you for changing people's lives here and abroad, and to Dr. Heiman, thank you for showing us how one person can make a difference.



Dennis Quaid visiting New Orleans and Distributing supplies after Hurricane Katrina.



Dr. Heiman visits the Second District Police Department of New Orleans shortly after Hurricane Katrina Hit to distribute supplies.

International Hospital for Children and Those Who Help

Making a Difference Together A True Fighter

Meliza Romero was a normal 15 year old living a typical teenage life in Honduras, when in December of 2006 she suffered a severe seizure. After several test, she was diagnosed with a mild formation in her brain. The IHC was able to arrange for Meliza to receive the treatment that she needed to block the veins that were causing the problem, but the procedure was unsuccessful for it would have left her with a permanent paralysis. However, the excellent care of her doctors saved her life when blood started accumulating behind her optic nerve. She underwent emergency surgery that saved her life, but not her eyesight. Meliza's spirit has amazed every one. Even after loosing her sight, she is so thankful to be alive. Coping with her disability has been a big challenge, not just for her, but also for her mother and brothers. Honduras is not a country were the disable have many options and opportunities. Meliza's family plans to move at the end of the year so she can attend the only school for the blind in that area. On this last visit to the U. S., doctors confirm that her condition remains stable, but her future is uncertain. We hope that Meliza lives a long and fruitful life. When you give to the IHC, you also become a contributor of her ongoing medical care. Without you, she might not have a future.

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