



How We Got Started - by Dino Scanio

My passion for helping others began at an early age. After becoming an American Board Certified and State Licensed Orthotist, I wanted to start a humanitarian clinic. In 2007, with the help of my family, I made this dream come true. The FOOT Foundation clinic in Guatemala City specializes in children, and has provided orthotics and prosthetics to over 100 children and counting.



My wife, Lisa, is the Co-Founder and Fundraising Chairperson. She is responsible for all aspects of fundraising and selecting Florida charities seeking Foundation assistance. Lisa focuses on small local charities. They may not receive global exposure, but they perform great acts of charity in our own backyard.

My wife and I are both Tampa natives and have been blessed with two sons. Our youngest son was diagnosed with Progressive Mitochondrial Myopathy in 2012. Therefore, we also strive to provide ongoing education and awareness about this disease.



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The Foot Foundation is now a registered charity at AmazonSmile. Please scan the QR Code here to go directly to smile.amazon.com. For each purchase you make, Amazon will donate 0.5% back to the FOOT Foundation. So now you can shop and give at the same time! Remember...it only works if you are on Amazon Smile.



Corporate Help Needed!

If you or your company would like to sponsor a "Dress Down for Charity" day, Happy Hour or holiday event to help raise funds, please contact the FOOT Foundation for further details. We will be sure to provide Foundation information, make a presentation and/or provide details that support the mission of the FOOT Foundation for your event. You have the power to make a difference so please help now! And remember...EVERY dollar you give is tax deductible!

Social Media Updates

Please take a moment to visit the FOOT Foundation webpage (www.footfoundation.org) as we continually update our site and list upcoming events. At this time, we are planning an EXCITING Spring 2015 fundraiser! Make sure to like us on Facebook (FOOT Foundation) or follow us on Twitter (@FOOTFoundation1) to receive updates!

Contact us: footfoundation2007@yahoo.com

The FOOT (Florida O & P Outreach Team) Foundation is a 501(c)3 Public Charity. All donations are tax deductible.



The mission of The FOOT Foundation - Florida O&P Outreach Team is to provide orthotic and prosthetic services to children and adults of impoverished countries. The foundation is also committed to giving back to the local community and assists one charity organization per year in the State of Florida. The FOOT Foundation is also committed to increasing awareness for Mitochondrial Disease.

Florida O&P Outreach Team: Improving Lives One Person at a Time

The 2014 Clinical Team Helps Improve Lives, One Person At a Time!

This year's clinic was marked with great success. More than 40 children were fit with much needed orthoses and prostheses. Children who were carried in by their parents walked out on braces or legs built by the foundation clinical team. Patient care is in the heart of each team member and word of mouth travels quickly in Latin America. This year, patients as far as 12 hours away traveled to the clinic to receive care. Children who might have never had a chance were given a new start, a way to transition into the local community like everyone else. Families cried and children were grateful. And story after story reached the President and First Lady of Guatemala and captured their attention.



Presidential staff decided to visit the clinic and witness, firsthand, what the FOOT Foundation was all about. The work being done, as well as the children's smiles and the parent's gratitude left a lasting, and hopefully lifelong impression on the government officials who made the trip.

I want to take a moment to say thank you to each team member. Mike Hanson, Eddie Rogowski, Bryan Sinnott and Jeff Keener, because of your personal commitment and volunteerism, you each made a difference. I also want to thank Julio Duarte and his family. You always go above and beyond to host us and care for each one of my team members. The FOOT Foundation Guatemala Clinic could not have happened if it weren't for your dedication.



This year, because of community support, we were able to provide socks and shoes in addition to meeting the orthotic and prosthetic needs of the children. Socks and shoes, things we take for granted every day, are a rare commodity in Guatemala, but are absolutely CRUCIAL for orthotics.



For all pictures, media articles, and more information on this wonderful trip, please visit our website at www.footfoundation.org.





**Make a Difference At Any Age!**

Earlier this year, Emily Wahba selected the FOOT Foundation as her charity for a fifth grade school exhibition project. She did such an amazing job personally explaining the Foundation during the week-long exhibition.



Emily tie-dyed socks, made embroidered sports patches and sold her creative socks to raise funds for the FOOT Foundation. She was even chosen to sell socks during her school's annual sports banquet at the end of the school year. Emily raised over \$250.00 for the foundation and also donated socks for the next trip to Guatemala.

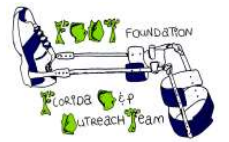


We do not often come across young people willing to step away from their everyday activities to help others. Thank You, Emily! You are proof that anyone, at any age, can make a difference.

**Local Groups and Businesses Help Us Continue Our Mission**

It is a privilege and honor to acknowledge several groups for their ongoing support to the Foundation and our mission. I was privileged to provide a presentation to each group about the mission of the FOOT Foundation, our Guatemala clinic and our local charity projects. These organizations bring new meaning to helping others and because of their support, over 100 children have renewed hope in humanity. We are deeply THANKFUL to each of these groups that help us Improve Lives, One Person at a Time!

- Forest Hills Presbyterian Church
- Grace Prosthetics
- St. Timothy Early Childhood Learning Center
- Southeastern Fishing Tackle Liquidators
- Streifeneder USA
- U.S. Orthotics
- Ye Notorious Krewe of the Peg-Leg Pirates



**FOOT Foundation Sponsors Gianluca's Gladiators at the Energy for Life Walk**

In an effort to raise awareness for Mitochondrial Disease the FOOT Foundation was honored to sponsor Gianluca's Gladiators at the first annual Untied Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (UMDF) "Energy for Life Walk". Over 50 walkers joined the team this year.



Team Captain Lisa Scanio (FOOT Foundation Co-Founder), would like to give a heartfelt thank you to each person who made this a successful event. Gianluca's Gladiators raised over \$2,500 for UMDF to support their efforts for research and, hopefully one day, to find a cure for Mitochondrial Disease!



**September 14 - 20, 2014 is Global Mitochondrial Awareness Week**

Cookies, cakes and candies will be sold to raise funds for ongoing community projects and local awareness about Mitochondrial Disease. Together with your support, we are working toward a cure!

