

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

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 dreamt of starting a humanitarian clinic, and 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 for over 100 children and counting. I am the Founder and Clinical Director, and am responsible for the clinic in Guatemala, as well as the primary operations of the Foundation. I was honored to receive the South Tampa Spotlight Award in 2009 for Healthcare Technician of the Year. I also received the Physicians for Peace Volunteer of the Year Award for non-physicians. I was humbled to be recognized by these organizations, merely for following my dreams to help humanity.



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. Her local charities of choice have included Shriners Hospital for Children, Clinic of Angels, Florida Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation. Lisa has recently decided to focus on small local charities. Even though they do not receive global exposure, 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 Disease in 2012. Therefore, through the Foundation, we will also strive to provide ongoing education and awareness about this disease.

Announcing the 2014 Guatemala Clinical Team

The dates are set for the FOOT Foundation clinic in Guatemala. During the week of April 4 - 12, 2014, our clinical team of experts will provide care to more than 40 children in desperate need of orthotics and prosthetics. The team consists of:



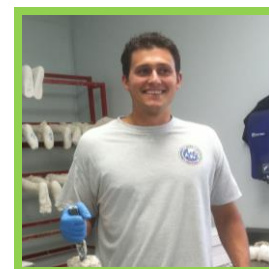
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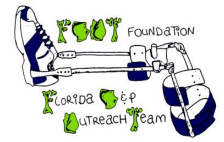
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O & P Technician

How You Can Help

Donations and Sponsorships are always needed and welcomed so that we can continue to improve lives locally and abroad. Please visit the foundation website at www.footfoundation.org to donate now. We also welcome any raffles and auction items that can be used during our upcoming fundraising events. We are grateful for all of your support!



Mitochondrial Disease Awareness and Partnerships

The FOOT Foundation put together a Mitochondrial Awareness 5K Team and laced up their sneakers to kick off Mitochondrial Awareness Week. On September 14, 2013, a team of 15 walked to kick off Global Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week. We are so grateful for our many friends who joined us to make this a successful event. We walked to raise awareness and to honor our son, Gianluca, who was diagnosed with Progressive Mitochondrial Disease in August, 2012.

We work closely with leadership from the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation, developing a strong partnership with the FOOT Foundation. We also have communicated with Foundation leaders in Canada and Europe. It is through these partnerships that we are increasing awareness as we work towards a cure.

On, August 13, 2013, the FOOT Foundation presented a lecture on Infection Control Measures and an overview of Mitochondrial Disease for the staff of Gianluca's preschool. A Donation was made to the school, along with Antibacterial Supplies and Binders of CDC Updates and Mitochondrial Disease Education. We were very proud to provide this education and awareness session, and hope that other programs will follow suit in order to provide their educators with vital information.

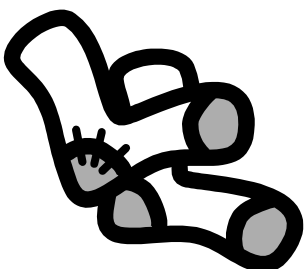


Corporate Gift Giving Program

We are excited to announce that, thanks to a suggestion from our good friend Jaimie White, we will be unveiling our "Corporate Gift Giving" Program on November 16 at our FOOT Foundation Fundraising Event. To employers, directors, supervisors, and corporate companies: As an alternative to corporate holiday gifts, you will be able to donate to the FOOT Foundation in honor of one or several of your employees (in increments of \$10). You will be given a card to send as well as a color flier about our Foundation so that the recipient will know how much good this gift will do.



Holiday Sock Drive



St. Timothy's Early Learning Preschool will help with our efforts in Guatemala. We are grateful that the school will be hosting a FOOT Foundation Sock Drive to collect knee high socks for the children in Guatemala. Socks are a rare commodity there, but are CRUCIAL for orthotics. We sometimes forget that something so easily taken for granted by some, is impossible to get for others.