

## Windows Live \$500,000 Donation Commemorates

### Operation Smile's 25th Anniversary

Donation Helps Provide Free Surgical Treatments for Children Suffering Facial Deformities

**NORFOLK, VA (March 10, 2008)** – Operation Smile, a worldwide children's medical charity, today announced that Microsoft Corp. donated \$500,000 to the organization as part of a 'sharing smiles' campaign from Windows Live. The funds will be used to provide free physical examinations and surgical treatment to children in 26 countries in 2008. Microsoft partnered with Operation Smile to commemorate its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and celebrate the launch of Windows Live ([www.windowslive.com](http://www.windowslive.com)), a set of free online services designed to help people communicate and share with the important people in their lives from anywhere they have Web access across multiple devices.

The donation culminates a two-month campaign that encouraged Windows Live customers to share photos of their smiles with people around the world to show their support for the cause. The donation from the Windows Live campaign will help enable Operation Smile to provide 2,083 free surgical treatments to children during the upcoming year.

"Windows Live is proud to join with Operation Smile in its pursuit to change children's lives, one smile at a time," said Chris Jones, corporate vice president of Windows Live Experience Program Management at Microsoft.

Operation Smile celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the World Journey of Smiles (WJOS), simultaneous medical missions to 40 sites in 25 countries worldwide. From November 7–16, free physical examinations were provided to 7,414 patients and 4,086 children born with cleft

lips and cleft palates received free surgical treatment during the WJOS. The initiative mobilized more than 700 volunteers from the United States and more than 1,000 volunteers from 43 other countries working in 40 hospitals, care centers and clinics in 25 countries in Asia, Eastern Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America.

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“This donation and partnership are a great way to culminate our 25th Anniversary and the World Journey of Smiles,” said Dr. Bill Magee, Operation Smile CEO and Co-founder. “This alliance with Windows Live demonstrates that a smile is a universal language, and this donation will help us bring new smiles to children in need.”

**About Operation Smile ([www.operationsmile.org](http://www.operationsmile.org))**

Founded in 1982, Operation Smile, headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia, is a worldwide children’s medical charity whose network of global volunteers are dedicated to helping improve the health and lives of children and young adults. Since its founding, Operation Smile volunteers have treated more than 115,000 children born with cleft lips, cleft palates and other facial deformities. In addition to contributing free medical treatment, Operation Smile trains local medical professionals in its 26 partner countries and leaves behind crucial equipment to lay the groundwork for long-term self-sufficiency.

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