

The DREAMIN Foundation

The DREAMIN Foundation is a charitable organisation created in 2003. It began as a project of the Rotary Club of Prospect to provide international medical aid to neighbouring developing nations in conjunction with reconstructive surgical specialists from the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

DREAMIN is an acronym for the Dean Richards Endeavour to Assist the Medically Ill and Needy. It honours the memory of the late Dean Richards, a stalwart of the Rotary Club of Prospect.

The project began with a young man from Sarawak, East Malaysia who had a disfiguring facial tumour which required surgery. His plight was brought to the attention of the Rotary Club of Prospect, and as funds were not available, monies were raised to treat the man under the banner of the DREAMIN project. The DREAMIN group then began responding to requests from Rotary colleagues in South East Asian countries for other medical projects.

In 2015, the DREAMIN Foundation officially joined with Faith, Hope, Charity, an initiative commenced by Mary Tarzia, which assists women in South Australia with breast cancer. The goal of the Faith, Hope, Charity group is to build a house that women with breast cancer and their families can live in while they are receiving treatment in Adelaide.

The scope of medical and surgical endeavours has been expanded to include conditions encompassed within ear, nose and throat (ENT) surgery and plastic and craniofacial surgery.

The DREAMIN Foundation is currently involved in several projects throughout neighbouring countries – providing specialised medical training, care, and support. It is currently involved in funding the following projects:

HEARS Project, Tonga – Hearing, Evaluation, Assessment and Rehabilitation providing hearing services for children with chronic ear infections in Tonga. This has also involved the education and training of a Tongan ENT Registrar and Clinical Nurse who were able to come to Adelaide under the supervision of ENT specialists Dr Suren Krishnan, who is chair of the DREAMIN Foundation Board, and Dr John Tomich.



Health and Literacy Project – Davao City and Mindanao in Southern Philippines – based on the success of the HEARS Project.

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Marantha Project, Uganda – Maranatha Health project is run by Dr Michael Findlay and his wife Kim and is

supported by a South Australian and Ugandan Board. The DREAMIN Foundation has provided financial and in-kind support. This includes raising funds towards the construction of facilities and equipment such as humidified cribs and oxygen concentrators, and visits to provide ENT consultation and surgery and support for the training of local staff.

The DREAMIN Foundation also assists other individuals with specific needs.

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