

# Child Family Health International

• *Transformative Global Health Education & Community Empowerment* •

CFHI is an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations

## WHAT WE DO & HOW WE DO IT:

Child Family Health International (CFHI) is a global family of committed professionals and students who work at the grassroots level to promote the health of the world community by:

- **Fostering** learning and service that sparks transformational personal change for all involved
- **Working** to achieve sustainable solutions in healthcare services and disease prevention
- **Emphasizing** respect and understanding across cultures
- **Facilitating** the sharing of medical resources, knowledge, and experiences
- **Giving** priority to underserved communities

### CFHI at a Glance

**Founded:** 1992

**US Full Time Staff:** 5

**Global Partners:** 200+

**Locations:** 20+ sites in 5 countries

**Students since 1992:** 6,000+

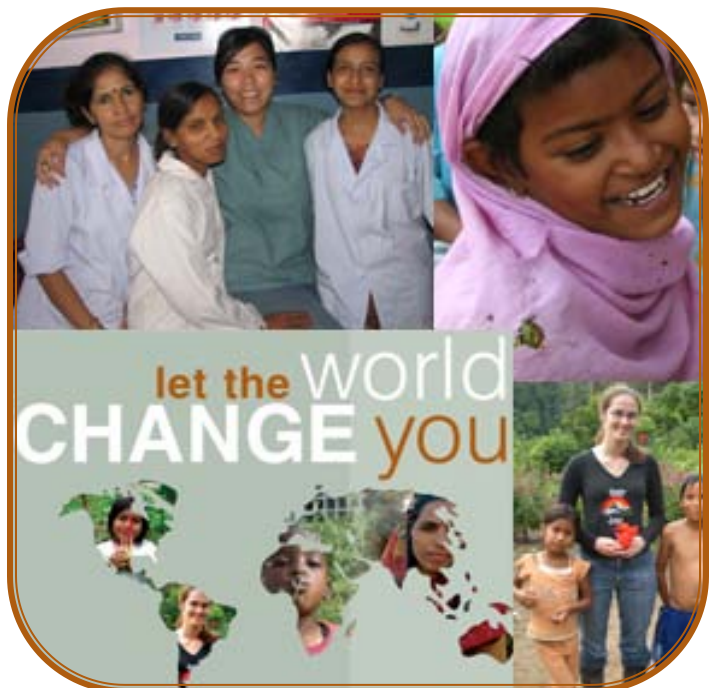
**Students' Country of Origin:** 40

**Partner Clinics / Hospitals Supported:** 75

**Medical Supplies Donated:** \$10 MM

**Budget:** \$2.5 million, 7% overhead\*

**Charity Navigator Rating:** 4-stars (2005-2010)



### Community Initiatives

- **Micro-Funding** to support grassroots projects designed by the local medical directors and community leaders with whom we partner
- **Professional Development Opportunities** in our partners' home countries or abroad, such as support for surgical trainings or attendance at conferences

### Medical Supply Recovery

- Since 1995 CFHI has supported the collection of medical supplies and durable medical equipment from hospitals, companies and individuals in the US, sending them to our partner clinics and hospitals in underserved communities worldwide



### Global Health Education Programs

- Sites In: Bolivia – Ecuador – India – Mexico – South Africa
- Clinical Exposure • Cultural Immersion • Service-Learning
    - Language Training • Online Resources • Homestays
  - Expert On-Site Partners and Dedicated US Staff Support



## GLOBAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Since 1992, Child Family Health International has run global health, service-learning programs for over 6,000 pre-medical, medical, nursing, MPH, PA and other students of the health sciences. Students travel to **Bolivia, Ecuador, India, Mexico, and South Africa** to immerse themselves in new cultural contexts and to learn first hand about the way healthcare is practiced and experienced worldwide. Students have come from nearly 500 of the top schools in the U.S. and the world. CFHI has also formed institutional partnerships with schools such as Northwestern University & University of California, Davis.



## ALUMNI IMPACT

By developing an educational paradigm that emphasizes sustainable solutions not only at the community-based level but also through the encouragement of life-long personal involvement, CFHI motivates students to serve as agents of change and improve the lives of many thousands of people. Here are **three** stories:

- Determined to make a difference in addressing oral health problems in Bolivia, one alumna contacted dental supply manufacturing companies in the US urging them to make donations. Oral health donations made by these companies included toothpaste, toothbrushes and expensive filling material which were sent through students participating in CFHI's Pediatric Health Program in Bolivia and distributed amongst hundreds of local children
- Jorge Gallardo is a slum with no running water or sanitation, and an infant mortality rate of 18% for children under 15 months. One alumna enlisted the support of her father (an engineer) and eight volunteer nursing students to raise \$115,000 to construct an irrigation system—and conduct health screenings—for this community
- Traveling many miles through the Ecuadorian jungle to visit sick relatives in the hospital, family members had nowhere to stay until CFHI alumni built a hut with sleeping accommodations and a kitchen for them to prepare traditional food and provide comfort care



## COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECTS

CFHI launched our first round of Community Health Projects in 2005 to increase our support for health initiatives devised by the doctors and other community leaders who host and teach our students. Below are brief descriptions of some of the projects we are currently supporting:

- **Bolivia: Children Living in Jails** — Project integrating medical aid, psychological and social support for young children who have to accompany their parents to prison.
- **India: Health Promoter Trainings** — Trains nine women elected by their peers from neighboring villages to deal with a variety of healthcare issues, especially in the area of maternal and child health.
- **South Africa: The Avian Park Clinic Renovation** — Transforming a dilapidated building into a fully functioning clinic. After construction operations will be maintained together with the Department of Health, staff from a local university and local townspeople.
- **Ecuador: Stemming the Rise of Type 2 Diabetes** — Designing and implementing a tracking system for 130 patients with Type 2 diabetes in rural and remote areas of the Ecuadorian Amazon.



## OTHER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Donations of cash and medical supplies have been crucial to our efforts over the years. CFHI expects to send approximately \$1 million in medical supply donations to our overseas partners in 2011. CFHI also supports several professional development opportunities such as funding training of nursing students in India who do not have the resources to pay for a nursing education.

