



Every 11 minutes a child is born with cleft lip and palate
And every child has the right to quality surgery and comprehensive rehabilitation

Transforming Faces, Transforming Lives

Transforming Faces Worldwide is a Toronto-based charity that promotes the availability of multidisciplinary cleft care for children and adults in developing countries. We establish and fund projects that improve access to long-term medical treatment for craniofacial disorders. We advocate strongly for comprehensive cleft care, meaning wherever possible our local cleft teams include: audiologists, dentists, nurse co-ordinators, orthodontists, social workers, speech therapists and surgeons.



OUR WORK IN INDIA

We partner with top Speech and Orthodontic specialists at Chennai's Sri Ramachandra University (SRU) to provide care to rural families in the Thiruvannamalai District.

The SRU team travels each month to rural communities to provide the following services:

- Identification of speech and hearing disorders
- Referrals to ENT specialists
- Speech therapy, using trained community-based rehabilitation (CBR) workers
- Dental and orthodontic work

Rehabilitation helps children to have normal speech and hearing, giving them a better chance of attending and performing well in school.

In 2011, 51 patients were seen and 21 were screened for orthodontic treatment.

The community-based rehabilitation workers began using mobile phones to follow up with patients to ensure that they are maintaining good oral hygiene practices.

DONATE NOW

Please consider donating online (transformingfaces.org), by phone (416-222-6581) or by mail (344 Bloor St. W, Suite 208, Toronto, ON, M5S 3A7) Thank you!

MEET YOUKITH

Meet Youkith Vaseekaran, age 5, and his father, Balaji.

Youkith has been working with his community-based rehabilitation (CBR) volunteer for about one year. He has been taking speech therapy, which is made possible because the CBR works with Youkith at the school.

His dad is very happy that this is available for his son, and that he is now better accepted at school. Transforming Faces is dedicated to closing the gap in cleft care.

We work in partnership with local cleft specialists, building and funding community-based medical teams that are committed to meeting all the needs of children with cleft lip and palate and their families, so that children like Youkith can access the care they need.

