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Letter from Dr. Meilman

I hope that our friends and supporters will find this present newsletter on Hope For Tomorrow informative. I do feel that it is our responsibility as a foundation to keep our supporters informed. A number of our historical categories, which are to include the history of children, their hosts, our sponsors and our award recipients at our annual Hope For Tomorrow event throughout the years, have been collated. As Hope For Tomorrow is over 14 years old, our financial outlook continues to be healthy and our humanitarian efforts are multiplying. I feel that it is appropriate that the historical aspect of the Foundation be properly chronicled and kept up to date as this will be the commencement of our archives. Also, I know that many people who are unable to attend the yearly function are interested in seeing what went on and therefore, we will be continuing our pictorial history. We are trying to include everyone who has been at the benefits over the years. I encourage everyone to be sure that at our next event in October to avail yourself of having your picture taken so we may best chronicle the event. This year Hope For Tomorrow will be going to Peru to perform surgery. I would like to have input from anyone who might be interested in joining us to let us know what countries they would be interested in helping and where they would like to travel. Lastly, if there is any input on how we can improve our yearly fundraiser, please email your suggestions to HFT811@aol.com.



Myoelectric Arm Donated in 2006

In June of 2006, The Hope For Tomorrow Foundation traveled abroad to Zakopane Hospital, in Poland donating several surgeries to children requiring reconstructive procedures. The surgeries were performed at Zakopane Regional Hospital.

The 2006 Hope For Tomorrow surgical recipient is thirteen year old Robert Grabowski of Gdansk, Poland. Robert suffered the loss of his right arm up to his shoulder in an accident with farming machinery. The accident in turn caused paralysis and today Robert is totally restricted to a wheel chair.

Dr. Piotr Czuderna of Gdansk brought Robert's plight to the attention of Dr. Meilman and the Hope For Tomorrow Foundation. Arrangements have been made by Campanella Orthotics and Prosthesis with the Ottobach Company in Pozan, Poland to manufacture a myoelectric arm for Robert. A myoelectric arm receives impulses from the surrounding muscles in order to make the arm and hand operate more efficiently.

Five thousand dollars had already been collected in Poland and The Hope For Tomorrow Foundation donated the needed \$13,000 to purchase the arm for Robert.

In addition, the Western New York physicians examined six year



Robert Grabowski of Gdansk, Poland

old Susana Karpicel who was born without a left arm. Susana does have a temporary arm prosthesis which fits over her right shoulder and is directed but also is limited by shoulder movements. Dr. Meilman believes that Susana also would benefit from a myoelectric arm which would allow her to perform normal daily functions.

Unfortunately, Susana will have to wait at least five years in order to give her body time to grow and mature before she may receive the myoelectric arm. Dr. Meilman and The Hope for Tomorrow Foundation have offered their support and at the appropriate time Susana may be brought to Buffalo, with all expenses paid, to be a surgical recipient.

Beginnings

Hope For Tomorrow was initiated during a papal visit by a group of Western New York women in the summer of 1994. Our mission has been to secure and provide medical and surgical help for disadvantaged and disfigured children, both at home and throughout the world. As we have grown and gathered momentum, Hope For Tomorrow has been responsible for recruiting doctors to help children with catastrophic injuries. We have performed free of charge complex surgeries that the families of these children could not otherwise afford. Hopefully, the children and their families will see us in America in a different and favorable way. Presently, Hope For Tomorrow travels abroad, donating surgeries and literally thousands of pounds of medical supplies. We have brought a number of the more complicated surgical cases back to Western New York. The Buffalo community and hospitals have been nothing short of amazing in supporting our efforts.

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Our Mission

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The Hope For Tomorrow Foundation was organized to promote the spirit of benevolence and to advance and preserve the welfare and physical well being of the impoverished by means of raising funds for medical services for such individuals; to solicit and collect donations from interested individuals, groups, associations and corporations; to cooperate and to work in conjunction with private and governmental agencies, organizations and institutions to provide medical services to those in need; to identify the medical needs of impoverished individuals and foster, develop, promote and sponsor programs to address such needs.

The Hope For Tomorrow Foundation is a non-profit organization that operates both locally and around the world. Our main objective is to help disadvantaged children and young adults with a great need for reconstructive surgery and to obtain medical and surgical help required through the physicians and hospitals in Western New York.

Peru 2007 Humanitarian Mission

The humanitarians of Hope For Tomorrow, in their search to find needy children of the world, have chosen to travel to Peru. Arrangements have been finalized to perform multiple cleft lip and palate surgeries and multiple reconstructive procedures on deformed children in Arequipa, at the Hogar Clínica San Juan de Dios, by Dr. Meilman and Dr. Krzysztof Merkel and assisted by three Western New York Nurses.

Meetings have been set up with political dignitaries in the Peruvian government and also with the papal nuncio to Cardinal Juan Luis Cipriani.

Several orphanages in Arequipa will receive visits, medical donations and toys. The volunteers will also help select a child, who needs more extensive surgery, to be brought to Buffalo in October 2007.

The volunteer group will travel to Machu Picchu, one of the lost cities built between the thirteenth and sixteenth century. The site remained "lost" until the archeologist Hiram Bingham discovered the ruins in 1911.

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14th Annual Hope for Tomorrow Fundraiser

Friday, October 26, 2007

at Salvatore's Italian Gardens

Jeffrey Meilman, MD - Chairman
Donna McGuire - Event Chair

Hope For Tomorrow Surgical Recipients

We wish to acknowledge our kind hosts who graciously welcomed our surgical recipients into their homes.

YEAR	NAME	COUNTRY	HOST FAMILY
2006	Robert Grabowski	Poland	Hope For Tomorrow Foundation
2005	Ebele Ukanwa	Nigeria	Rev. Christopher Couric, Our Lady of Bistrica Church
2005	Stanley Nwachuka	Nigeria	Rev. Christopher Couric, Our Lady of Bistrica Church
2004	Izabela Baketeric	Bosnia	Rev. Christopher Couric, Our Lady of Bistrica Church
2003	Shresta Ezenwa	Nepal	Shriner's Hospital, Erie PA
2002	Taras Kinash	Ukraine	Svetlana Korczak
2002	Eglantina Pjetrushaj	Albania	Sal and Toni Andolina
2001	Zhao Bin	China	Rev. and Mrs. Sonny Lee
2000	Trevaughn Lewis	Jamaica	Ronald McDonald House
1999	Dorotea Irasiorek	Poland	Kevin Guest House and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cipolla
1999	Mehrnoush Tafreshi	Iran	Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cipolla
1999	Marcin Cywka	Poland	Don and Ann Flansburg
1999	James Huebbers	USA	Sloan, New York
1998	Frank Pinzone	USA	Amherst, New York
1997	Meera Pardeshi	India	Karen Carlo
1996	Irina Nefyodova	Russia	Ronald McDonald House
1995	Tihana Vasarevic	Bosnia	Jim and Marie Sorrentino and Maryann Zylko
1994	Pan Ping	China	Mary Meilman
1993	Margaret Orłowska	Poland	Yolanta Cimini
1991	Aldonna Siebula	Poland	Sisters Hospital

Hope For Tomorrow Honorees

The Honorees, both community and international leaders, have inspired and supported the efforts of Hope For Tomorrow

2006

**INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
SERVICE AWARD**

Brig. Gen. Albin F. Irzyk
Author
General U.S. Army served under
General Patton

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Margaret W. Paroski M.D.
Chief Medical Officer for Kaleida Health

2005

**INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
SERVICE AWARD**

**Countess Alexandra Villard de
Borchgrave**
Author and Poet HEALING LIGHT

Arnaud de Borchgrave
Chief Foreign Correspondent
for Newsweek
Fox News Contributor

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Kenmore Mercy Hospital
Mary L. Hoffman
President and CEO
of Kenmore Mercy Hospital

2004

**INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
SERVICE AWARD**

Honorable Richard M. Devos, Sr.
Motivational Speaker
Co-Founder of Am-Way Corporation
Owner of Orlando Magic
Philanthropist
Author

HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Dr. Robert Moskowitz
Clinical Professor of Medicine of SUNY
Buffalo Medical Group Oncologist

2003

**INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
SERVICE AWARD**

Brian F. Haig
Retired Lieutenant Colonel U.S. Army
Author of Fictional Novels

HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Rabbi Martin L. Goldberg
Rabbi of Temple Beth Zion
for 40 years (posthumous)

2002

**INTERNATIONAL
PHILANTHROPY AWARD**

John K. Castle
Chairman and CEO
of Castle Harlan, Inc.
Philanthropist

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

James D. Griffin
Mayor of Buffalo New York
for Sixteen Years

HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Ronald McDonald House
Provided Care for Hope For Tomorrow
Surgical Recipients

2001

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
AWARD**

John J. Rigas
Founder and CEO of
Adelphia Cable Communications

**HUMANITARIAN
OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Patrick J. Wiles
Health Administrator of
Sisters of Charity Hospital
and Kenmore Mercy Hospital

Thomas A O'Connor M.D.
Chief of Anesthesia at
Kenmore Mercy Hospital

2000

**HUMANITARIAN
OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Patti Bowers
Buffalo Police Department
Chair of Child Sexual Abuse Committee

Tim M. Boling
Executive Director
of Cradle Beach Camps

**Campanella Orthotics
and Prosthetics**
Donated Prosthesis for HFT Recipient
Marcin Cwyka

Terri Campbell
Kevin Guest House

Mark J. Fitzpatrick
Police Athletic League of Buffalo

Lieutenant David F. Mann, Jr.
Buffalo Police Department Child
Advocacy Center

1999

**HUMANITARIAN
OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Lee Gross Anthonie
Founder and Chair
of Child Advocacy Center
Fundraiser for the Buffalo Philharmonic
Orchestra, Children's Hospital and the
Albright Knox Art Gallery

• **Russell Salvatore**
Philanthropist
Salvatore's Italian Gardens

Hope For Tomorrow Sponsors

We are appreciative of our sponsors who have been so generous throughout the years. With your support, the Hope For Tomorrow Foundation has been able to provide the many services needed in order bring our surgical recipients to the United States.

2006

DIAMOND

Mr. J.D. Crane

PLATINUM

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Irwin

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Global Defense

SILVER

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The McGuire Group
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of New York, Inc.
Island Street Lumber
Joseph N. Williams

BRONZE

Kaleida Health
Dr. Gary Wetreich and
Mrs. Stephanie Meilman Wetreich
Mr. Peter Martin
The Dietrich Law Firm
Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Diina

2005

PLATINUM

Mr. J.D. Crane
Jim Culligan

GOLD

Campanella Orthotics and Prosthetics

SILVER

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The Straeck Family
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Mary E. Giallanza, Esq.
Mark and Kathy Balus
Joseph N. Williams

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Mrs. Stephanie Meilman Wetreich
The Dietrich Law Firm
Staroba Plastic and Metal Products
of New York, Inc.
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Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Rine
Michael K. Landi, M.D.
Kenmore Mercy Hospital
The Spier Family

2004

PLATINUM

Mr. and Mrs. James Culligan

GOLD

John K. Castle

SILVER

Buffalo Ultrasound
Loraine Engl, PhD
The McGuire group

BRONZE

Jay C. Rowland, III DDS

2003

PLATINUM

The Roberts Family and
Hope Groeweh

GOLD

Mr. and Mrs. James Culligan
Mr. and Mrs. John K. Castle

SILVER

Buffalo Ultrasound
Candy Bouquet
The McGuire Group
Jay C. Rowland III, DDS

2002

PLATINUM

Jim and Linda Culligan
Psalm 116: 12 Foundation
(Mark and Kathy Balus)

GOLD

Hope Groeweh and Roscanne Roberts

SILVER

The McGuire Group
Robert La Carrubba DDS
Frank D. Massaro DDS
Buffalo Ultrasound
Dr. and Mrs. Eric J. Scott
Richard and Kathleen Rozicki

2001

CORPORATE SPONSORS

Adelphia Cable Communications
Buffalo Ultrasound
Culligan Auto Place
Frank McGuire Family Foundation
Pioneer Credit Recovery
Sisters Hospital Foundation

2000

MILLENNIUM TABLES

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Culligan (2)
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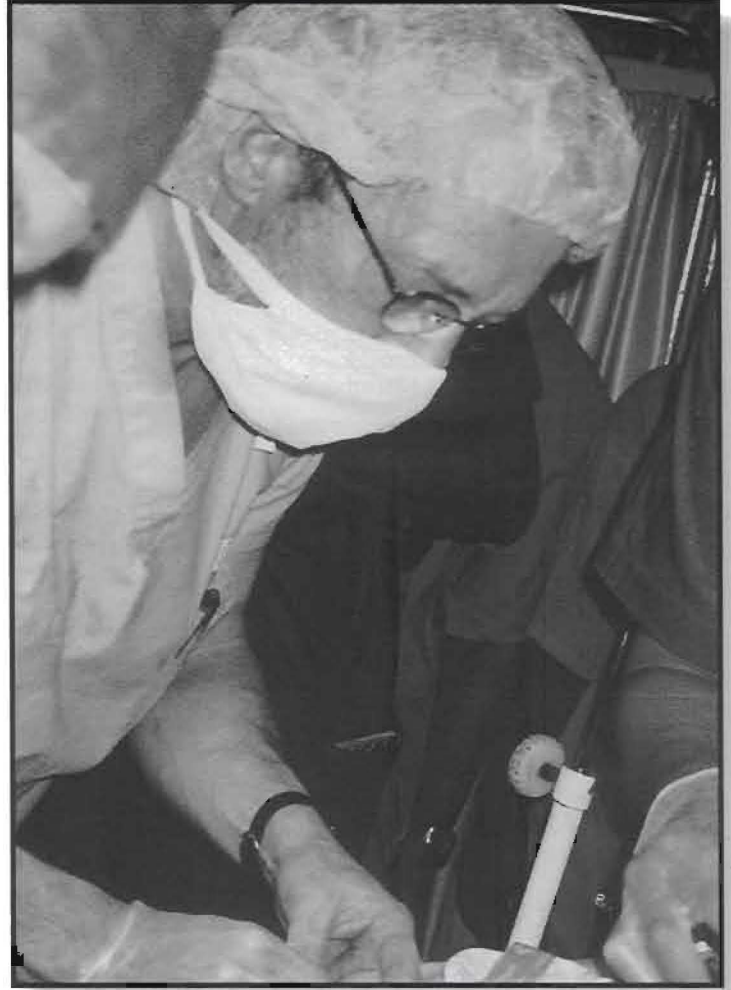
Humanitarian Missions

Poland 2006



Far Left: Dr. Piotr Czauderna, Pediatric Cancer Surgeon of Gdansk, Poland, Hope For Tomorrow Founder Dr. Jeffrey Meilman, Anesthesiologist Dr. Krzysztof Merkel and Thoracic Surgeon Dr. Hrach Karamanoukian examining Susana Karpziel.

Nigeria 2005



Dr. Krzysztof Merkel

Rome 2003



Cardinal Arinzi, Ursula Campanella, Alex Campanella

Tanzania 2000



Michael Straeck, Dr. Meilman, Shaheen Hassanali

Poland 1993



Bob Koop, Amar Atwal, Ephanim Atwal

2005 Hope For Tomorrow Charity Event

Honorees



Countess & Arnaud de Borchgrave

Honoree



Mary Ann Hoffman



Father Courie, Stanley N Wachuku, Dr. Meilman, Ebele Ukanwa, Countess and Arnaud de Borchgrave

Master of Ceremonies



Kevin O'Connell

HFT President



Karen Manke

2005 Surgical Recipients



Stanley Nwachuku, Ebele Ukanwa

Event Chair



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Paul Fardink, Karen Manke, Cheryl Fardink



Jan Wozniak, Joe Williams



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Michelle & Michael Straeck



Gary & Stephanie Meilman Wetreich

George Barbary, Anthony Delena



Ebele Ukanwa, Father Couric, Stanley Nwachuku, Sal & Toni Andolina



Pamela Ostrowski, Marie Sorrentino, Cindy Eblen, Mary Meilman, Sara Delena



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Jim Culligan



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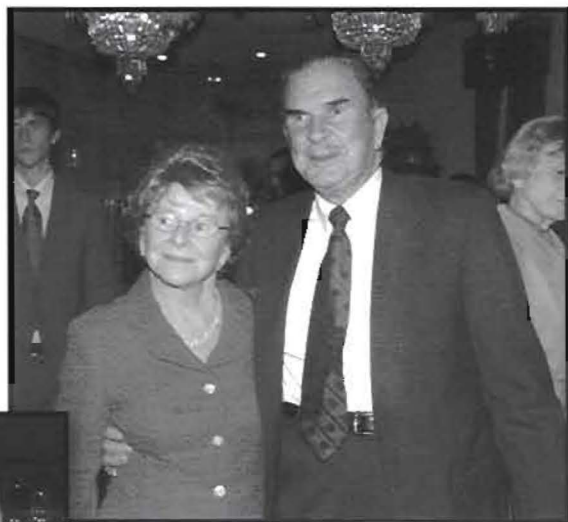
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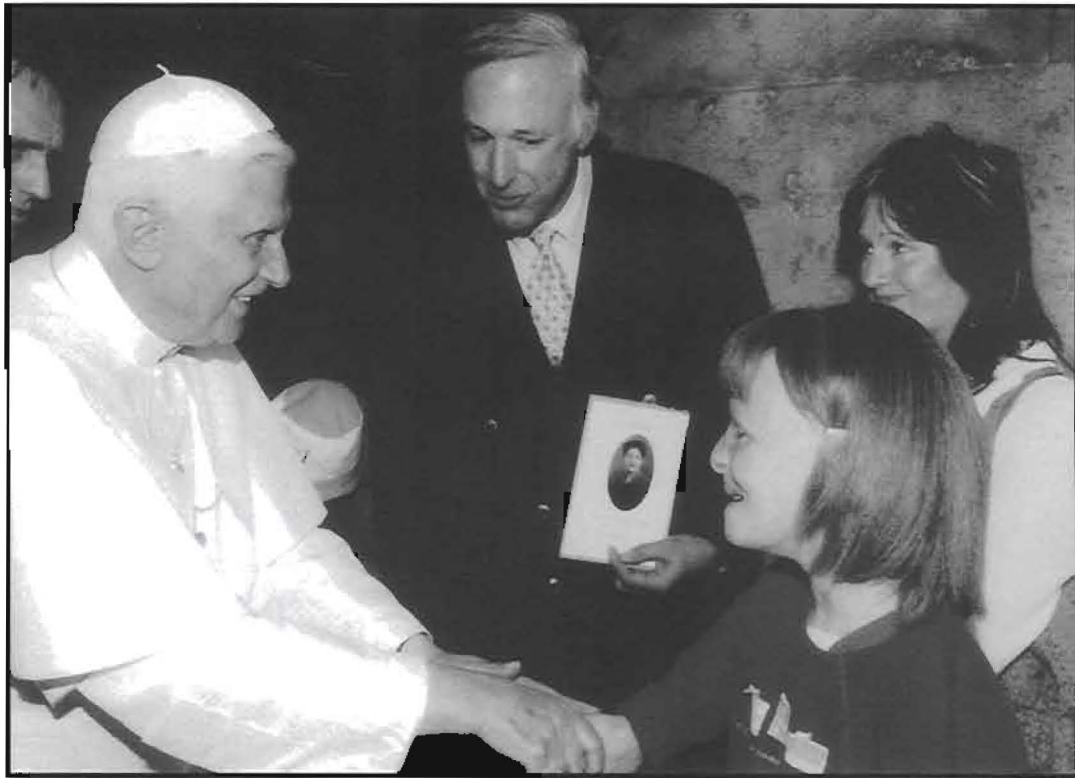


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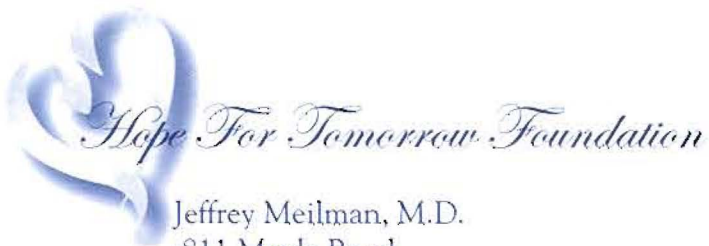


Karen Laurent,
Nancy Gallagher

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Pope Benedict XVI, Dr. Meilman, Izabela and Gordana
Rome, May 31, 2006



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