



Many Hands



Make Light Work



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Dear Friend of the World Surgical Foundation,

In the past, you've supported our mission to provide surgical care to those who need it most. You've participated in a mission or spent time organizing and packing life-saving supplies and equipment in our warehouse. You've attended an event – a golf or tennis tournament, concert or other fundraiser. You've made a contribution through our website or Facebook page. YOU have made our important work possible, and we cannot thank you enough for the time, talent and treasure you have generously invested in WSF.

The World Surgical Foundation is proud to announce that it is beginning the process to formalize its relationship with the International College of Surgeons - US Section (ICS-US). With almost 500 active members, the United States Section is the largest national chapter of the International College of Surgeons. Headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, members of the US Section speak over 40 languages and are dedicated to the global advancement of surgical excellence as well as humanitarian service to those in need. The International College of Surgeons (ICS) is a world federation of general surgeons and surgical specialists founded in Geneva, Switzerland in 1935 by Dr. Max Thorek. ICS has approximately 60 organized national Sections around the world and 2,000 members in over 25 countries. Membership is available to qualified surgeons in all specialties as well as to Anesthesiologists, Pathologists and Radiologists.

For many years Dr. Alvear has thought that a formal relationship between our two groups would be beneficial to all. ICS-US has over 80 years of educational and humanitarian outreach experience and WSF has been conducting missions for over 25 years, performing thousands of surgeries in 8 countries. We are pleased to announce our intention to align the vision of these two organizations and work together to meet the needs of patients around the world.

Our first public step will be a fundraiser on **Thursday, September 7, 2023**. Your generous support will help to fund needed supplies for a joint WSF/ICS-US Surgical Brigade to Honduras leaving on September 23, 2023. You will also be supporting other missions this coming year and providing the means to continue the mission to serve un-met surgical needs of patients around the globe.

We invite you to contribute as a major donor to the work WSF and ICS-US will do now and in the future. Contributors at the **\$10,000 level** will help us to purchase an **Anesthesia Machine**. Contributors at the **\$5,000 level** will assist in the purchase of **two Electrosurgical Units**.

Contributors at the **\$2,500 level** will assist in the purchase of **one Electrosurgical Unit or twenty Portable Headlights**.

Contributors at the **\$1,000 level** will assist in the purchase of a **Cardiac, Oxygen and CO2 Monitor**.

If you are able to join us on September 7th for the reception please indicate your plan to attend on the donation form. One VIP ticket will be provided for each \$2,500 level contribution. Our venue; the historic International Museum of Surgical Science, is an historically landmarked building that showcases the history of surgery and combines art with science.

If you are not able to contribute as a major donor, we welcome your support and attendance at a lower level. Please be sure to indicate if you are actually attending the event or only able to offer support. Attendees have several levels of support to choose from:

Patron: \$200 per person provides entrance to the fundraiser, from 6:30-8:00pm includes light hors d'oeuvres, and beer, wine, and non-alcohol options will be served. Guests will be able to tour the museum at their leisure.

Group Patron: \$800 per 5 tickets If you would like to bring friends, this option provides the same access as the Patron level with a slight discount for your group.

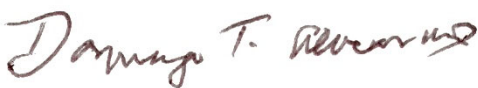
VIP Access: \$500 per person VIPs will gain early access to the event at 6:00pm a special champagne cocktail and select hors d'oeuvres. A member of the museum staff will provide a Highlights of the Museum Tour for VIP guests. Finally, a souvenir to take home will be presented upon arrival.

Group VIP: \$2,000 per 5 tickets If you would like to bring friends, this option provides the same access as the VIP level with a slight discount for your group.

To register visit: www.ficsonline.org/reception the International College of Surgeons – US Section will process donations and issue receipts. If you would like to make a larger donation or donate without attending the event; you will find those options on the web page. If you have any questions please contact Maggie Kearney, Meeting and Publications Manager by email: mkearney@ficsonline.org or by phone: (312) 787-1662

On behalf of both the World Surgical Foundation and the International College of Surgeons - United States Section; THANK YOU very much for your support, and we hope you will continue your support as our two organizations come together to support the mission to provide surgical care to those in need.

Sincerely yours,



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