OUR MISSION
Mending Kids gives sick kids life-saving surgical care while advancing education and training towards medical sufficiency in their communities.

Oversea's Surgical Mission
In 2017 Mending Kids completed 29 overseas missions by traveling to 12 countries, mended a total of 618 children and performed over 881 medical procedures.

Hometown Mission
Hometown LA was held at the Beverly Hills Specialty Surgical Center and changed the lives of 19 children in a single day. Providing them with out-patient surgeries that improved their mental and emotional health.

Training Research and Innovation
A total of 73 Surgical staff were trained on our overseas missions. This year Google Glasses were used as a research study to train surgeons in Mozambique post mission for 6 months.

Individual Surgical Care
20 Kids around the world received life-saving surgeries thanks to Mending Kid’s Individual care program in 2017. Procedures that consisted of complex neurological surgeries, cardio surgeries, severe scoliosis, and orthopedic surgeries.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
In 2017 Mending Kids had the highest recorded donated services. In-Kind donations grew 40% (Real details and numbers to be obtained by Chaoyi)

Revenue
- Cash Donations
- Fundraising 10%

Expenses
- Equipment and Service Donations 66%
- Administration 9%
- Missions 88%
- Fundraising 3%
HIGHLIGHTS of 2017

The Google Glass research study led by our TRI department was utilized on our mission to Mozambique in 2017. The goal was to facilitate peer to peer training during the one year waiting period between missions. The Google Glass technology allowed Dr. Kulber to give real-time feedback to local surgeons inside the OR during surgery. The smartglasses also allowed for Dr. Kulber to consult on pre and post-operative care. The project is scheduled to continue in 2018.

Mending Kids Ear Nose Throat Mission to Guatemala was our largest mission to date. Providing 100 children with critical surgical care in just one week. The team of 27 volunteers was led by Dr. Varma and Dr. Willner, to provide surgeries like tonsillectomies and adenoidectomies much needed in the region.

Heber had been unable to speak since the age of 5. After an unfortunate accident as a child, his trachea and vocal cords were severely damaged. Thanks to the joint effort of Dr. Willner and Mending Kids, Heber was able to come to the United States and receive the surgeries he needed. Dr. Willner was able to repair the damage and at the age of 17, Heber was able to hear his own voice for the first time. As a gift, Heber presented Dr. Willner with a hammer at the 2017 Mending Kids Gala. A hammer to symbolize the tools Dr. Willner had given Heber to build the foundation of his life.

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