Infant and school hearing screenings

Since 2003, the Student Academy of Audiology at the University of Florida has traveled to the Yucatan Peninsula in pursuit of improving the hearing healthcare of the local children and their families. Throughout rural communities, we are able to perform wax removal, assess middle ear function, screen for hearing loss, repair and program hearing aids, and dispense much needed supplies, such as hearing aid batteries. Because of your support, we are able to provide services to thousands of children and adults.

Donations

All proceeds from your support go to hearing impaired children and adults in the Yucatan Peninsula.

Make tax deductible checks payable to the “UF Foundation, Fund #017423”

Online donations can be made at www.phhp.ufl.edu, click on “alumni and giving”, then click “make a gift”. Please direct your gift to AuD Faculty & Alumni Partnership Fund, #017423

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Providing hearing healthcare to children and adults throughout the Yucatan Peninsula

Founded in 2003
As the Yucatan Peninsula is one of the poorest areas in Mexico, people here have extremely limited access to the medical services that are easily accessed by citizens of the United States; thus, the prevalence of hearing loss is quite high.

**In the Yucatan, 5 out of every 1000 babies are born with hearing loss**

Hearing loss is an everyday struggle that can lead to social isolation, depression, and a greatly reduced quality of life. We hope that your donations and services will help make the struggle of living with hearing loss even just a little bit easier for these children and adults.

The impact our trip has on the communities we visit in the Yucatan Peninsula is significant. We are able to see approximately 1500 persons over a period of five days, including men, women, children, and newborn babies.

Project Yucatan dispenses hearing aids, hearing aid batteries, cleaning supplies, ear wax removal drops, ear plugs, and portable equipment that can be used by local professionals to continue long term audiologic care that these communities require. The Asociacion Yucateca Pro-Deficiente Auditivo (AYPRODA) and many adults identified with hearing loss also will receive donated hearing aids from AYPRODA follows up with the long-term audiologic care needed for individuals identified with hearing loss.

Help support hearing healthcare in Mexico

Who travels with us to the Yucatan Peninsula?
Each year, we partner with the UF College of Pharmacy. The pharmacy students and faculty supply the citizens with donated over-the-counter medications, such as multivitamins and pain relievers. They also dispense medications necessary for the treatment of ear infections, a common ailment in children. Even more so, they counsel individuals on everyday ailments they may be struggling with, such as back pain or fatigue, and provide information about the importance of nutrition and hygiene.

Who provides follow up treatment and care?
We are fortunate to work with AYPRODA, a non-profit group in Mexico. With the help from AYPRODA and the local offices of the DIF (Department of Health), we are able to reach and help a large amount of people in need of hearing related healthcare that may otherwise go undiagnosed and untreated.

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