

Smile Train's mission is to help the millions of children living in developing countries who are suffering from cleft lips and palates by providing 100% free repair surgeries, giving them bright smiles and bright futures

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For 15 years Smile Train has focussed on one solvable problem – providing the millions of children around the world born with clefts the same opportunities as a child born without a cleft.

Cleft repair is a simple surgery and the transformation is immediate. Children living with unrepaired clefts not only live in shame and isolation, but, more importantly, face physical difficulties with breathing, eating and speaking.

Using the 'teach a man to fish' model, we focus on training local surgeons to perform cleft repairs in their communities. Those surgeons then go on to train other surgeons creating a long-term, sustainable system.

As a result of our efficiency and with the support of our donors and partners around the world, Smile Train has transformed the lives of more than one million children by giving them the power of a smile - that's roughly 340 surgeries a day and 127,000 every year.

Meet baby Robson, from Malawi, pictured above with his mother Maclina before his cleft surgery. Pictured below, Robson's has had his cleft fully repaired 100% free and in just 45 minutes.

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Most cleft repairs are simple surgeries and the transformations are immediate. Surgeries cost as little as £150 and can be completed in just 45 minutes.

By supporting Vets with Horsepower on their inspiring tour, you could help Smile Train to ensure that the millions of children still living with unrepaired clefts have bright smiles and even brighter futures!