

NEW YORK PLASTIC SURGEON DONATES TIME TO HEAL LIVES IN INDIA

Garden City, NY --- - Dr. Tom Davenport, of the Long Island Plastic Surgical Group of Garden City, is in Dehradun, India providing free reconstructive surgery for impoverished children and adults who have clefts, disabling burns, and hand injuries. He is working with Interplast, a charitable group which, since 1969, has provided free life-changing surgery for children and adults who suffer from the problems that Dr. Davenport is treating.

“Long Island Plastic Surgical Group is proud of its extensive devotion to pro bono work, helping children and adults throughout the world achieve normal lives,” stated Dr. Kaveh Alizadeh, the president of LIPSG and one of the foremost plastic and reconstructive surgeons in the world. “We are all proud of the work that Dr. Davenport has undertaken, and it is an integral part of our mission as a group of humanitarian doctors, who believe that we have a moral obligation to be healers, especially to those in desperate need who cannot afford medical care.”

Dr. Alizadeh was recently commended for his extensive and life-saving work on behalf of disfigured war victims. “Millions of poor children around the world have no access to basic medical care, let alone the reconstructive plastic surgery they need to lead normal, productive lives,” said Dr. Alizadeh. “In addition, few plastic surgeons are available to perform the needed surgeries in the developing world. Dr. Davenport freely gives of his time, talent, and skills to benefit those who most need help.” “Interplast depends on volunteers like Davenport and the nearly 700 other medical volunteers who give their time to provide life-changing surgeries and to educate and empower local medical professionals,” said Dr. Scott Corlew, Interplast’s chief medical officer. Davenport also serves on Interplast’s surgery committee and was a Webster Fellow, working at Interplast sites in 2000-2001.

In Dehradun, the volunteers will be working with Dr. Yogi Aeron, local plastic surgeon and director of Interplast’s year-round Surgical Outreach Center, helping him with the extreme backlog of burn cases.

The Interplast team will help those who survive burns—restoring their ability to walk or use their hands through reconstructive surgery. The team is expected to provide 75 to 100 life-changing surgeries in Dehradun during their two-week stay, providing renewed hope and a second chance at life for those living in poverty. Long Island Plastic Surgical Group, established in 1948 in Garden City, is the largest and longest continuously running practice of its kind in North America. Its multiple Centers for Excellence include: non-invasive skin care and age management; cleft lip and palate repair; facial reanimation; microsurgery and peripheral nerve repair; comprehensive facial and body cosmetic surgery; burns and complex wound management; hand and upper extremity reconstruction; and comprehensive aesthetic and reconstructive breast surgery.

Since 1954, Long Island Plastic Surgical Group has directed a Plastic Surgery Residency Program, which has trained more than 100 surgeons in the art and science of Plastic Surgery. There are fewer than 100 such programs in the entire U.S.

For further information, please visit www.lipsg.com.

Interplast is the first humanitarian organization to provide free reconstructive surgery for children with clefts, disabling burn, and hand injuries and has provided 68,000 life-changing surgeries for those who have no other access to care. Interplast allocates 90 percent of its budget to medical programs. For more information, please go to Interplast's website and blogs, www.interplast.org and www.interplast.blogs.com.