## Why I Volunteer for Planet Smile for Kids Society (August 29, 2019)

I was first introduced to Planet Smile for Kids Society by one of the board of directors, Dr. Sandra Fastlicht.

After meeting Dr. Fastlicht, I felt incredibly inspired by her passion, dedication, and expertise, and knew I wanted to help as a volunteer.



What was so encouraging about Planet Smile for Kids Society is that not only does it treat craniofacial anomalies, but they focus on education so that post treatment results are sustainable.

While traveling to Mexico as a volunteer, I saw first-hand the impact that Planet Smile for Kids has on children and their families.

To observe the gratitude through the smiles on their faces has been inspiring and you can see how much this organization can make a difference. It was amazing to see experts in their fields be open-minded to new and possibly different methodologies to better the patients' long-term success.

The patients' best interest and well-being are put first and every patient, no matter what their background, can have the best care possible.

As an aspiring medical student, it is inspiring to observe the members of this society's collaboration, enthusiasm, and collective goal to make a difference.