

SMGQ Gives Back to Honduras

"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well." —**Ralph Waldo Emerson**



Over the past few weeks, SMGQ Law has sought to make a difference in the lives of others by donating funds to the Asociación de Rinología Capítulo Nor Occidental de Honduras (Association of Rhinology of Honduras, Northwest Chapter). The Association travels to the more remote areas of Honduras once a year to provide free ear, nose, and throat surgeries to adults and children in need.

Honduras has nearly 8 million residents, but only 50 specialized doctors currently practicing in the area of Otolaryngology (Ear, Nose and Throat) - more specifically Head and Neck Surgery. Ninety-five percent of this already incredibly small number of specialists reside and practice in the two main cities of Honduras. Many, if not most, of the neediest patients, however, do not reside in these cities. Those patients must often wait for twelve (12) months just to be examined by a doctor to determine their needs and then undergo surgery. Patients from more remote areas of the country must often wait even longer for medical assistance.

This year, the Association successfully completed 44 free surgeries during the first week in October. The average cost to conduct an operation on a patient in Honduras is \$75.00. This includes a disposable surgical gown, gloves, and pre-operative medication needed before the patient is taken into the operating room. The donations from SMGQ LAW helped make these surgeries possible.

If you would like to donate or find out how to get involved with this organization please contact Gladys Abraham at gabraham@smgqlaw.com or 305-377-1000.