

Operation Smile UAE

December 2022 Newsletter

Operation Smile UAE Surgical Programs

35 medical volunteers committed their weekend to deliver care to patients with cleft conditions. This 3 day November program hosted by Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi changed the lives of 15 patients whose ages span from 6 months to 36 years. Volunteers also included 2 students who helped with set up and provided post-op information. This is the 3rd mission OSUAE has held in 2022!



Fundraiser and Awareness Campaigns

Our events would not be possible without our community volunteers and corporate sponsors.



Al Wahda Book Sale: We had 25 community volunteers and 17 companies participate in the October Al Wahda book sale. Almost 40K AED was raised for Operation Smile UAE.



Cycle for Smiles: In November, we had our first Cycle for Smiles UAE event, celebrating Operation Smile's 40th anniversary. Over 100 people participated in this bike race on Hudayriat Island. Race was sponsored by Appolonia World.

Run for Smiles – Al Ain Zoo December 11th, 2022 – 10K / 5K/ 2.5K



Join us in our annual Run for Smiles event and support new smiles and brighter futures. A part of your Registration Fee will support the care of patients with cleft lip and palate conditions.

Date: December 11th, 2022

Start time: 7:30am in Al Ain Zoo

95 AED for 10K, 5K, 2.5K

65 AED Junior Run 5+yrs



Sign up via QR code or on Gulf Multi Sport website

Operation Smile UAE Merchandise of the Month



Come by the Operation Smile office and purchase a canvas tote bag for 25 AED. This roomy bag is perfect for toting books, groceries, or other items. Proceeds go to Operation Smile UAE.

Directions to our office are located on page 3 of the newsletter.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for more ways to help Operation Smile?

We are in need of community volunteers to sew hospital gowns, bibs, bib cloths, no-no arm bands, and smile bags to be used on our surgical missions.

It's a great way to use your sewing skills to benefit others!

What are these used for?

Gowns: A clean fun hospital gown brings joy to a child's face before and after surgery. Often times we use hospitals that do not have gowns in child or infant sizes.

No-No Arm bands: Proper healing is essential for a healthy new smile. To keep the surgical incision clean, No-No Arm Bands prevent a child from bending their arms and touching their face. An arm band is inserted with tongue depressors to create a simple splint.



Smile Bags: After receiving life-transforming surgery, each child receives a Smile Bag bursting with goodies to lift their spirits. Smile Bags are filled with small-sized personal care items, toys, and mirror to see their new smile.

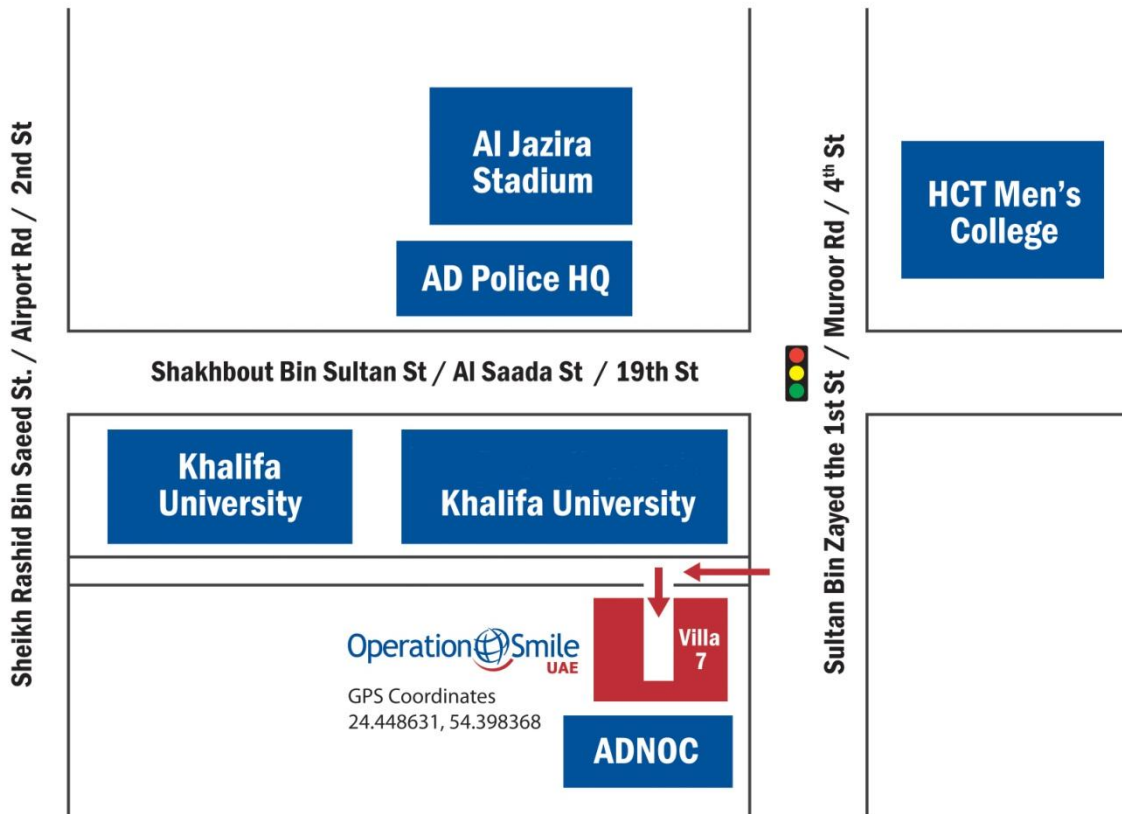
Operation Smile UAE has fabric supplies and sewing machines for volunteers to use. Patterns and instructions will be available at our office (directions to office on page 3 of newsletter). For those who like to teach, we are also looking for volunteers to teach our student clubs how to sew and put these items together.

If you are interested or would like more information please email: volunteer@operationsmileuae.ae

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Directions to Office



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