



# Smile of the Day

THE NEWSLETTER OF OPERATION SMILE BECAUSE WE CARE FOUNDATION

## OUR BEGINNING

In 1998, a group of caring individuals with diverse backgrounds had a vision that was inspired by a nine year old girl who was born with a severe malignant melanoma of the left eye.

Vanisha Dayal, from Abbotsford, BC, Canada underwent a major prolonged surgical procedure to remove the tumor when only three months old. By the age of nine, further reconstructive surgery was required.

*Operation Smile* was established and with the support from other Organizations, raised funds to make the surgery a reality.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Operation Smile Because We Care Foundation* is a non profit organization supporting the provision of medical services, equipment and treatment for children with facial deformities where medical funding may be limited or unavailable.

## PURPOSE

To help children with a disfiguring condition to obtain the necessary care needed. This assistance will provide these children with financial support where medical funding may be limited or unavailable.

## ELIGIBILITY

Any child residing in British Columbia, Canada who has a disfiguring condition is eligible to receive benefit from the Foundation. A child is defined as an individual 17 years of age or younger.

## DEFINITION OF FACIAL DEFORMITY

Examples of disfiguring conditions include, but are not restricted to, congenital malformations, severe burns to the face, severe trauma to the face, any acquired or congenital problems resulting in disfiguration.

Children with a syndrome in which special facial features are recognizable would not qualify. Indeed, these children have characteristic facial features but these are not disfiguring.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Each candidate will submit an application with a detailed medical history and recent photographs. The Advisory Committee consisting of medical advisors to the Foundation will independently review the file. They will provide the Board of Directors of the Foundation with a report stating the reasons for acceptance or rejection. The final acceptance will be decided by the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

Once an application is accepted or rejected by the Board of Directors, the decision is final and not subject to appeal.



**Vanisha Dayal, Honorary Member**



# Message from the President

OSBWCF was incorporated in June, 2000 and received the status of a non-profit private foundation in accordance with the Charities Act.

The support and the general inquiries OSBWCF have been receiving from the public provides us not only the tremendous encouragement but the reassurance for the need to focus our energy towards our future – our children's well being.

With just a few months away from completing our first full year and as we reflect on how the Foundation came into existence, my focus always reverts to one individual.

Vanisha was born with severe malignant melanoma of the left facial. When only three months old, she went through a gruesome 19 hours operation at the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto, Ontario. The operation was performed by Doctor Posnik. Even though the doctors were successful in removing the tumor, in the process, Vanisha lost a major portion of her left facial.

She required major reconstructive surgery in Summer 1999. This is when a group of individuals from all walks of life banded together. What started as an ad-hoc committee to raise funds to cover the cost of surgery, today has transformed into a full-fledged non-profit private Foundation.

Raising funds for Vanisha was a personal gratification for all the committee members and of course, the committee received great support from the community at large, relatives, friends, religious organizations, business associates, schools and other organizations. OSBWCF would like to take this opportunity to thank all who were involved in the fund raising campaign.

This Foundation is also very grateful to organizations such as Variety Club of BC, CKNW Orphan's Fund and Lion's Society of BC for their support and substantial contribution towards the fund raising for Vanisha.

OSBWCF is blessed to have on the Advisory Committee Dr. Lionel D. Traverse, MD, FRCPC, FAAP, Clinical Assistant Professor (UBC), Department of Pediatrics, Medical Director, Fraser Valley Child Development Centre and Dr. Adi K.M.Mudaliar, MD, CCFP, Clinical Assistant Professor (UBC), Family Physician.

The Function of the Advisory Committee is to review each application and provide their professional recommendations to the Board of Directors of OSBWCF.

We are also fortunate to have the professional services of a Financial Consultant, Mr. Mohammed Yasin, CGA, who will act as the Accountant of the Foundation and Mr. Rakesh Patel, CA, Davidson & Company will serve as the Foundation's Auditor.

"Any Foundation is only as good as its members". Even though an old cliché, this holds true for OSBWCF. We are proud of our association with our existing membership, consultants that have given their time and energy on voluntary basis and look forward to new members coming on board as we move towards achieving our common goal, bringing a smile to our future, our children – ".....*one smile at a time*....."

Let me take this opportunity on behalf of my family and the Board of Directors to extend my best wishes for the holidays and a prosperous and healthy 2002.

Michael Kumar  
President.



Michael and Vanisha at the Golf Tournament

## An Interview with Vanisha

1. Vanisha, can you tell us a little about yourself?  
*I am 12 years old, and live in Abbotsford. I am in grade 7 and attend North Poplar Fine Arts School. My favourite subject is Science. When I grow up I would like to be a doctor, so I can help other kids like myself.*
2. What are some of your hobbies?  
*I love playing basketball, computer games, painting, dancing to hip hop music, and yes listening to Destiny's child, and other R&B artists.*
3. Do you see yourself different from other kids your age?  
*I do not see myself different, but other kids see me differently because of my facial deformity.*
4. We understand you went through a major operation in Washington, DC in 1999, can you describe the type of operation you had?  
*I was born with a Cancerous Tumor on the left side of my face, the doctors had to remove my left eye, jaw, cheekbone, and tissue. As I grew I was having difficulty with my speech, smile, breathing, & eating. So in 1999 I had a major operation, when bone was removed from my leg, to re-build my jaw and cheekbone.*
5. What sort of impact has Operation Smile made on you?  
*OSBWCF were the first group of people who supported my family through a very difficult time. They cared for me, and worked very hard to make sure I had the funds for my operation. I am smiling today because of OSBWCF.*
6. What advice would you give the readers about Operation Smile Because We Care Foundation?  
*I would ask the readers to support OSBWCF – so there can be many more miracles like mine.*



## Special Events

### “Operation Smile” Annual Banquet Night



**Date** May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002  
**Place** Espirito Santo Hall  
 12918-112<sup>th</sup> Avenue,  
 Surrey, BC  
**Time** 6pm – 1am  
**Tickets** \$20.00 per person

Tickets will go on sale in February, 2002

For tickets or more information please contact:  
 Joseph Leong 604-431-2936  
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 or any one of our directors listed in our website,  
[www.operationsmile.net](http://www.operationsmile.net)



The Traverses, Chipmans & Dayals at the 1<sup>st</sup> Banquet Night

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## First Annual Charity Golf

### Golden Eagles Golf & Country Club

Great prizes, excellent weather condition and of course the sponsors and merchandise donors all added to the great success of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Charity Golf organized by OSBWCF.

Everyone had a fantastic day at the golf course on Saturday, August 25, 2001.

The following were the winners:

<b>Low Gross (73)</b>	-	<b>Arnold Toews</b>
<b>Low Net (69)</b>	-	<b>Feroz Khan</b>
<b>Long Drive (Men's)</b>	-	<b>Dron Charan</b>
<b>Long Drive (Ladies)</b>	-	<b>Sylvia Dass</b>
<b>Closest to the Pin</b>	-	<b>George Brown</b>
<b>Hole In One</b>	-	<b>Kam Sahay</b>
		<b>(Hole #5 – South Course)</b>

OSBWCF would like to congratulate all the winners, sponsors, helpers, merchandise donors and the organizing committee for a job well done.

Mahend Mistry & Brian Dass  
 Co-Chairpersons



Vanisha and sister, Jasmine helping at the Golf Tournament



Eager Golfers ready to tee-off!



## Calendar of Events

May 4, 2002	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Banquet
June, 2002	Walkathon
August, 2002	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament
Fall, 2002	Fashion Show

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## Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname First

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City

Province Postal Code

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname First

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Annual Membership

Single \$20       Family \$30  
 Senior (65+) \$10

### Donation Pledge

\$10       \$20       \$30       \$40       \$50  
 \$100       Other

## Board of Directors



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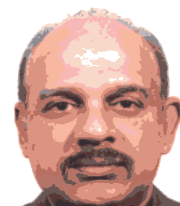
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