



# STUDENT PROGRAMS STARTER KIT

## WELCOME TO myFace

myFace is dedicated to transforming the lives of patients with facial disfigurement. With a special focus on children and their families, myFace funds medical, surgical, dental and psychosocial services as well as research and public awareness.

For 65 years, myFace has supported patient care, research and education, and it is this support, together with the donated time of its doctors for those in-need, that has helped over 65,000 patients go on to lead more fulfilling lives.

Currently 54 specialists are divided into ten condition-specific teams addressing every cranial and facial anomaly. Over 2,000 patients, 85% of them children, receive state of the art care each year.

The Newman Family Support Center provides 7 full-time team members and serves 800 patients and their families each year. The team is comprised of a dedicated social worker, clinical psychologist, speech-language pathologist, craniofacial speech physiologist, geneticist, pediatric nurse practitioner, program coordinator, and parent volunteer coordinator.

## THE ISSUE

There is no condition that impacts the body and the spirit as forcefully as facial difference. In the US alone, one in 700 children is born with an oro-facial cleft. One in 1600 is born with facial asymmetry, a missing ear, jaw deformities, or a defect of the skull, nerves or facial bones. Facial difference demeans and humiliates as it impedes the basic functions which a child needs to survive and grow.

## STUDENTS FOR MYFACE

Elementary school, middle school, high school and college students all have the opportunity to support myFace. By starting a Student Club, presenting to your class, or developing a crowdfunding campaign, you have the power to contribute greatly to the medical and psychosocial care of these patients.

Through compassion, commitment and perseverance, students can achieve

unparalleled results. You have the ability to help a child in need and offer your skills and talents to better the lives of others.

## PHILANTHROPIC PILLARS OF STUDENT PROGRAMS

**Awareness** - Through student programs, myFace empowers students to raise awareness about the craniofacial community and the level of care and support needed to give a child with a craniofacial deformity a better future.

**Education** - We empower students through the promotion of the New York Times best seller “Wonder”, written by RJ Palacio and produced by myFace, to learn about the multitude of physical abnormalities that exist and understand that their reaction should always be to choose kindness and acceptance.

**Leadership** - myFace Student Programs provide the opportunity for students to develop a more active voice in their community and lead their peers in cultivating innovative and powerful initiatives to support the myFace community.

**Service** - The importance and value of service is best understood through one’s own personal experiences and interactions. myFace Student Programs offer youth the chance to take personal ownership of a cause and witness the positive impact of their hard work and dedication.

## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Start your own Student Club

#### Middle & High-Schoolers

» [Click Here to learn how to Start Your Own myFace Student Club](#)

#### College Students

» [Click Here to learn How to Start Your Own myFace Student Club](#)

### Bring “Wonder” to your School

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### Start your own Crowdfunding Campaign

» [Click here to start your own campaign to benefit myFace](#)

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