

## HanesBrands Honors Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and Medical Teams with First Hanes for Good Champion Award for Community Service

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WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 13, 2015-- HanesBrands, a leading global basic apparel company, announced today that it has awarded Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and its medical professionals with the company's first Hanes for Good Champion Award for outstanding commitment to community service.

Hanes has partnered with the medical center since 2012 to conduct eight volunteer surgical missions to the Dominican Republic where Hanes has more than 8,000 employees. The medical center's otolaryngology medical teams have performed more than 500 life-altering ear, nose and throat surgeries and have treated more than 4,000 patients.

Hanes, a leader in corporate social responsibility in the apparel industry, honored Wake Forest Baptist, its medial teams and two Hanes employee volunteers at the company's annual leadership meeting being held in Winston-Salem and attended by more than 600 Hanes professionals.

The Hanes employees gave a standing ovation while Hanes Chief Executive Officer Richard A. Noll presented the company's Hanes for Good Champion Award to Wake Forest Baptist Chief Executive Officer Dr. John D. McConnell.

"It is impossible to measure the magnitude of the life-altering contributions the Wake Forest Baptist teams have provided thousands of people in the Dominican Republic," Noll said. "This is medical treatment that these people, including 150 children of Hanes employees, would be unable to afford without these medical missions. It is an honor and a privilege to award Wake Forest Baptist our first Hanes for Good Champion Award."

Along with the award, Hanes is providing Wake Forest Baptist \$25,000, which will be used to purchase additional medical equipment to be used for future medical missions, including surgeries for cleft palette and other ear, nose and throat treatments.

The Wake Forest Baptist surgical missions, conducted by more than 55 medical professionals, including surgeons, anesthesiologists, registered nurses and medical students, and supported by hundreds of Hanes volunteers, are organized by the company's Green for Good community improvement program that combines employee volunteerism with funding from sustainable environmental practices, such as recycling and energy management.

The Dominican Republic surgical missions use the only public hospital in the town of Bonao, which has had its surgical suits and maternity wards refurbished and updated through Green for Good projects.

Surgical mission volunteers from Wake Forest Baptist and Hanes receiving awards were:

- Dr. J. Dale Browne, M.D., professor and chair of the otolaryngology at Wake Forest Baptist
- Dr. Adele Evans, M.D., associate professor, otolaryngology
- Dr. Jordan Wallin, M.D., associate professor, otolaryngology
- Dr. Brett Nicks, M.D., associate dean, office of global health, and associate professor, emergency medicine
- Frank Vasquez, Hanes director of corporate social responsibility, Winston-Salem
- Sonia Almonte, Hanes human resources coordinator, Dominican Republic.

Hanes has conducted more than 75 Green for Good projects around the world, incorporating more than 195,000 volunteer hours.

"We believe in being a responsible corporate citizen and helping the communities where we operate meet their fundamental needs," said Chris Fox, Hanes vice president of corporate social responsibility. "This unique partnership with Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center has been absolutely terrific and has allowed us to take our community commitment beyond what we could ever do alone. The medical teams that Wake Forest Baptist sends down in conjunction with the logistical support that Hanes provides on the ground genuinely make a difference in the quality of life for hundreds of people."

## HanesBrands

HanesBrands, based in Winston-Salem, N.C., is a socially responsible leading marketer of everyday basic apparel sold in the Americas, Europe and Asia under some of the world's strongest apparel brands, including *Hanes, Champion, Playtex, DIM, Bali, JMS/Just My Size, Wonderbra, Nur Die/Nur Der, Lovable* and *Gear For Sports*. The company sells T-shirts, bras, panties, shapewear, men's underwear, children's underwear, socks, hosiery, and activewear produced in the company's low-cost global supply chain. An S&P 500 company, Hanes has approximately 59,500 employees in more than 35 countries and takes pride in its strong reputation for ethical business practices. From 2011 through 2015, Hanes has been a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Energy Star Sustained Excellence Award winner and was a Partner of the Year award winner in 2010 and 2011. The company has been ranked on Newsweek magazine's list of Top 500 greenest U.S. companies. More information about the company and its corporate social responsibility initiatives, including environmental, social compliance and community improvement achievements, may be found on the Hanes corporate website at <a href="https://www.Hanes.com/corporate">www.Hanes.com/corporate</a>.

## **Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center**

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center (www.wakehealth.edu) is a fully integrated academic medical center located in Winston-Salem, N.C. The

institution comprises the medical education and research components of Wake Forest School of Medicine; the integrated clinical structure and consumer brand Wake Forest Baptist Health, which includes North Carolina Baptist Hospital and Brenner Children's Hospital; the commercialization of research discoveries through the Piedmont Triad Research Park, as well as a network of affiliated community-based hospitals, physician practices, outpatient services and other medical facilities. Wake Forest School of Medicine is ranked among the nation's best medical schools and is a leading national research center in fields such as regenerative medicine, cancer, neuroscience, aging, addiction and public health sciences. Wake Forest Baptist's clinical programs are consistently ranked as among the best in the country by U.S. News & World Report.

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