

## LBFF Launches New Website: Going Global with the LBFF Community



LBFF is proud to announce the launch of our newly expanded website at [www.littlebabyface.org](http://www.littlebabyface.org). Designed to provide visitors with a dynamic, interactive experience, this new website allows for user-friendly access to pertinent information, from medical services the Foundation offers, to the backgrounds and professional expertise of our world-class surgeons, and heartwarming stories of personal lives changed through LBFF's work.

Through an enhanced visual presence visitors get a look into the journeys of our LBFF children and their parents, some of whom travel across the globe to receive medical services from LBFF volunteer physicians. This includes before and after photos, video segments of LBFF stories featured on *Dateline NBC* and *CBS Healthwatch*, and thought-provoking documentaries created by filmmakers Lisamarie Costabile, Mark Larson, and Rudy Gaskins.

Viewers can find descriptions about key surgical procedures, critical support services for families, and up-to-date medical research into the many areas of facial reconstruction. In addition, ample opportunities to join in the LBFF community through volunteering and special events are encouraged and described in detail.

A new facet of this site, visitors can now more fully interact with other LBFF community members through our social networking links including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, MySpace, and Flickr which are featured prominently on our homepage. In addition, donors can contribute directly to the Foundation by clicking on our "Donate Now" button.

We are delighted to engage with our LBFF community in new and exciting ways thanks to the expertise of website designer Dorri Olds. But don't take our word for it! Visit us today at [www.littlebabyface.org](http://www.littlebabyface.org) and tell us what you think. We'd love to hear from you.

## BELIEVE IN MIRACLES VII Annual Fundraising Gala Celebrates the Transformation of Faces & Lives of Children



*Gala 2009 Believe in Miracles VII, Honoree Dr. Deborah Pilla celebrates with LBFF patient Lorena Ochoa.*

The seventh annual gala to benefit The Little Baby Face Foundation. "Believe in Miracles VII" was held on November 19, 2009 at the New York Athletic Club overlooking Central Park in New York City.

More than 300 guests joined in honoring Dr. Deborah Pilla, a dedicated member of the

Foundation's Medical Advisory Board. Dr. Pilla provides dental evaluations to every child the Foundation serves. Her work with LBFF patients was highlighted in a video, "Living a Life of Consequence" shown during the evening.

The evening also included spectacular silent and live auctions, raffle drawing for exotic trips, dancing, and a sumptuous buffet dinner. Among our special guests were our Little Baby Face patients from as far as Morocco, Greece, Ecuador and as close as Staten Island, NY.

The event raised more than \$150,000, enabling us to continue providing exceptional medical treatment at no cost to children from around the world who have been born with cleft lip/palates, missing or malformed ears and other facial deformities.

Pictured here are some highlights of the evening.



*l. to r. Dr. Deborah Pilla, Dr. Thomas Romo, III, Diane Romo*

*GALA PHOTOS BY DAN ROOT*



*LBFF Patient Ahmed Al Mokhtar Zouhir gives many thanks.*



*Trish Bonamo and LBFF Board member Alan Mattone celebrate winning a great trip to Greece & Turkey in the live auction.*

### LBFF Receives Grant to Provide Treatment for Teen from Puerto Rico

*Thanks to a very generous \$29,500 gift from the Mortimer J. Harrison Plastic Surgery Trust, 15-year-old Elizabeth Collazo from Puerto Rico, was able to have the first of four surgeries in December 2009 to correct her ear deformities. She is scheduled for her second stage surgery in April 2010. Elizabeth was born with bilateral microtia, and severe hearing loss. She was also born with Goldenhar Syndrome, a facial deformity, and will be evaluated by the LBFF Medical team to assess this condition and possible treatments.*

