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Dr. William and Kathleen Magee
Founders of Operation Smile
6435 Tidewater drive
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Dear Dr. and Mrs. Magee:

It is my pleasure to congratulate you and Operation Smile for 25 years of outstanding work that has positively changed the lives of more than 100,000 children by repairing facial deformities. The "World Journey of Smiles" initiative that has provided treatment to 5,000 children in 25 countries is an excellent example of your commitment and dedication.

UNICEF is pleased to have such a dedicated partner in the implementation of the "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities". Operation Smile's regional office in Panama will provide an additional opportunity to further advance our cooperation, not only in Latin America but around the globe.

We look forward to strengthening our partnership and collaboration to achieve measurable results. Every smile takes us one step closer to creating a world fit for children.

Yours sincerely,



Ann M. Veneman