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Dear Family and Friends,

As you may or may not know, I am involved with Operation Smile at my school. If you are unfamiliar with Operation Smile, it is a non-profit volunteer medical service organization that provides reconstructive facial surgery (primarily for cleft lips and cleft palates) to children and young adults in developing countries and in the United States. It began in 1982, and since then tens of thousands of lives have been changed. Each surgery takes about forty-five minutes, costs \$240, and leaves an impact that is priceless.

Last year Utah students made history, raising more money than any Operation Smile student organization had before. Students presented a check for \$125,000 to the founders of Operation Smile! That was made possible by the generous donations of caring people. What a difference that will make in the lives of helpless children! Because of that event, 520 children will receive life-changing surgery!

While Operation Smile is able to change many children's lives, unfortunately, many are turned away. With your help more kids will be given new hope, and a new life.

As a volunteer with Operation Smile, I have set a personal goal of raising enough money for one operation, to change the life of one child. This goal is part of a statewide effort called "GO THE DISTANCE." From March 20-24 Utah Schools will focus on Operation Smile; fundraising in elementary schools, junior highs, high schools, and colleges. I hope that you will be eager to participate in this fundraiser as we fill the schools with smiles, not only affecting the children needing operations, but also students across Utah.

Please help me "Go the Distance" and help children that are in need. Your willingness to donate will not only help me achieve my goal, but will forever be remembered by a little child who is given a new chance at life. Many contribute \$10 and some as much as \$240 or more. Please make checks payable to Operation Smile and return it in the enclosed envelope by March 24th. (You will receive a receipt for your tax-deductible donation.)

For more information on Operation Smile you can visit their website at [www.operationsmile.org](http://www.operationsmile.org) or call the local chapter at 801-495-3300. Thank you for your consideration and support. It's wonderful to know such great people like you!

Respectfully yours,

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EVERY YEAR THOUSANDS OF **children** are born with **CORRECTABLE** facial deformities,

**someone should do something...**

**BE SOMEONE**