

## The Angel's Name is "First Hand Foundation"

## Success Story

Once again my little clients' guardian angel came to the rescue. I am very touched by the way First Hand Foundation have reached out and help another one of my little clients. First Hand Foundation is a nonprofit organization supported by a corporation. Their mission is to directly impact the status of a young life. Their funding criteria are that the child must be 18 years old or younger, must be under the care of a physician, have no health insurance and be low income. The Foundation will provide services once a year per child and to a maximum of three times in child's life.

My little client was born in Mexico; she is 8 years old and doesn't have health insurance. For awhile mom was calling almost every month needing vouchers to take daughter to the doctor because she had fever, and had some kind of infection, she had been suffering of sore throat and pharyngitis since 2009, doctors realize that she needs to have tonsils removed.

Mom called asking for help for surgery, I already knew where to go for help but I was not sure if the foundation had the money due to all the cuts that the whole nation has been facing. I contacted the First Hand Foundation and the Case Manager said they will cover but just medical expenses, this time they were not able to cover gas, room and board.

Now that I know I got the help I need to find a pediatric specialist that will not be so far from the family's home. I contacted a clinic and the doctor's nurse gave me appointment for my client. They came to the city at the beginning of December but it was going to take awhile to get all the paper work ready and apply for help to the Foundation. The Board gets together only once a month and always at the beginning of the month. Another factor was the holidays were very close so we couldn't do anything in the month of December, by January we started working again on my client's case, and everything got approved. The doctor did the procedure and he was so nice that for this procedure he only charged \$428.25. We also got help with the surgery rate and the hospital and the anesthesiologist gave us a discount. You need to be able to find good rates otherwise families end up owing a lot for the procedures.

My little client had surgery at the end of February, First Hand Foundation granted \$4,244.00 for her surgery. KSFHP paid for doctor's visits, lab work and prescriptions. Last week I called to see how my client was doing and mom said she was doing great and she was already eating solid food. People say we all have an angel protecting us all the time. I am happy my little clients can count on one angel and the name is First Hand Foundation.

