

Saving Limbs to Restore Lives

SIGN Surgeons all over the globe are performing life-transforming surgeries. They are helping people like Godwin quickly recover and regain full function after traumatic injuries.

Godwin, 18, and his brother were riding a motorcycle at night in Ogbomosho, Nigeria. Their bike did not have a head-

light, and neither did the oncoming vehicle they crashed into. Both brothers were thrown from the motorcycle and badly injured.

At the hospital, Godwin learned that he had fractured the femur and tibia in his left leg, and the femur in his right leg. He thought that at the very least his left leg would be amputated and he would face a lifetime of disability.

But, thanks to a skilled surgeon and donated implants from a SIGN Supporter like you, Godwin was able to get the care he needed to keep his limbs. With one SIGN Fin Nail and two standard

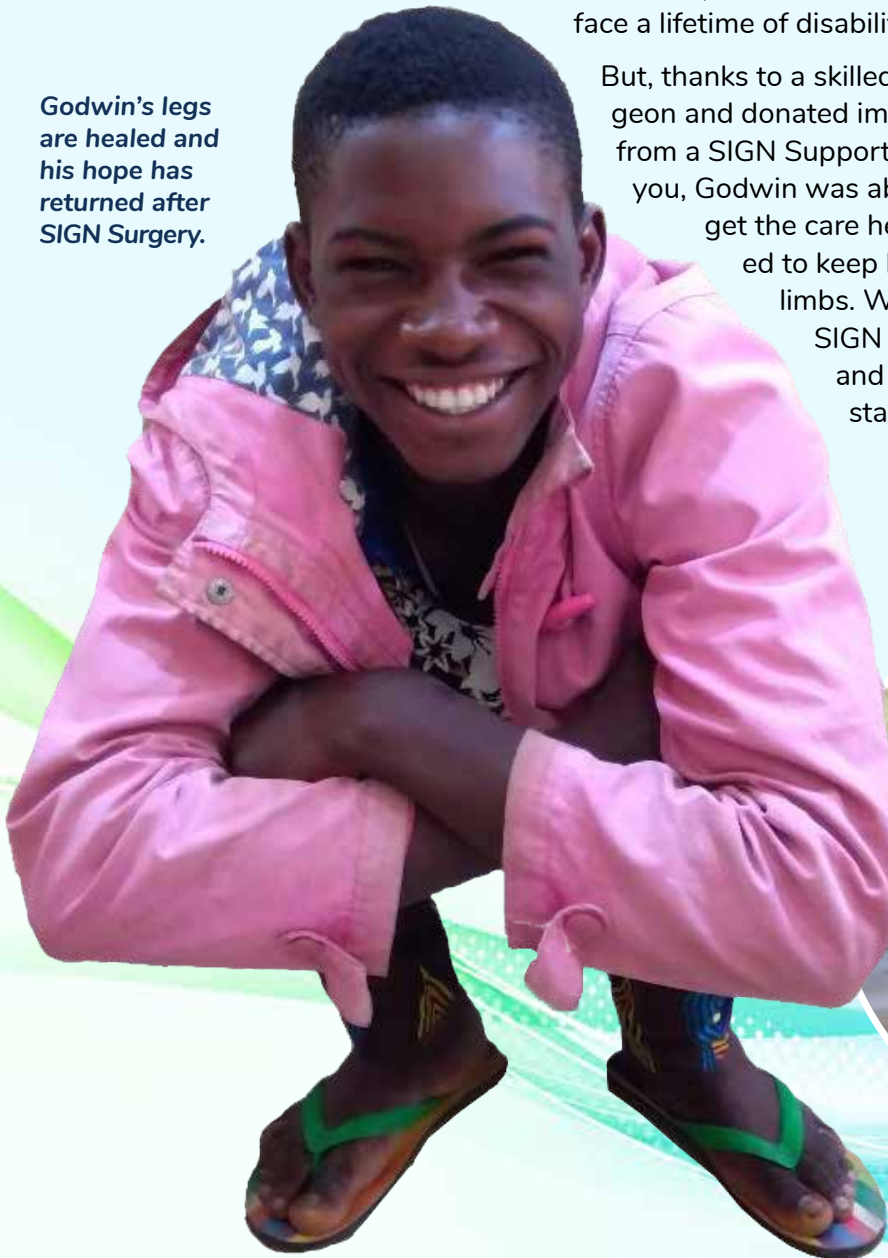
SIGN Nails, Dr. Adesina at Bowen Teaching University Hospital was able to stabilize all of Godwin's fractures.

Ten days after surgery, Godwin returned home. Less than two months later, he returned to the hospital full of smiles, able to squat, and ready to resume full activity.

You can help a person like Godwin, who has just been injured and fears that their life will never be the same. Your gift will provide the implant they need to walk again. Right now you can help twice as many people. Through Dec 31, 2021, the first \$700,000 donated to SIGN will be matched, doubling the impact of your gift.

Use the enclosed form or go to signfracturecare.org/donate

Godwin's legs are healed and his hope has returned after SIGN Surgery.



Donations that Give Back

As we approach the end of 2021, there are many ways that you can give to provide healing surgery for people in need. Some of these ideas can create tax advantages for you. Please consult your financial adviser to see what is best for your situation, and how your gift can help people across the world.

Stocks and Bonds



When doing your year-end tax planning, consult with your CPA about donating stocks and bonds to SIGN. Not only will your gift help heal, but the total value of your stock is tax-deductible, without having to pay capital gains on the appreciation.

Find the 2-step process for donating stocks at signfracturecare.org/stock-donation

Cryptocurrency



The IRS classifies cryptocurrency donations as

property, meaning they are not subject to capital gains tax. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law. Please contact finance@signfracturecare.org with the currency you wish to donate, and we will send you a unique link for your donation.

IRA



If you are age 70 1/2 or older, check with your CPA to see if you are eligible to give a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA account directly to SIGN.

Employer Matching



Many employers match donations to charities. Check with your Human Resources department to find out how your donation to SIGN can go further.

Questions? Learn more at signfracturecare.org/ways-to-give or call 509.371.1107, ext. 2004.

The Gift of Healing

When you give to SIGN, your donation will help someone like Lavin, a 7-year-old from Kenya, quickly heal so they can return to school and normal childhood activities. Just 6 weeks after SIGN Surgery, Lavin is back on his feet and fully active.



Trauma Healers

You can now watch Trauma Healers anytime and from anywhere.

This one-hour documentary is airing on PBS stations in the United States throughout the year. It reveals the need for trauma care in low-income countries and highlights how SIGN Surgeons are part of the solution.

Now you can watch it on-demand on Youtube.

Please watch the documentary to learn more about how your support of SIGN Surgeons around the world is making an impact.

Please share Trauma Healers with your family and friends, so they can see SIGN's Vision of creating equality of fracture care throughout the world.

Thank you to Kiwanis Pacific Northwest District, Leatherman Tool Group, and CTTS Productions for their efforts to produce and distribute Trauma Healers.

Watch Now at signfracturecare.org/traumahealers



SIGN Mentors Lead the Way

Thanks to our donors and SIGN Surgeons, we have started a record 35 new programs so far in 2021! The process to start a new SIGN Program begins when a local surgeon applies to have their hospital become a SIGN Program. The program committee at SIGN Headquarters reviews the application to ensure the hospital is set up to accommodate orthopaedic surgery. They also communicate with other SIGN Surgeons in the country to confirm the surgeon has the potential to become a SIGN Surgeon.

Most surgeons that apply have had some experience with SIGN Surgery in their residency program. If they have not had any experience or need further training, we call upon in-country SIGN Surgeons to mentor them. They invite the new surgeon to their hospital to perform 10 SIGN cases and gain the appropriate level of experience. We have also arranged for surgeons to go to a nearby country to obtain the necessary training. Even with the pandemic and international travel restrictions this past 20 months, SIGN has continued to expand using this model. It has highlighted how SIGN Mentors are responsible for the expansion of SIGN Programs.

Some examples of SIGN Surgeons helping to start new programs by providing the training in SIGN Technique are Dr. Giuseppe Gaido in Kenya, who hosted a new SIGN Surgeon from Somalia, Dr. Biruk Wamisho in Ethiopia and Dr. Billy Haonga from Tanzania, who both travel to the potential new programs in their country to provide personalized training, and Dr. John Ekure, who recently provided training to help start a new program in Uganda.

These mentor surgeons, and others like them, are experts in SIGN Technique. They perform hundreds of SIGN Surgeries each year in austere operating room environments and have developed the skills to overcome barriers, such as power outages and lack of resources. They are talented surgeons, despite the adversity, which makes them the best possible teachers. The other benefit of receiving training from a SIGN Surgeon is



Dr. Biruk Wamisho trains surgeons at Gondor University Hospital in Ethiopia.

that the new surgeon will have an in-country surgeon to call upon for counsel and mentorship.

The SIGN Surgical Database is one of the main online mentorship tools that we use. Dr. Zirkle has been providing mentorship and feedback on the cases reported into the surgical database since it went live in October 2003. Recently Dr. Zirkle decided to start a pilot project whereby SIGN Surgeon Mentors would learn to review the database and provide online mentorship, as well. The idea behind this is not only to pass on his knowledge, but also to expose the new mentors to the vast talent and creativity of their worldwide colleagues.

We will continue to partner with North American and European surgeons to assist us in expanding surgical skills beyond long bone care. These surgeons travel to provide training and mentorship for other specialties such as limb deformity, pelvic fractures and will include spine care in the future.



Dr. John Ekure (far right) demonstrates how to use the SIGN Equipment and guides a new surgeon through SIGN Surgery.





How You've Helped This Year...

As of Nov. 2021

28,731
Patients Healed

35 SIGN
Programs Started

238 Hospitals
received implants

51 Countries
have been sent
shipments

9 SIGN Trauma
Session Webinars

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