



City of Cambridge

14.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 27, 1995

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: Operation Smile was founded on the premise that many American kids live in third world conditions; and

WHEREAS: Operation Smile is a program that brings reconstructive plastic surgery to underprivileged kids, who need it but can not afford it, and it is designed specially to help kids in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Kids are never charged for any of the treatment or services they receive, as participating surgeons and other healthcare personnel are volunteers who donate their time and talents and participating hospitals generously cover the various other expenses; and

WHEREAS: Operation Smile uses public schools to find kids to help, with a broad range of personnel participate as volunteers: teachers, guidance counselors, coaches, health professionals, etc., to identify kids who they think might be helped and explain what Operation Smile is all about; and

WHEREAS: Hospitals provide whatever surgery and treatment the children need with some of the world's most experienced and talented surgeons, dedicated nurses and healthcare providers, and all the latest medical technology, these hospitals are uniquely qualified to help these kids; and

WHEREAS: Operation Smile since its inception in New York has provided over 65 surgeries changing the lives of these children, providing them with a new look and a new outlook, resulting in improved confidence, self-assurance and in some cases improved school performance; and

WHEREAS: Operation Smile is available in all 1,200 New York City Public Schools; and

WHEREAS: One of the corporate sponsors is our own Polaroid Corporation, which provides cameras and film to assist in diagnostic analysis; and

WHEREAS: Operation Smile will be coming to the Cambridge Public Schools, in a large part due to the work of Jim Hawkins and Polaroid, and the Boston Public Schools in the Fall of 1995; and

WHEREAS: Superintendent Marylou McGrath has been a great supporter and participant in bringing this program to the kids of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Operation Smile will conduct its preliminary work in Cambridge in a presentation to be held on April 24, 1995 for teachers, guidance counselors, coaches, health professionals and others; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council welcome Operation Smile to the City of Cambridge and thank them for the work they have already done and for the care and assistance they will provide our children; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this City Council extends its appreciation to Polaroid and Jim Hawkins for bringing this program to Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed resolution for presentation on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Consent Order #14

R-268

Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Russell
re: Operation Smile, reconstructive plastic
surgery for underprivileged kids is coming
to the Cambridge Public Schools.

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Order adopted