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Tampa Based Non-Profit Helps Children Locally and Abroad

TAMPA, Florida (August 22, 2012) – A local group of individuals with strong roots to their Tampa community provide ongoing orthotic and prosthetic care to children abroad and support local efforts in Tampa.

The husband and wife team, Dino and Lisa Scanio, are natives to Tampa and the founders of the FOOT Foundation (Florida O & P Outreach Team), A 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2007. Their mission is to provide orthotic and prosthetic services to children and adults of impoverished countries. The foundation is also committed to giving back to the local community.

Local projects have included raising funds and purchasing speech therapy equipment for Shriners Hospital for Children, Tampa, where their son Giovanni was a patient. The Scanio couple has also provided a large monetary donation the Clinic of Angels in Tampa, founded by their primary care physician, Michael Cichon, MD. This year's "Tampa NICU Project" was also inspired by a personal experience. Baby swings, crib mobiles, and rocking chairs are just a few of the comforts of home needed that will greatly help families have a more comfortable time while spending day after day with their premature or sick baby. Their son Gianluca was born 10 weeks premature and spent his first 60 days in this very NICU, where he received state of the art care and more than his share of cuddles. But during that unfathomably difficult time, Dino and Lisa were even more overwhelmed, not by the care their son received daily, but by the compassion and care they received from the incredible doctors, nurses and staff. Inspired to do something for them in return, Dino and Lisa know that providing these special individuals with additional resources to help babies and parents is the greatest gift they could offer.

Dino Scanio is a pediatric Orthotist and has helped to improve the lives of children for years in the Tampa Bay area. But through his foundation and established clinic for Orthotics and Prosthetics, Dino and his team of Tampa based Orthotists and Prosthetists has helped over 80 individuals in Guatemala as well. Children who were carried in by their parents walked out on prosthetic legs built by the FOOT Foundation Team. On September 14, Dino and his team will return to Children's Hospital in Guatemala City to again volunteer their time and talent to the children of Guatemala.

Through the tireless fundraising efforts of the Scanio family, they have been able to exclusively support ongoing trips to Guatemala as well as local projects that help the community where they have spent their entire lives. Dino Scanio said, "We owe a sincere Thank You to the local business owners, friends and supporters of our foundation. Although we are a small organization, we are trying to make a big difference." Lisa added that "Dino has always believed that if he can improve one life at a time, then he is doing something right."

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