THE CO-FOUNDERS

Kathleen S. Magee
President and Co-Founder

Kathleen S. Magee, B.S.N., M.Ed., M.S.W., co-founded Operation Smile in 1982 with her husband, William P. Magee Jr., and serves as the organization’s president on a full-time, volunteer basis.

Mrs. Magee also is a lifetime member of the Board of Directors of Operation Smile. She travels overseas extensively to nurture and maintain key corporate, diplomatic and medical partnerships that enable Operation Smile to carry out its surgical programs.

A New Jersey native, Mrs. Magee received her B.S.N. from College Misericordia in Pennsylvania, her M.Ed. from the University of Maryland and her M.S.W. from Norfolk State University in Virginia. She also completed graduate work at the University of Virginia and Jung Institute in Switzerland.

William P. Magee, Jr.
D.D.S., M.D., Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder

Dr. William P. Magee, Jr. is a leading plastic and craniofacial surgeon who founded Operation Smile in 1982 with his wife, Kathleen S. Magee, and serves as the organization’s Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Magee also is lifetime member of the Board of Directors of Operation Smile.

Dr. Magee received a D.D.S. from the University of Maryland, M.D. from George Washington University Medical School, served his general surgery residency at the University of Virginia Medical School, and received the Fulbright-Hays Scholarship Grant to study in Paris, France with Dr. Paul Tessier in 1975. He then completed his plastic surgery residency at the Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Va.

In 1978, he began his private plastic surgery practice in Norfolk and served as president. Dr. Magee continues to maintain private practice and is a practicing craniomaxillofacial surgeon for the Children’s Hospital of The King’s Daughters Craniofacial Program in Norfolk, Va. Dr. Magee also serves as Associate Professor of Surgery at the Eastern Virginia Medical School.

Bill and Kathy Magee have been the recipients of numerous awards and honors, including the first Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize in 1996, the Servants of Peace Award in 1997, the Golden Plate Award and Kellogg’s Hannah Neil World of Children Award in 1999, and in 2001 the Common Wealth Award of Distinguished Service and the Antonio Feltrinelli Prize for Exceptional Endeavors of Outstanding Moral and Humanitarian Value by the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei. In 2007, USAID presented the Magees with the President’s Call to Service Award from President George W. Bush and in November of 2009, she was highlighted in U.S. News & World Report’s issue “America Top Leaders.” In addition, His Holiness the Dalai Lama awarded the Magees with the Unsung Heroes of Compassion Award in 2014.