



About Us

The American Cleft Palate Craniofacial Association (ACPA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit medical association representing patients and families with cleft and craniofacial conditions, and the professionals who provide their care.

Since 1943, ACPA has provided education, support, research, and interdisciplinary team care to ensure the best possible outcomes for patients—enabling individuals to live complete and fulfilling lives.



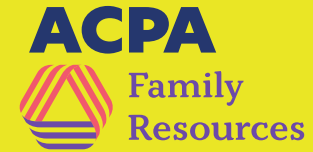
“The information we found through ACPA Family Resources was extremely useful for our journey. Finding out about our son’s cleft during our pregnancy was shocking, but to find the right information to educate ourselves made the process so much easier for us!”

- Ceciley, Triston’s mom



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Information for
every stage of
the treatment
journey.



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ACPA Approved Team Care

The treatment experience is most successful when a family is actively engaged with an interdisciplinary care team. These teams include doctors, surgeons, speech therapists, nurses, dentists, orthodontists, and other healthcare providers who offer an integrated approach to cleft-craniofacial treatment. A family's relationship with a team may extend from birth through the teenage years and beyond.

The ACPA Team Approval process ensures that teams offer care in a coordinated and consistent manner within the framework of each patient's overall needs.

To find an ACPA Approved Team near you, visit ACPACares.org.



Educational Resources

ACPA works with cleft and craniofacial experts to develop educational resources to ensure patients and families receive research-based and trusted information.

ACPA Family Resources offers more than 30 publications to help parents learn about their child's diagnosis and navigate every stage of their treatment journey. The following titles and more are available for download at ACPACares.org

- Prenatal Diagnosis
- Your Baby's First Year
- Preparing for Surgery
- Treatment Options for Better Speech
- Bone Graft Surgery

College Scholarships

ACPA awards three college scholarships annually from the Randall/LaRossa College Scholarship Fund to outstanding students born with cleft lip/palate and other craniofacial conditions.

- Honors Scholarship \$10,000
- General Scholarship \$5,000
- Vocational Scholarship \$5,000

Award recipients are selected by the ACPA Honors and Awards Selection Panel based on past academic performance, evidence of leadership and/or community and school involvement, indications of future academic success, and the applicant essay. For more information or to apply, visit ACPACares.org.

Cleft Courage Bear

Since 1989 the ACPA Cleft Courage Bear has become a lifelong friend to children of all ages. This fuzzy companion brings cuddles and smiles at every step of their journey. Whether it's walking into surgery with a child or comforting a teen on college move-in day, the ACPA Cleft Courage Bear is always there.

The ACPA Cleft Courage Bear, custom-made by GUND, Inc. with stitches across the upper lip, is infant-friendly, washable, and made from high-quality plush fabric.

Support ACPA

So many advances have been made in the field of cleft and craniofacial care, and there's still more to accomplish and more to learn.

Your contribution will help provide care and resources to patients with cleft and craniofacial conditions while also providing the funding and support our dedicated team members rely on for access to the latest research and clinical innovations to best care for their patients.

A **One-time Gift** is an immediate way to positively impact the lives of people affected by cleft and craniofacial conditions.

Tribute Gifts in honor or in memory of someone special add personal meaning to your support of ACPA.

Join **ACPA's President's Circle** with an annual leadership gift of \$1,000 or more and make a tremendous impact at ACPA.

Join **ACPA's Care Club** with a monthly recurring gift. Giving a little each month makes a BIG impact.

Give now at ACPACares.org or contact us to learn more at (919) 933-9044.

