

**Re: Press Release**

**Local Facial Plastic Surgeon Travels to Vietnam for Humanitarian Effort**

Albert J. Fox, MD is board certified in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery as well as otolaryngology; he has been practicing in our community for 8 years. He has been recognized for his excellence in patient care and has been awarded Community Clinician of The Year by The Massachusetts Medical Society in 2010. It is important for Dr. Fox to give back to his community and help those less fortunate.

On October 14, 2011 Dr. Albert Fox traveled to Vietnam for 10 days to share his knowledge and surgical expertise through a humanitarian program called Face-to-Face. Face to Face is the humanitarian arm of the Educational and Research Foundation for the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (AAFPRS Foundation). Face to Face members provide care to children and adults in other countries, correcting their facial deformities caused by birth, abuse, trauma and war. This is Dr. Fox's second mission with the organization to provide treatment to individuals with facial deformities and educate other surgeons in foreign communities.

Dr. Albert Fox traveled to Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon), Vietnam. While in Ho Chi Minh City, Dr. Fox and the Face to Face team performed surgery on over twenty patients. The surgeries were performed at the ENT Hospital of Ho Chi Minh City and the Nhan Dan Gia Dinh Hospital. Dr. Fox gave four lectures at the Facial Plastic Surgery Conference organized by the Face to Face team for the physicians of the ENT Hospital of Ho Chi Minh City and the Nhan Dan Gia Dinh Hospital. Over one-hundred Vietnamese plastic and reconstructive surgeons attended the conference.

On the final day, a banquet and awards ceremony was held, to thank the Face to Face team for providing care to the Vietnamese people and sharing medical knowledge and expertise.

Vietnam is a developing country in Southeast Asia with a population of approximately 84 million people. It is a beautiful country with many breathtaking landscapes. Economically, Vietnam is mostly agrarian. The people in Vietnam are gracious, friendly, and industrious individuals. Dr. Albert Fox and the Face to Face team felt a great sense of camaraderie among our surgical colleagues in Vietnam. Dr. Fox is grateful to be able to make a difference in their lives.

Dr. Albert Fox practices facial plastic and reconstructive surgery at the Albert Fox Facial Plastic Surgery Center in Dartmouth, Massachusetts.