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CARMEL, Indiana – Pediatric Orthopedic Project (POP) is proud to announce that its esteemed co-founder, Dr. Madelyn (Mady) Stazzone, has been selected as a recipient of the National Jefferson Award for her exceptional dedication and outstanding contributions to the community through her work with the non-profit organization.

The National Jefferson Award, presented by Multiplying Good, is a symbol of recognition for individuals who have demonstrated unparalleled commitment to public service and have made a significant impact on their communities. Dr. Stazzone's unwavering commitment to the mission of the Pediatric Orthopedic Project aligns perfectly with the values and spirit of the Jefferson Awards, making her a deserving honoree.

“I am humbled to have received this award. There is no greater privilege than to be used to change the life of another,” said Mady Strazzone.

The Jefferson Awards Foundation, through its annual recognition program, celebrates those who selflessly strive to create positive change in society, inspiring others to follow in their footsteps. Dr. Stazzone's selection as a recipient highlights her remarkable efforts to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those served by the Pediatric Orthopedic Project.

The Pediatric Orthopedic Project is a non-profit (501c3) organization dedicated to providing surgeries and treatments to individuals, particularly girls, with conditions like scoliosis, cerebral palsy, and spinal injuries. Under the visionary leadership of “Dr. Mady” (as she is known to those she serves), the organization has achieved remarkable milestones, touching countless lives and driving positive change.

For more information about the National Jefferson Award and its significance, please visit <https://www.multiplyinggood.org/what-we-do/jefferson-awards/national-jefferson-awards>.

About Pediatric Orthopedic Project: At its core, POP is dedicated to providing essential surgeries and treatments to those in need, offering a lifeline to patients who would otherwise endure significant challenges in their daily lives. The organization's focus extends far beyond medical procedures; it aims to foster a sustainable change and pay-it-forward attitude.

In addition to performing surgeries, the organization focuses on education, with one-on-one teaching as well as enlightening seminars designed to equip individuals with the knowledge and tools to pay it forward. POP also provides medical equipment and resources to the struggling children's hospital that it serves in Santiago Dominican Republic. Lastly, POP sponsors patients that need help with medications or physical therapy and even brings complex cases to the United States for treatment. It often recruits previous patients to pay it forward and help new ones either with physical therapy or the postoperative process. In this way, patients are not only recipients of medical care but also become active contributors to the well-being of others, passing on the gift of healing to those who may be similarly afflicted.

POP is also unique in that it is run by volunteers. Through surgeries, education, and more, POP is not just an organization that provides medical care; it's a movement that pays it forward, cultivating a legacy of compassion, knowledge, and transformation.

Learn more about POP at: <https://www.pophopeteam.org/>