



Rush Player Impacts Panama

After much preparation in the United States Despina is in David, Panama for a medical mission with Operation Smile. She has been involved in Operation Smile through her school's Shamrock Final mile participation for 4 years and helps the organization in any way she can. She is excited to take this next step and experience and help the children in Panama. She will experience the mission end to end from screening to surgery and recovery and will be with children and their families to help them feel comfortable and at ease as they wait in the shelter for their surgery. Despina has also presented Operation Smile to schools in Panama to spread awareness and encourage fundraising for the organization. Operation Smile has been helping children with facial

deformities such as cleft lip and cleft palate for 30 years. Despina will be able to share her experience with her family friends and classmates when she returns. In the meantime you can follow her experience every day through her blog.

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