

Dr. Craig Hobar graduated from the University of Miami School of Medicine in 1982 and was a surgical resident at Parkland Memorial Hospital from 1982 to 1987. He completed his plastic surgery training at Parkland and UT Southwestern in 1989 and completed a craniofacial fellowship at New York University in 1990. He is director of International Craniofacial Development at Medical City Children's Hospital and president of Dallas Plastic Surgery Institute. He was the team plastic surgeon for the Dallas Stars for many years before giving that up to devote more time to international missions.

In 1991, he founded LEAP, Life Enhancement Association for People, a specialized surgical charity that travels the world to operate on children and adults with facial and other deformities who do not have access or means to surgical reconstruction. LEAP has two employees and several hundred volunteers. LEAP provides all supplies, travel costs, and personnel and does not charge anything for its services, even reimbursing host hospitals for their costs.

LEAP has helped more than 7,000 patients from 17 countries. LEAP became instrumental in the Haiti relief effort, being present on day 4 and maintaining a full-time presence for nearly six months. LEAP was asked to coordinate a U.S. and Canadian effort to send reconstructive teams to Haitian Community Hospital, one of the busiest hospitals in Port Au Prince. LEAP coordinated 20 teams (172 people) from the U.S. and Canada that treated more than 1,000 patients and performed more than 400 reconstructive surgical procedures, helping preserve life and limb for the earthquake victims.

Based on this effort, the International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, which has branches in 93 countries, has asked LEAP and Dr. Hobar to partner in a world disaster relief program.

Dr. Hobar has been the recipient of the In Chul Song Award for Humanitarian Services, the American Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery Award for Humanitarian Services, Special Recognition by the City of Dallas for Outstanding Philanthropic work in Haiti and the 2011 Frist Humanitarian Services Award.