



**PRESS RELEASE**  
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Partner for Surgery, DC Non-Profit, Names Beatriz Coningham  
Program Committee Chair

**WASHINGTON, DC-** Non-profit **Partner for Surgery** elects **Beatriz Coningham** Chair of the Program Committee of the Board of Directors.

Partner for Surgery, recently named one of only five international “Worthy Non-Profits” by the **Catalogue for Philanthropy**: Greater Washington, provides impoverished Guatemalans with sustainable access to medical care and empowers them to advocate for vital health services. Since Partner for Surgery was founded in 2001, 40,000 impoverished Guatemalan children and their families have received medical attention and health education, and 7,000 people have received access to surgery.

Before joining Partner for Surgery, Coningham received an M.A. in Teaching English as a Foreign Language at the University of Reading in the United Kingdom and pursued a doctoral degree in the prestigious George Washington University Human and Organizational Learning Program.

While living in Brazil, Coningham founded and co-directed a school teaching English and preparing students for careers in international business and education.

Coningham currently works as Senior Manager for Organization Development and Learning at RTI International, an independent research institute dedicated to improving the human condition.

**Partner for Surgery** is excited for the opportunity to work with Beatriz and confident that her experience will contribute deeply to fulfilling the goals of the organization.

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