

## GIVING FROM THE HEART

DR. CHARLES MESSA

Outside the operating room, Dr. Charles Messa and his wife Rosalee have a unique family. A modern-day “Brady Bunch”, they are blessed with seven children in their blended family. Hardworking yet ever so family oriented, Charles and Rosalee, spend the majority of the limited time they have away from the office with their children. With seven kids ranging from ages 17 to 29, they have been very busy over the past decade. Their children's interests are as diverse as their personalities, which keeps the Messas extremely busy. Traveling to dance competitions, ice hockey tournaments, swim meets, and working with film projects and local bands, they offer endless support to their children.

Charles and his family have been very fortunate, and he

believes in giving back to the community, especially helping children in need. He has been involved with numerous organizations including Child Net, Women in Distress, Kids in Distress, and working personally with social workers in Fort Lauderdale to help children and young adults who are most in need. Dr. Messa has started a nonprofit organization, Children & Family First, Inc., which works directly with homeless and underprivileged children and their families. Each Christmas, The Messas reach out to numerous families who are less fortunate to ensure they experience a special and happy holiday by providing gifts and



Rosalee and Charles Messa

support for these families.

When Dr. Messa finished his plastic surgery fellowship at the prestigious University of Pennsylvania he decided to dedicate his career to cosmetic

plastic surgery. As an epicenter for cosmetic surgery, Dr. Messa came to South Florida to focus his practice as cosmetic enhancement of the face, body and breast where he has become well known nationally and internationally for his skill and compassionate care.

Dr. Messa has focused his career on being a physician first and plastic surgeon second. As a result he is well known for his bedside manner, compassionate care and a practice, which is dedicated to ensuring his patients receive the best possible, care both preoperatively and during the operation, and during the postoperative recovery period.

He was initially exposed

to a career in medicine through his father, who is a dentist, and his uncle, an obstetrician gynecologist. “I always enjoyed drawing and painting, so I was more attracted to a career in surgery”. When he was in high school, his sister contracted Guillain-Barre, a neuromuscular disease, which left her paralyzed and on a ventilator for months. During frequent visits to the ICU, and the physicians he interacted with

encouraged him to want to help less fortunate people who were suffering.

His sister eventually recovered after years of rehabilitation. “When I went

to medical school, I initially wanted to be a cardiac or vascular surgeon, but was drawn to plastic surgery because of the link between science and artistry that makes this specialty so fascinating. Each individual person is unique which makes each operation special and diverse”.

His greatest satisfaction comes from seeing the effect his work has on helping patient's look and feel better.

**Dr. Messa is board certified by both the American Board of Plastic Surgery and the American Board of Surgery, an active member of the American Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, American Society of Plastic Surgeons, and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is a recognized expert in cosmetic plastic surgery and has achieved Allergan's Black Diamond Award as one of the top 1% of plastic surgery practices in the country by volume. Dr. Messa has also achieved Chairman status with Medicis and Mentor Corporation. This award honors distinguished leaders in cosmetic surgery for demonstrating expertise and excellence through a high volume of aesthetic product procedures. The certification is awarded to leaders in the field of medical aesthetics and demonstrates their commitment to innovation, excellence, and the highest level of patient care.**

To schedule your consultation with Dr. Messa, please call our office at (954) 659-7760.