

Traci Balandran, BSN, RN, NE-BC, CLEC, LNC: Chief Medical Programs at Fresh Start Surgical Gifts

Bringing Decades of Nursing Expertise and Visionary Leadership to Deliver Life-Changing Care for Infants, Children, and Teens



Laguna Hills, California Sep 26, 2025 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Fresh Start Surgical Gifts is proud to announce the appointment of Traci Balandran, BSN, RN, NE-BC, CLEC, LNC, as Chief Medical Programs Officer. With a distinguished 40-year career in healthcare and more than 20 years of progressive nursing leadership, Traci is uniquely positioned to advance the organization's mission of transforming the lives of disadvantaged infants, children, and teens through essential surgical and medical care.

Traci's journey in healthcare began at Saddleback College, where she earned her Associate of Science in Registered Nursing in 2008. Traci was the first Saddleback alumnus elected as a representative on the National Student Nursing Association Board (NSNA). She later earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Chamberlain University in 2015. Her professional excellence has been recognized through numerous accolades, including induction into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (2016), National Deans List every year during academics in all years 2006-2016, Clinical Leader of the Year, Multiple Regional Awards for Top Account Manager, Top Sales Representative National Accounts, Core Value Awards for Accountability, Service Excellence, Integrity (1995-2007) and the prestigious Daisy Nurse Leader Award from DaVita's Gold Coast Division (2023), which honored her exemplary leadership and the positive impact she has made on her colleagues, patients, and the community at large.

In her latest role as Chief Medical Programs Officer, Traci oversees clinical programs and patient safety initiatives at Fresh Start Surgical Gifts. Her leadership portfolio of experience includes management of multi-million-dollar programs in kidney care, women's health, emergency medicine, and neonatal services. In all of these pursuits, she has consistently championed patient safety, equity, and strong, resilient teams and record-breaking organizational growth. For Traci, Fresh Start's mission resonates deeply: *"The mission to transform children's lives is not just powerful—it's personal, purposeful, and proven."*

Traci's decades of experience have cultivated a leadership style rooted in curiosity, humility, and collaboration. *"I don't accept the norm; I'm always looking for solutions to raise the standard of care and have a genuine interest in lifelong learning,"* she shares. This philosophy creates a culture of innovation and teamwork, where shared knowledge drives impactful results.

Under Traci's guidance, Fresh Start Surgical Gifts is poised to strengthen its commitment to ensuring every child receives the medical care they need to thrive by expanding service areas and top-tier partner relationships nationally and internationally. Her dedication, vision, and unwavering passion for advancing patient care to the gold standard will leave a lasting mark on both the organization and the lasting relationships with the physician partners, and the countless young lives it serves.

Learn More about Traci Balandran:

Through her online profile, <https://todaysnurse.org/nurse/4152111> or through Fresh Start Surgical Gifts, <https://www.freshstart.org/about-us/fresh-start-team/>

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