

FROM THE CHAIR

Creating Sustainable Programs.

Over the past three plus decades Gift of Life Programs have saved the lives of almost 10,000 children. This has been accomplished through the efforts of thousands of doctors and nurses, Rotarians and hundreds of dedicated volunteers worldwide.

In the past I have written about the positive results of collaboration. Whether it is between nurses and doctors, or Rotarians and hospital administrators, or caring volunteers and their young Gift of Life patients, the ability of people to work together for the sake of a single child has allowed us to sustain the spirit that has made Gift of Life Programs successful throughout the world.

Now, a new phase of Gift of Life Programs is emerging. We are seeing countries that previously were not able to care for their children on their own now emerging as self-sustainable. Instead of having to rely on others to care for their children, these countries are developing the medical infrastructure necessary to treat an increasing percentage of their own case work in their own hospitals.

This month's newsletter is dedicated to a wonderful example of this: The Dominican Republic. The articles explain how, with the collaborative support of six humanitarian organizations, the professional medical staffs of two hospitals are acquiring the skills, techniques and equipment necessary to provide the complete range of care for their children in need of heart surgery.

The grander goal is for the Dominican Republic to become a pediatric heart hub for the Northern Caribbean. Through the solid collaboration of multiple organizations and the leveraging of combined resources, this model for developing successful and sustainable pediatric heart programs will be replicated in other countries and regions.

On December 3 thru 5, 2008, the 4TH GLOBAL FORUM ON HUMANITARIAN MEDICINE IN CARDIOLOGY AND CARDIAC SURGERY, entitled **Healing the Hearts of Children Through Collaboration and Empowerment**, will be held in the Dominican Republic at the Oasis Hamaca Hotel in Boca Chica. It will focus on the pediatric cardiac services currently being provided to South and Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico.

Our purpose is to show evidence that, through collaboration and empowerment, countries can develop their own local programs to provide care for their children that suffer from heart defects.

I hope you can take advantage of this opportunity to meet many of the dedicated members and affiliates of the global Gift of Life family. Details on the Forum appear later in this newsletter.

Please join us

Yours in Rotary,



Robbie Donno
Chairman



DOMINICAN HEARTS

Healing The Hearts ...

From ucsfToday, 17 Dec 2007, University of California, San Francisco



The Dominican Republic is a small Latin American country in the Greater Antilles archipelago, due west of Puerto Rico and east of Cuba and Jamaica, on the Caribbean island of Hispaniola. It was there that Christopher Columbus landed when he “discovered” America in 1492.

“While only little more than 3,000 miles from San Francisco, for children in the Dominican Republic suffering from congenital heart defects the country is a world apart from American heart care”, said UCSF Children’s Hospital pediatric cardiothoracic surgeon, Tom Karl, MD.

In November, Karl returned from a volunteer mission to perform cardiac surgery on children of the island nation of about 10 million people, where “congenital heart problems are diagnosed late, not at all or are neglected.” He and his team spent two weeks repairing tiny hearts in the Dominican Republic through the sponsorship of the International Children’s Heart Foundation (ICHF). The surgeries took place at the Hospital Infantil Universitario Dr. Arturo Grullón in Santiago.

The ICHF takes lifesaving cardiothoracic surgery to 22 underserved and developing countries throughout the world, where heart defects are often not treated because of a lack of expertise and equipment, because they are considered too risky or because they are too expensive for families to afford. “Without this care, most of the children would otherwise die or have a very poor quality of life”, Karl said.

“In terms of sophistication, treatment in the Dominican Republic is probably at the same level as cardiothoracic surgery was in the United States in the 1970s, when the concept of infant heart repair was not developed,” said Karl. Today, many of the children Karl treats abroad are older and would have been operated on at birth or very early in life in the United States, he said.

Karl described the Dominican Republic visit as an intense, but extremely rewarding experience, where he and his team performed 20 cardiac surgeries, or “10 days – two cases a day.” Traveling with him on missions in Central America and elsewhere are teams of between five and 15 nurses, anesthesiologists and others required to perform the delicate operations.

An added bonus, he said, is that the donated medical supplies that remain in-country can mean a dramatic leap forward in terms of long-term medical care. “We have to take ventilators and monitors with us, and we leave them there afterward. There are truckloads of supplies that have been donated to our various mission hospitals,” Karl said.

“Open heart surgery alone makes little impact on the health of a developing nation, but the side benefits for treatment of more prevalent health problems, such as provision of equipment, transfer of technology, team building, etc., are very real for the local program, and last well beyond the time we spend there.”

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Recognizing The Greater Need

Nelva Pelaez, Executive Director, Heart Care Dominicana

January of 2000 will forever be a date to remember in the Dominican Republic. It was the beginning of the Santo Domingo Pediatric Cardiovascular Program.

For the Dominican families with children with heart disease, this was translated as an opportunity of health for their children, without the trauma of separation from their loved ones.

Taking care of our indigent children with a need for cardiovascular intervention was always our goal. To reach it we needed several components to come together:

1. Medical teams willing to donate their time and talent for periodic missions,
2. Formal training of our medical professionals, and
3. Hospital facilities willing to take ownership of such an ambitious program.

While much was accomplished, after five years we realized that missions were not enough. Having the support of CEDIMAT and its surgical team, and the in-country assistance of **Heart Care International** and **Variety Children's Lifeline**, though helpful, only scratched the surface on the vast waiting list. We needed a Pediatric Cardiovascular Unit that provided constant care.

So, in 2005, with the assistance of **International Hospital for Children**, six non-governmental organizations came together and collaborated in the design and implementation of a three-year program that would maximize the learning process, and allow us to reach our goal quickly and effectively.

As a result our program growth over the past three years has been dramatic, and the vast impact on our community evident.

The combination of efforts has proven correct once again the old Chinese proverb:

***Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day;
Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.***



The center for Diagnosis, Advanced Medicine and Telemedicine (CEDIMAT), the "Plaza de la Salud", is one of the most modern medical centers in the Dominican Republic, Central America, and the Caribbean.

CEDIMAT initiated operations on March 17th, 1999, with the objective of providing Dominican citizens with a medical center that contains all the necessary components to carry out all procedures and diagnostic studies integrated in a single place, in order to offer the highest quality and affordable medical services.

Read More: <http://www.cedimat.com/default-ing.aspx>

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Coordinating Donated Time, Talent and Treasure

William Novick, MD, Founder, ICHF



The International Children's Heart Foundation was invited to visit the Hospital Infantil in Santiago for the first time in February 2006. Our 18-member team of volunteer doctors and nurses operated on 23 children. After that first trip, we made a commitment to assist in the development of pediatric cardiac surgery in Santiago and agreed to make at least two trips per year for the next three years, or until the local staff was sufficiently trained to run the program themselves. We are now making four trips per year and just completed our 11th trip this month. We have operated on 160 Dominican children with congenital heart defects.

We are also training the local pediatric cardiac surgery team. Dr. Yssiac Heredia, pediatric cardiac surgeon, is now performing some open-heart surgeries in our team's absence. We are also training the ICU staff, perfusionist and anesthesiologist, and technicians in the catheterization and echocardiography labs. We are sending the local perfusionist to Santiago, Chile, in January to attend perfusion school. Our ultimate goal is to create a permanent, sustainable and efficient program at the **Hospital Infantil Universitario Dr. Arturo Grullón**.

We collaborate with several organizations to provide our services in the Dominican Republic. The local Rotary Club of Santiago Monumental provides food for our teams at the hospital during their visits, and for the families of the children who receive operations. The local Corazones del Cibao Foundation helps with housing and local transportation. Several USA Rotary Clubs have provided support for the medical trips as well: Rotary Gift of Life New England District #7910, Rotary District #7470 Gift of Life Program, and Rotary District #7980 Gift of Life Program.

We have recently gained the support of two local companies: Bacardi Dominicana and ProCigar Company. ProCigar is planning a cigar festival in February 2009 and our Dominican program will be receiving half of the proceeds. Bacardi Dominicana is making an infomercial about our program that will be shown on all the Dominican TV stations. These two local companies are helping provide the attention and support that our program needs to reach its goals.

Hundreds of children are in need of cardiac surgery in the Dominican Republic. Maximo, a three-year-old was sitting in his father's lap in a patient room. Maximo had tetralogy of Fallot a few days prior and was doing great. Maximo's older brother, Junior, was in the operating room also having cardiac surgery. Their mother could not be at the hospital because she didn't have anyone to care of their two young daughters. But they soon received the good news that Junior's operation was a success

The father graciously thanked us saying, "God bless the ICHF medical team for what they are doing. The Lord is going to pay them because I can't."

This is why we send our medical teams to the Dominican Republic.



DOMINICAN HEARTS

Planning The Ultimate Answer

Susan Rickman, Executive Director, International Hospital for Children

After a successful five-year program working with **Heart Care International** to provide annual pediatric heart teams, CEDIMAT and **Heart Care Dominicana** felt that the establishment of a full time indigenous pediatric heart program at CEDIMAT was an investment they were ready to make.

They called upon the **International Hospital for Children (IHC)** to move them in that direction.

IHC's mission is to raise the level of indigenous pediatric critical care capacity in developing countries. Doctors and nurses in these countries learn specialized pediatric procedures firsthand from surgical and diagnostic teams that teach and mentor them, so that some day they won't have to wait for an outside team to treat their country's children.

So, three years ago, in May 2005, **IHC** invited five international organizations to convene at CEDIMAT Hospital in Santo Domingo, to be hosted by **Heart Care Dominicana**. Their purpose was to develop a business plan that would include a multitude of training teams specific to the areas of diagnostics, open-heart surgery, catheterization and nursing.

The emphasis was placed on training the local team on conditions and procedures that they would most often see and to bring them closer to independence in taking care of most cases. The program became about the training and not the about the numbers.

In addition to raising funds to continue bringing in training teams, monies were raised for a fully developed nursing program including translations of manuals and handbooks, training overseas, stipends, hospital equipment and supplies, and funding for heart cases to be done by local teams. To date, over US\$1 million dollars has been raised for this program.

The founding organizations are:

International Hospital for Children, Caribbean Heart Menders, Heart Care International, Variety Children's Lifeline, Gift of Life International and Heart Care Dominicana.

Watch a Brief Video of a Training Team at Work:

http://www.globalhealthtv.com/conference/2008_gh_conference/healing_children_through_collaboration_and_empowerment



In December 2006, Baseball star David Ortiz donated US\$200,000 to the Heart Care Dominicana Foundation, located in Ortiz's hometown of Santo Domingo. It was enough to start the first pediatric cardiovascular unit in the Dominican Republic.

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Becoming Personally Involved

Dr. Manelic Gassó-Pereyra (aka Jordi Gassó), Rotary Club of Santo Domingo, Pres., Gift of Life, Santo Domingo

Rotary has been a family affair with me since birth. Both grandparents were founding members of the first Rotary Club (RC) in our hometown of La Vega, Dominican Republic, one of them being District Governor for the 1959-60 Rotary year.

My father moved to Santo Domingo while going to Dental School and joined the RC of Santo Domingo before I was born. He became District Governor 1969-70. I joined the same RC in March 1985 during the visit of then Rotary International President Dr. Carlos Canseco. Soon afterward I met Dr. Eligio Mella, a former District Governor, who introduced me to the Gift of Life.

For the next several years we used my office's communications equipment to exchange information about children and their moms being sent to the USA to receive the Gift of Life. We started with the ITT-Telex, and later upgraded to the fax machine. We also donated plane tickets for several cases over the years and, in 1987, we hosted the first medical team from New York who visited to work at the **Hospital Robert Reid Cabral**.

A few months before passing away in 2001, Dr. Mella ask me to take over as leader of the RC of Santo Domingo Gift of Life Program, which I did. My first child was due to leave from Puerto Plata for Newark, New Jersey USA, mid-morning September 11, 2001. He actually left one week later.

In late 2003 I received a call from Susan Rickman, Executive Director of the International Hospital for Children. She invited me to a meeting about the possibility of training a local team to do the operations on children in the Dominican Republic, which made a great deal of sense. At our first meeting, with Drs. Tom Pezzela and Cuello Mainardi I emphasized that pediatric work was being done both at **CEDIMAT Hospital (Plaza de la Salud)** in Santo Domingo and at **Hospital Infantil Arturo Grullon in Santiago**.

In May 2005, Robbie Donno, Chairman of Gift of Life International, came to visit both hospitals. During the meetings held at this time, the seeds for **Dominican Hearts** were planted. A month later most of the participants went to New York where the program got started, with an agreement to work towards the establishment of the two programs: Santiago and Santo Domingo.

Meanwhile, our club and Rotary clubs from Virginia pursued and completed two major matching grants with the Rotary Foundation, with the technical and logistical support from International Hospital for Children. We all can now see a light at the end of the tunnel with some 400 children being treated locally last year.

Dominican Hearts strives to be a reality.



LÆR: Jordi Gasso, José Espaillat VP-GOL, Patient's Mother, Osvaldo Holquin Pres RC Santo Domingo, heart patient at Hospital Infantil Arturo Grullon in Santiago.

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Donating Tools of the Trade

Allen Feehan, Director, Gift of Life International, Editor, GOLINEWS

Thanks to Dr. Nassar Ani, an orthopaedic surgeon, and his wife, Dr. Samar Ani, a dermapathologist, two hospitals in the Dominican Republic experienced a major advance in their efforts to upgrade their respective pediatric operating room environments.

The doctors donated an anesthesia system to **CEDIMAT Hospital** in Santo Domingo, and an identical one to **Hospital Infantil Universitario Dr. Arturo Grullón in Santiago**.

While the machines are not new, one surgeon likened them to an upgrade from a Model-T to a 1994 Mercedes. The machines are manufactured by the Drager Medical Company, a manufacturer considered by many medical professionals to be among the best sources of this type of equipment.

The doctors learned of the need from a mutual friend who passed word of the opportunity to a GOLI Director. After a few months of picture-taking, paperwork, review and acceptance by the hospitals, crating, and more paperwork, the machines were on their way.

Drs. Nassar and Samar not only donated the equipment, but also arranged for their special crating and transport to the FedEx Express Air Terminal in New Jersey, USA. From there, thanks to the support and Good Offices of the International Children's Heart Foundation (ICHF) in Memphis (Tennessee, USA), home of FedEx, the machines were delivered to the island.

These machines arrive at the recipient hospitals at a most propitious time. A consortium of humanitarian organizations are collaborating on a project named **Dominican Hearts**. The 3-year project's mission and business plan is to have fully trained local pediatric heart teams at both CEDIMAT Hospital and Hospital Infantil take over caring for the country's pediatric heart needs.

By greatly increasing indigenous cardiac capacity for Dominican children, these hospitals will be able to take care of 80-90% of the congenital heart cases that occur every year, and greatly reduce the need for outside support from visiting USA volunteer cardiac teams, or for sending children to other countries.

We are grateful for the generous support of Drs. Nassar and Samar Ani, and for the consistent support from the Rotarians, dedicated volunteers and donors, foundations, corporations, and the so many of you that contribute your time, talent and treasure to help us achieve our goal of:

Saving Children's Lives ... One Little Heart At A Time.

NB: **Dominican Hearts** has gained world recognition at this year's (2008) Global Health Conference, and has received ongoing financial support from David Ortiz of the World Champion Boston Red Sox baseball team.



Drager Narkomed 2B Anesthesia System

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Caribbean Heart Menders Association was established in 1994 and is based in South Florida, USA. Their primary objective is to provide cardiac surgery for children throughout the Caribbean area who are affected by congenital and acquired heart defects.

Read More: <http://www.caribbeanheartmenders.com>



Variety Children's Lifeline sponsors repeated missions to medically underserved countries with the goal of building a self-sustaining local team.

Read More: <http://www.varietychildrenslifeline.org>



Heart Care Dominicana raises funds and provides the logistics to bring medical teams, equipment and supplies to the Dominican Republic to accommodate their need for pediatric heart operations. They work closely with CEDIMAT Hospital.

Read More: <http://cmshs.wiki.zoho.com/Heart-Care-Dominicana.html>



Heart Care International is a team of health care professionals who volunteer their time and talents to participate in annual medical missions to the Dominican Republic and to Guatemala. The long term goal is to train local surgeons and staff in the management of heart disease during our annual missions and by bringing several of them to the United States.

Read More: www.heartcareintl.org



International Hospital for Children

International Hospital for Children links worldwide pediatric surgical, diagnostic and preventative resources to heal critically ill children in developing countries. IHC also helps build indigenous health care capacity -- saving lives now while transforming pediatric health outcomes for years to come.

Read More: www.healchild.org



Gift of Life International is a Rotary International-based network of 60+ Programs that, individually or collaboratively, arrange and fund pediatric cardiac procedures at facilities worldwide, and surgical, diagnostic and/or training missions to medically underserved countries. The International office facilitates the growth and expansion of Programs, and maintains relationships with sister organizations dedicated to the same goals.

Read More: www.golinews.org

4th GLOBAL FORUM ON HUMANITARIAN MEDICINE IN CARDIOLOGY AND CARDIAC SURGERY

Bringing It Together **Boca Chica, Dominican Republic, 03-05 December 2008**

Healing the Hearts of Children Through Collaboration and Empowerment



Cardiovascular diseases are a major health threat for the populations in the developing world. Worldwide, one out of every 100 children born has a heart defect and there are over 6 million children on the waiting list for heart surgery in third world, emerging and transitional countries. This offers both a challenge and an opportunity for the international community.

The mission of the 1st Global Forum on Humanitarian Medicine in Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery in May 2003 was to open a dialogue among different international partners to better understand the needs of poorer populations and target available resources in order to consolidate and coordinate these efforts. The first three forums have brought together representatives from governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations from all continents, and covered topics including the delivery of pediatric cardiac surgery to third world countries, improving quality assurance, fundraising and coordinating our efforts. This year's forum will be no exception.

The 4th Global Forum on Humanitarian Medicine in Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery, ***Healing the Hearts of Children Through Collaboration and Empowerment***, will focus on the services being provided to Central and South America, the Caribbean and Mexico. We will have a program that will include those who deliver pediatric cardiac surgery to Central and South America, the Caribbean and Mexico, those who receive the services, as well as those who need assistance. We are also developing a panel to discuss indigenous philanthropy.

The 4th Global Forum will be of interest to physicians, nurses and technicians specializing in humanitarian cardiac care, medical professionals, hospital administrators, non-profit NGO's involved with providing cardiac services, international organizations and various aid agencies. For this reason, international specialists in the area of humanitarian and cardiovascular medicine have been invited, as well as representatives from international non-governmental organizations working in the area, governments and international organizations.

The Forum will be held at the all-inclusive Oasis Hamaca Hotel in Boca Chica and hosted by Gift of Life International, International Children's Heart Foundation and International Hospital for Children. The following pages include details on the agenda (still a work in progress as this newsletter is being issued), contact information for the venue, special opportunities for anyone wishing to help offset our cost of this Forum, and the registration form.

Programs and registration packets are also available from SandyMcMahan@babyheart.org.

Please, Save the Date and Join Us.

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Tentative Program Schedule

Wednesday & Thursday, December 3rd - 4th

Wednesday

3:00 - 5:00 Rotary International Board Meeting
7:00 - 9:00 Reception and Registration

Thursday

7:30 to 8:30 Continental Breakfast and Registration
8:45 to 9:00 Welcome – Robbie Donno, Chair, Gift of Life International
9:00 to 9:15 First Lady of Dominican Republic
9:15 to 9:30 Current Status in Latin America – William Novick, MD

Session 1: Collaborative Effort for Dominican Republic

9:30 to 10:15 Santiago Program Results
10:15 to 10:30 Santiago Panel Discussion
10:30 to 11:00 Coffee Break
11:00 to 11:45 Santo Domingo Program Results
11:45 to 12:15 Panel Discussion
12:15 to 1:00 Dominican Republic Nursing Education Programs
1:00 to 1:30 Nursing Education Panel Questions
1:30 – 2:45 Lunch

Session 2: Programs Delivering Assistance

2:45 to 3:05 Nicaragua- Kathleen Fenton, MD
3:05 to 3:25 Ecuador- Jack Myers , MD
3:25 to 3:45 Peru- Alessandras Frigiola, MD
3:45 to 4:05 El Salvador- Robert Michler, MD
4:05 to 4:25 OPEN
4:25 to 5:00 Questions

7:00 - 10:00 NETWORKING RECEPTION



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Tentative Program Schedule***Friday, December 5th***

7:30 to 8:30 Continental Breakfast

Session 3: Models of Sustainable Programs

8:30 to 8:50 Bogota Colombia - Nestor Sandoval MD
8:50 to 9:10 OPEN
9:10 to 9:30 OPEN
9:30 to 9:50 San Jose, Cost Rica – Aristides Baltodano, MD
9:50 to 10:10 Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic – Pedro Urena, MD
10:10 to 10:30 OPEN
10:30 to 11:00 Discussion/ Questions
11:00 to 11:30 Coffee Break

Session 4: Models of Intra Regional Assistance

11:30 to 11:50 Monterey, Mexico- Humberto Rodriguez , MD
11:50 to 12:10 Guatemala City, Guatemala – Guillermo Gaitan, MD
12:10 to 12:30 Santiago, Chile - Rodrigo Soto MD
12:30 to 12:50 OPEN
12:50 to 1:10 OPEN
1:10 to 1:30 Questions
1:30 to 2:45 Lunch

Session 5: Where are the Needs

2:45 to 3:05 Bucaramanga, Columbia - Victor Castilla, MD
3:05 to 3:25 Panama City, Panama - Carlos Alba, MD
3:25 to 3:45 Caracas, Venezuela – Igor Donis, MD
3:45 to 4:05 Maceio, Brazil – Hemerson Gama, MD
4:05 to 4:25 OPEN
4:25 to 4:45 OPEN
4:45 to 5:05 UNICEF / PAHO
5:05 to 5:25 Questions
5:25 to 5:45 Closing William Novick, MD
6:00 - 8:00 NETWORKING RECEPTION



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Hotel Arrangements: A block of rooms has been reserved on a first-come, first-served basis at the Oasis Hamaca Hotel, Calle Duarte 26, Boca Chica, Santo Domingo 2973, Dominican Republic. www.oasishamaca.com.

Special hotel rates starting at \$100.00 per night per person all-inclusive for single occupancy / \$75.00 per night per person all-inclusive for double occupancy have been arranged for all program attendees. To make reservations, please call the hotel directly at 1 (888) 774-0040 or 305-774-0040 and reference the International Cardiac Outreach Conference and Rotary.

Invitation Letter: If you need an invitation letter for visa purposes, please fax or email the name and address of the appropriate Embassy to (901) 432-4243 or sandymcmahan@babyheart.org.

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