TURNING DESPAIR TO HOPE IN EL SALVADOR
HOSPITAL NACIONAL DE NIÑOS BENJAMIN BLOOM
SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR
October 12th - 18th, 2014
10 SALVADORAN CHILDREN WERE TREATED

THANK YOU TO ALL ROTARY GG1420310 CONTRIBUTORS FOR TURNING DESPAIR TO HOPE FOR THESE PRECIOUS CHILDREN: CHAIN OF HOPE UK, ROTARY DISTRICTS 4240, 6960, 5130, CLUB ROTARIO SANTA TECLA AND SAN SALVADOR NOROESTE, ROTARY CLUBS OF CHARLOTTE HARBOR, SANIBEL-CAPTIVA, STRATFORD, NAPLES, TAMPA INTERBAY, BURLINGTON, WOODSTOCK-OXFORD, PALGRAVE, AND PETALUMA.
GLOBAL PARTNERS UNITE AND TURN DESPAIR TO HOPE

Moving forward with the development of a sustainable pediatric cardiac surgery, catheterization and aftercare program in El Salvador, global partners joined together at Hospital Bloom in San Salvador, El Salvador during a week-long vocational training visit which was funded through a Rotary Global Grant.

The expert medical team from Boston Children’s Hospital (rated #1 pediatric cardiac program in the world) returned for their third training visit to Hospital Bloom. Team leader and ICU Nurse, Jason Thornton led the ICU team while Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon, Dr. Luis Quiñonez led the surgical team. Dr. Quiñonez was raised in El Salvador until his early teens and was thrilled to return to his birth country where he shared his wealth of knowledge with the local team. GOLI global partner, Chain of Hope UK joined the Boston team for the second time and provided excellent round-the-clock care for the patients recovering in the ICU. Pediatric Intensivists, Dr. Gavin Wright and Dr. Zaf Intikhab from London, England were an invaluable asset to the team, demonstrating incredible dedication to the recovery of each patient.

We are grateful to Rotary Global Grant partners - Rotary Club of Charlotte Harbor and Club Rotario Santa Tecla for taking the lead on the grant which funded this lifesaving mission. We also wish to express our gratitude to Medtronic, Abbott Point of Care and MAP International for their generous donations of critical medical supplies. Finally, our heartfelt thanks to Latidos de Esperanza Executive Director, Ivonne Lopez and assistant, Elizabeth Ramos for their coordination of all in-country logistics and unwavering dedication to the children of El Salvador.
THANK YOU INTERNATIONAL VISITING TEAM

Our sincere thanks to the International visiting team from Boston Children’s Hospital, Chain of Hope UK and Monterrey, Mexico for giving of their time and sharing their knowledge and skills to help save the children of El Salvador.

VISITING TEAM:

Dr. Luis Quiñonez
Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon
Boston, MA

Dr. Morgan Brown
Anesthesiologist
Boston, MA

Dr. Gavin Wright
Pediatric Intensivist
London, England

Dr. Zaf Intikhab
Pediatric Intensivist
London, England

Gustavo Carrillo
Perfusionist - Mexico

Jason Thornton
ICU Nurse, Team Leader
Boston, MA

Laura Grealish
ICU Nurse - Boston, MA

Sonia Almeida
ICU Nurse - Boston, MA

Lauren Carleton
ICU Nurse - Boston, MA

Jaime Escobar
ICU Nurse - Boston, MA

Duncan Ball
Chain of Hope Coordinator
London, England
THANK YOU HOSPITAL NACIONAL DE NIÑOS
BENJAMIN BLOOM PEDIATRIC CARDIAC TEAM

Our sincere thanks to the doctors, nurses, residents and administration from Hospital Nacional de Niños Benjamin Bloom for their support and coordination to help make this mission a success.

SALVADORAN TEAM:

**Pediatric Cardiologists:** Dr. Mauricio Velado, Dr. Alfonso Escobar, Dr. Patricio Rodríguez

**Pediatric Cardiac Surgeons:** Dr. Guillermo Martínez, Dr. Francisco Gamero, Dr. Daniel García, Dr. Guillermo Rodríguez

**Intensivists:** Dr. Luis Guzmán, Dr. Roxana Morenco

**Anesthesiologist:** Dr. Luis Martínez

**Perfusionists:** Dr. Sandra Peña, Yesenia Figueroa

**Arsenal Technicians:** Isabel Arias, Cecelia Amaya, Emerita Cáceres, María Adela Ramírez

**Anesthesia Technicians:** Ana Mercedes Rodríguez, Sara Ventura, Rosa Melida Ortiz, Carmen María de Rosa

**OR Nurses:** Mirna Martínez, Mirna de Henríquez, Roxana de Salas, Wendy Martínez, Luisa Rivas

**ICU Nurses:** Elba Menjívar, Sandra Menjívar, Josefina Juárez, Adina Elias, Virna Cardoza, Hilda Martínez, Carmen Elena Domínguez, Gloria Recinos, Elba Luz Baiza, Mirna Vázquez, Alba Ayala, Delmy Yolanda Laínez, Lidia Susana Menjívar, Sara Rosibel Aguilar, Claudia Jeannette Guzmán

**Social Worker:** Concepción de Garay

**EKG Technician:** Concepción de Garay

**Administrative Assistant:** Morena Miranda
THE SHARING OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

An international sharing of knowledge and skills transfer took place at Hospital Bloom during the week-long training visit. Many of the cases selected during screening were of a complex nature, allowing for excellent training opportunities in both the operating theatre and the ICU.

The expert medical team from Boston Children’s Hospital, returning for their 3rd visit and Chain of Hope UK, returning for their 2nd visit worked side by side with the Salvadoran doctors and nurses while 10 children were treated. Joining this international team was perfusionist Gustavo Carrillo from Monterrey, Mexico. Gustavo has been a great asset in providing training to the perfusionists in El Salvador.
The Rotary Club of Charlotte Harbor in Florida partnered a Rotary Global Grant with Club Rotario Santa Tecla in El Salvador to fund this week-long vocational training trip where 10 Salvadoran children were treated.

A special thank you to Rotarians Meera Adhinarayanan and Francisco Rivera for their dedication and tenacity in coordinating all aspects of the global grant. Our heartfelt thanks to the Santa Tecla Rotaract for entertaining the children while they waited to be evaluated on the day of screening.

Our most sincere thanks to Sonny Grech from the Naples Rotary Club for participating in the global grant as well as the training visit to once again witness, first-hand the lives being saved.
GRATEFUL CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS

On behalf of the children operated and their parents, we wish to thank the following fundamental organizations for helping to turn despair to hope for these families during the week of the training mission.

FUNDAMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- The Rotary Foundation
- Digicel El Salvador
- Rotary Club of Charlotte Harbor
- Club Rotario Santa Tecla
- Rotary District 6960
- Rotary District 4240
- Rotary District 5130
- Gift of Life Los Angeles
- Gift of Life International
- Boston Children’s Hospital
- Chain of Hope UK
- Hospital Nacional de Niños Benjamin Bloom
- Fundacion Latidos de Esperanza
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Medtronic
- Abbott Point of Care
- MAP International
Thank you for giving us the gift of life!
Thank you to our global partners!

Rotary International, Chain of Hope UK, Boston Children’s Hospital, Digicel El Salvador
NAYELI
1 year old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: 10/13/14

RICARDO
2 years old
Diagnosis: TOF
Tetrology of Fallot & Infundibular Stenosis
Date of Surgery: 10/13/14

MARIA ELENA
5 1/2 years old
Diagnosis: TOF
Tetrology of Fallot & Agenesis of the Pulmonary Sigmoid Valves
Date of Surgery: 10/14/14

VANESA
10 years old
Diagnosis: VSD, PDA, Severe PVS
Ventricular Septal Defect, Patent Ductus Arteriosis, Severe Pulmonary Valve Stenosis
Date of Surgery: 10/14/14

FRANKLIN
1 month old
Diagnosis: TAPVC
Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connection
Date of Surgery: 10/15/14
MARIA FERNANDA
7 1/2 years old
Diagnosis: VSD, PS
Ventricular Septal Defect, Pulmonary Stenosis
Date of Surgery: 10/15/14

ANDREA
7 1/2 years old
Diagnosis: A/V Canal
Complete Atrial / Ventricular Canal
Date of Surgery: 10/16/14

WILLIAM
9 years old
Diagnosis: Sub Aortic Stenosis
Date of Surgery: 10/17/14

VALERIA
7 years old
Diagnosis: Double ASD
Double Atrial Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: 10/17/14

HECTOR
6 1/2 years old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: 10/17/14
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