TURNING DESPAIR TO HOPE IN UGANDA
UGANDA HEART INSTITUTE, MULAGO HOSPITAL, KAMPALA, UGANDA
September 28th - October 4th, 2014
8 UGANDAN CHILDREN RECEIVE THEIR GIFT OF LIFE
GLOBAL PARTNERS SAVE LIVES AND TURN DESPAIR TO HOPE

The Riley Hospital for Children medical team led by Rotarian Team Leader, Dr. Stephanie Kinnaman and Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon, Dr. Mark Turrentine returned to the Uganda Heart Institute (UHI) for their 5th year in a row. Their commitment to the development of a sustainable pediatric cardiac surgery, catheterization and aftercare program in Eastern Africa is remarkable.

Each year, the Riley team continues to share their knowledge, transfer skills and empower the Ugandan medical professionals to care for the children in their own country. This allows for more Ugandan children to be treated, not only during training visits, but between training visits by their own doctors and nurses. We are grateful for the partnership and dedication of the medical professionals from the Riley Hospital for Children.

A total of 8 Ugandan children were given a second chance at life during this week-long training visit. Children were treated for heart ailments ranging from large atrial septal defects to large ventricular septal defects as well as more complex cases such as Tetrology of Fallot.

A special thank you to Rotarians Dr. Stephanie Kinnanman and Sara Joyner for their efforts in not only coordinating the visiting team but also the Rotary Global Grant which funded this training visit. It is only through your hard work and partnership that despair was turned to hope for 8 more Ugandan children. It is because of your dedication that the skills of the Ugandan pediatric cardiac surgical and aftercare teams were further enhanced.

We also extend our gratitude to Rotarian and Gift of Life International Ambassador, Grace Agwaru for her coordination of in-country logistics which helped ensure a successful training visit.
THANK YOU TO RILEY HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN VISITING TEAM

Our sincere thanks to the incredible medical professionals from Riley Hospital for Children for giving of their time and sharing their knowledge and skills to help save the children of Uganda.

VISITING TEAM:

Dr. Stephanie Kinnaman
Rotarian Team Leader

Dr. Mark Turrentine
Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon
Medical Team Leader

Dr. Scott Walker
Anesthesiologist

Dr. Rania Schimmelpfennig
Anesthesiologist

Dr. Christopher Mastropietro
Intensivist

Dr. Timothy Cordes
Pediatric Cardiologist

Michael Horner
Perfusionist

Trina Blunk
Nurse Practitioner

Rebecca Mahlie
ICU Nurse

Chassity Mays
OR/Scrub Nurse

Ashley Woolen
OR/Scrub Nurse

Sheila Rocchio
ICU Nurse

Sara Joyner
Rotarian Volunteer
THANK YOU TO THE UGANDA HEART INSTITUTE PEDIATRIC CARDIAC TEAM

Our sincere thanks to the doctors, nurses and administration from the Uganda Heart Institute for their support, coordination and teamwork to help make this mission a success.

UGANDAN TEAM:

**Pediatric Cardiac Surgeons:** Dr. Omagino O.O.John (Director), Dr. Tom Mwambu, Dr. Michael Oketcho, Dr. Alfredo Omo, Dr. Magala John Paul

**Pediatric Cardiologists:** Dr. Peter Lwabi, Dr. Sulaiman Lubega, Dr. Aliku Twalibu (resident)

**Anesthesiologists:** Dr. Cephas Mijjumbi, Dr. Ejoku Joseph, Wadia Moses (Anesthetic Nurse)

**Perfusionists:** Muura Pascaline, Wambuzi Sam

**ICT Technician:** Enoch Kibalizi

**Scrub Nurses:** Obwin John, Oyang Ben, Eva (Nurse Assistant)

**ICU Nurses:** Among Grace, Ayikoru Leila, Ayaa Kate, Komugabe Penninah, Namanda Cissy, Munduru Jane F, Sendenge Alex, Nawakonyi Susan, Samalie Kitoleeko, Ann Oketayote, Mwina Rachel, Sarah Namatovu, Annet Namuli

**General Ward Nurses:** Munduru Gertrude (Nurse Supervisor), Nalule Grace, Berna Namayanja, Namukwaya Harriet, Nyakakye Catherine, Nalubega Madina

**X-Ray:** Maderu Paul

**Physiotherapists:** Kasinta Richard, Omo ding Herbert, Semakula Eric

**Procurement Officer:** Okwaro Edward, Birungi Suzan

**Secretariat:** Anne Bukenya, Nakabuye Robinah

**Biomedical:** Milad Nashat (Engineer), Robert Malungu (Technician), Juuko Denis, Achom Rose

**Pharmacy:** Afidraa Philip, Imenyo Beatrice, Eleth Nyirankusi

**Laboratory:** Kebba John, Faisal Nyanzi, Aol Lillian, Anyido Benson

**Records:** Jaika Patrick, Akello Florence, Nabawanuka Zam

**Stores:** Ngobi Bob, Kalinda Baptista, Mubiru Martine, Susan Birungi

**ECG Echo Nurses:** Atim Grace, Anyayo Sylvia, Mwesige Beatrice, Bonabana Zilpa

**Dietician:** Denis Musoga
A very special thank you to the team from Riley Hospital for Children for, once again, making the 7,700 mile trip to empower the pediatric cardiac surgery and aftercare team at the Uganda Heart Institute (UHI) by sharing their knowledge and skills. This transfer of skills is essential to the continued development of a sustainable pediatric cardiac program where Ugandan medical professionals are able to provide the necessary care to the children in their own country who suffer from heart disease. With each training visit, more and more Ugandan children are provided hope where once there was only despair.
GOING THAT EXTRA MILE

Gift of Life International is proud of their global network of like-minded partners and medical professionals who work together to achieve one common goal - to save the lives of as many children suffering from heart disease as possible.

While the incredible team from Riley Hospital for Children went the extra mile to provide optimal care to the children of Uganda during the mission week, we would be remiss not to mention another global partner - Chain of Hope UK.

Chain of Hope UK, Nursing Volunteer, Lucy Silver responded to an emergency and flew overnight from London, England to Kampala, Uganda to deliver a much-needed Echo probe to Dr. Timothy Cordes of the Riley team.

We are grateful to our partners for going that extra mile to help turn despair to hope for the children of Uganda.
Ugandan Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Kampala North partnered a Rotary Global Grant with the Rotary Club of Greenfield in Indiana to make this training visit possible. Ugandan Rotarians welcomed the Riley visiting team, provided hospitality and non-medical, logistical support during the mission week.

Greenfield Rotarians, Sara Joyner and Dr. Stephanie Kinnaman worked with the Riley medical team and also attended Rotary meetings and press conferences to help raise awareness for Rotary as well as the need for continued support of the development of a sustainable pediatric cardiac surgery, catheterization and aftercare program for the children of Uganda.
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
• Rotary Club of Greenfield
• Rotary Club of Kampala North
• Gift of Life Rotary District 6560
• Rotary District 9211
• Gift of Life Uganda
• Gift of Life International
• Riley Hospital for Children
• Uganda Heart Institute
• Mulago National Referral Hospital
• Nakasero Blood Bank
• Ministry of Health - Uganda
• Government of Uganda
Thank you for giving us the gift of life!
PATIENCE
6 years old
Diagnosis: Large ASD
Large Atrial Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: 09/29/14

FREDRICK
5 years old
Diagnosis: TOF
Tetrology of Fallot
Date of Surgery: 10/01/14

PRINCESS
1 1/2 years old
Diagnosis: ASD, VSD
Atrial & Ventricular Septal Defects
Date of Surgery: 10/01/14

BENITA
3 years old
Diagnosis: Large ASD
Large Atrial Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: 10/03/14

PRICILLA
3 years old
Diagnosis: Large VSD
Large Ventricular Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: 10/02/14
UKASHA
3 years old
Diagnosis: TOF
Tetrology of Fallot
Date of Surgery: 10/02/14

BARBRA
8 years old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: 09/29/14

ALIYAH
2 years old
Diagnosis: Large VSD
Large Ventricular Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: 10/03/14
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