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The second pediatric cardiac training visit to Grigore Alexandrescu Hospital (GAH) in Bucharest took place in January 2017. Gift of Life International has partnered with Save A Child’s Heart (SACH) from Israel, the International Children’s Heart Foundation (ICHF) from Memphis, Albany Medical Center (AMC) from New York, GOL Romania and many other Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts and GOL programs around the world to develop a sustainable pediatric cardiac program in Romania.

The ICHF visiting team, led by Dr. Rodrigo Soto was comprised of healthcare professionals from Canada, USA, Chile, Norway, France and Romania. A transfer of knowledge and skills took place between the visiting team and the team at GAH. Signs of progress were evident in regards to knowledge and dedication of local team members as well as in the logistics of the overall program since the first mission in October 2016.

An adult cardiac team from Sibiu also took part in the first week of the mission and was exposed to the differences in Adult cardiac surgery and post-operative care versus pediatric cardiac surgery and post-operative care.

A total of 11 children were treated for their heart ailments during the mission. Additional patients who were screened are being considered for treatment at Wolfson Medical Center in TelAviv due to the complexity of their cardiac maladies.

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