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Providing Hope to Romanian Children

Gift of Life International coordinated the first-ever pediatric cardiac training visit to Grigore Alexandrescu Hospital (GAH) in Bucharest in October 2016. This training visit marked the beginning of the development of a sustainable pediatric cardiac program for the children of Romania. Earlier this year, GOLI finalized its decision to make Romania its fourth Core Program. The development of this program will be in partnership with Save A Child’s Heart (SACH) from Israel, the International Children’s Heart Foundation (ICHF) from Memphis, Albay Medical Center (AMC) from New York, GOL Romania and many other Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts and GOL programs around the world.

SACH began training of the Romanian team at the Wolfson Medical Center in Tel Aviv. This essential training took place over the past year while the team was waiting for the construction to be completed of the new pediatric cardiac center at GAH.

The visiting team for the first-ever pediatric cardiac mission to GAH was comprised of healthcare professionals from AMC and ICHF. The next training visit will be conducted in January 2017 by ICHF and will be followed by a third mission conducted by SACH. Our goal is to support three training visits per year to increase the skills of the Romanian team and empower them to operate low complexity cases independently over time.

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