EMPOWERING SALVADORANS TO CARE FOR SALVADORANS

DEVELOPMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE PEDIATRIC CARDIAC SURGERY PROGRAM

BUILDING A HEALTHY FUTURE FOR THE CHILDREN OF EL SALVADOR

APRIL TRAINING VISIT
Hospital Bloom, San Salvador, El Salvador

2012

April 16th-20th, 2012
The Salvadoran Pediatric Cardiac Surgery and Afterscare Team welcomed the first training team of 2012 from Driscoll Children's Hospital and Hospital TEC de Monterrey.

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11 CHILDREN RECEIVED THE GIFT OF LIFE
LEADERSHIP
SUSTAINABILITY
COMMUNICATION
TEAMWORK

COMMITMENT
EMPOWERMENT
VIGILANCE
STRESS REDUCTION

Dr. Guillermo Martinez is Chief of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery at Hospital Bloom. Dr. Martinez attended the March 2012 Multi-Disciplinary Conference in El Salvador along with the entire Salvadoran pediatric cardiac surgical and aftercare team. Since then, Dr. Martinez has been instrumental in working with the team at Hospital Bloom to implement many of the strategies and concepts that were introduced. He has stressed the importance of teamwork and communication amongst his team and has taken steps to help improve these areas. Dr. Martinez has clearly been empowered and is working to empower those around him.

Dr. Martinez has been a leader at Hospital Bloom for more than 20 years and is largely responsible for developing the pediatric cardiac surgery program to the point it was at in 2009 when Gift of Life International introduced the “Our Hearts are in El Salvador” program. During the April 2012 training visit, Gift of Life International asked Dr. Martinez if he would accept the position of leader of the “Our Hearts are in El Salvador” program at Hospital Bloom. It was evident that we needed a strong leader to head the program, empower the team, and lead them to the goal of a sustainable pediatric cardiac surgery and aftercare program. Dr. Guillermo Martinez accepted the position and is now working closely with all members of the Salvadoran team as well as with Gift of Life International to reach our goals and provide hope to the children of El Salvador.
Dr. Guillermo Martínez is Head of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery at Hospital Room. Dr. Martínez attended the March 2012 Multi-Disciplinary Conference in El Salvador. Since then, Dr. Martínez has been instrumental in working with the surgical team at Hospital Room to improve many of the strategies and concepts that were introduced. He has stressed the importance of teamwork and communication amongst his team and their roles to help improve the areas. Dr. Martínez has clearly been working towards the goals of the Children's Foundation.

**Thank You Gift of Life Florida!**
Daniela was diagnosed with a heart defect when she was four years old by a private podiatrist. It went undetected until then because she was not showing any of the typical symptoms. Her mother takes care of her during the day while her father works at a local bakery he inherited from his grandmother. The family lives in a concrete home they borrow from an aunt. The area they live in is one of the more dangerous areas with gang-related problems.

Daniela Guadalupe Hernandez Mejia

Birth Date: February 22, 2007
Household Income: $10 per day
Hospital: Hospital Bloom
Sponsor: Not Needed

Age: 5 years old
Number of family members: 3
Mission Date: April 2012
Mission Team: Driscoll Children's Hospital

Surgery and Intervention Program

On behalf of the entire international and the entire Salvation pediatric cardiac care and aftercare team, we would like to thank you for your support. The team is thankful for the success of the program. The children in this program will be very important to the health of these children. The conference period is an important topic that was addressed at the conference. The team will continue to be involved in the training field of 2012.

Pediatric Cardiac Program at Hospital Bloom
Sets a Goal of 200 Surgeries for 2012

During the week of April 16th - 20th, 2012, the entire team led by Dr. Mark Meullen was completed at the Driscoll Children's Hospital in Corpus Christi, Texas and from Hospital Bloom in Mexico. One of the goals for 2012 is for a second year in a row to have the training field of 2012.
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The first annual Multi-Disciplinary Conference for Congenital Heart Disease, held in March 2012 for the entire pediatric cardiac surgery and aftercare team at Hospital Bloom, was hugely impactful and set the Salvadoran team up for success. Success is what was achieved just one month later during the first training visit of 2012. Eleven children, who were living in despair, were given a second chance at life.

During the week of April 16th - 20th, 2012, the visiting team led by Dr. Mark Morales which is comprised of medical professionals from Driscoll Children’s Hospital in Corpus Christi, Texas and from Hospital Tec de Monterrey in Monterrey, Mexico provided training to the entire Salvadoran surgical and aftercare team. The primary focus was a heart defect known as Tetralogy of Fallot. This particular defect was discussed in depth during the March conference. One of the goals for 2012 is for both the surgical and aftercare teams at Hospital Bloom to become proficient in operating and recovering patients with this type of malady.

Teamwork and communication were two very important topics that were addressed at the conference and during this training visit there was strong evidence that both of these have begun to improve within the Salvadoran team. The returning visiting team noticed the improvement and agreed that this contributed to the success of the mission.

On behalf of Gift of Life International and the entire Salvadoran pediatric cardiac surgery and aftercare team, we would like to thank the visiting teams for taking time out of their busy schedules to travel to El Salvador to share their knowledge and help us move closer to our goal of a sustainable pediatric cardiac surgery and aftercare program.
Heart Felt Thanks

This life-saving surgical mission would not have been possible without the kindness, generosity and dedication of many individuals and organizations from El Salvador, the United States and Mexico.

A special thank you to the Driscoll Children's Hospital and Hospital Tec de Monterrey Teams for providing training to the Salvadoran team. We thank you for sharing your knowledge and for helping to enhance the skills of the Salvadoran team. Heartfelt thanks to team leader and pediatric cardiac surgeon, John Mark Marazales, MD for all your effort in making this training mission a huge success. Our heartfelt thanks are extended to Dr. Cesar Ramos Ortiz (Intensivist) for remaining in El Salvador 4 additional days to ensure adequate aftercare for the children who were operated.

We extend another big thank you to Gift of Life Florida for sponsoring this training mission. We are grateful for your partnership in saving children's lives and in helping to build this program into one that is sustainable. Your contribution is a wonderful example of how the global network of Gift of Life and Rotary work together to save children's lives and empower healthcare professionals around the world to care for their own children. A special thank you to Gift of Life Florida Director and member of the Rotary Club of Naples, Sonny Grech, for traveling to El Salvador to witness the need and the progress first hand. Sonny had the pleasure of being reunited with children he has hosted and sponsored over the past years. He also spent much of his time at the bedside of the children who were operated comforting and consoling them. Additionally, Sonny visited two Rotary Clubs and shared some of his experiences since being actively involved with Gift of Life. On behalf of the children of El Salvador, we thank you for your dedication and commitment to saving lives.

Gift of Life International also contributed to the funding, logistics and organization of the mission.

Latinos de Esperanza's Executive Director, Jonnie Lopez, coordinated all aspects of the mission with the assistance of Elizabeth Ramos. LATINOS DE ESPERANZA is based in El Salvador and is one of the 70 worldwide affiliates of Gift of Life International.

A special thanks to Sandra Hidalgo, Rebeca Cruz and Osiris Salguero, mothers of children who received their gift of life in 2010 and 2011, for being at Hospital Bloom each day of the mission and providing support and prayers for the parents of the children who were cared for.
JESUS MICHAEL MARQUEZ

Age: 2 years old
Number of family members: 4
Hospital: Our Lady of Lourdes

Sponsor: Peace of Mind

Support and prayer for the family of the children who were and are still being treated at St. Jude for medical conditions.

WORLDWIDE EFFORTS OF CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS

Support the children and their families at hospitals around the world. Your gift will help provide the best possible care and treatment for children in need.

Help us make a difference in the lives of children around the world. Your donation will help provide hope and support to children and their families in need.

Heartfelt Thanks
NELSON GABRIEL GUARDADO MIRANDA

Birth Date: November 19, 2008
Age: 3 years old
Number of family members: 6
Mission Team: Driscoll Children's Hospital

At just 3 days old, Nelson's mother took him to a doctor because he wasn't eating and seemed incredibly tired. He was diagnosed with a heart defect and sent to Hospital Bloom. At 6 months of age he underwent a palliative heart surgery and at 1 year, appeared to be looking and feeling better. Unfortunately, Nelson started to feel sick again and had a stroke when he was just two years old. He has gone to therapy to learn how to walk, but he is still having trouble talking. His mother started a chicken farm at their small home because she had to care for Nelson and could no longer work. All the family members try to help financially when they can, but their life is a constant struggle. Nelson has struggled through his second palliative surgery, but is finally showing positive signs of recovery.

The Participating Medical Teams

- The Driscoll Children's Hospital and Hospital Pedi de Monterrey visiting teams based in Corpus Christi, Texas and Monterrey, Mexico.
- Pediatric Cardiologists: Dr. Jose Antonio Amado Ortiz, Dr. Oscar Gutierrez, Dr. Claudia de la Mora, Dr. Celso del Toro, Dr. Maria de los Angeles Rodriguez
- Pediatric Intensivists: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Anesthesiologists: Dr. Oscar Gutierrez, Dr. Claudia de la Mora, Dr. Maria de los Angeles Rodriguez
- Pediatric Radiologists: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Oncologists: Dr. Oscar Gutierrez, Dr. Claudia de la Mora, Dr. Maria de los Angeles Rodriguez
- Pediatric Neuropediatricians: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Nephrologists: Dr. Oscar Gutierrez, Dr. Claudia de la Mora, Dr. Maria de los Angeles Rodriguez
- Pediatric Pulmonologists: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Endocrinologists: Dr. Oscar Gutierrez, Dr. Claudia de la Mora, Dr. Maria de los Angeles Rodriguez
- Pediatric Gastroenterologists: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Dermatologists: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Surgeons: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Neurosurgeons: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Orthopedists: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Ophthalmologists: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Otolaryngologists: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Dentists: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Psychologists: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Social Workers: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Nursing: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Laboratory: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Radiology: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Pathology: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Infection Control: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Pharmacy: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Nutritional Services: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Occupational Therapy: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Physical Therapy: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Speech Therapy: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Social Work: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Psychological Services: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
- Pediatric Educational Services: Dr. David Rodríguez de la Mora, Dr. Francisco Gómez, Dr. Juan Manuel de la Torre
Fundamental Organizations

- Gift of Life Florida
- Driscoll Children's Hospital
- Hospital Tec de Monterrey
- Minister of Health and Social Assistance
- Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Gift of Life International
- Latidos de Esperanza
- UPS

The Participating Medical Teams

The Driscoll Children's Hospital and Hospital Tec de Monterrey visiting teams based in Corpus Christi, Texas and Monterrey, Mexico:

- Pediatric Cardiologist: Dr. Theo Y. Contreras Alvarado
- Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgeon: Dr. John Mark Morales
- Intensivist: Dr. Cesar Antonio Ramos Ortiz
- O.R. Nurse: Priscila Lechuga Mata
- Perfusionist: Gustavo Carrillo Zamarripa
- Anesthesiologist: Joao Ibarro Cazarez
- ICU Nurses: Carol Kaplan, Brenda Walsh, Nancy Jo O'Neal, Graciela Alvarado

The Salvadoran pediatric cardiac medical team from Hospital Bloom:

- Pediatric Cardiologists: Dr. Mauricio Velasco, Dr. Alfonso Escobar, Dr. Patricio Rodriguez
- Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgeons: Dr. Francisco Gamero, Dr. Daniel Garcia, Dr. Guillermo Rodríguez Funes, Dr. Guillermo Martinez
- Intensivists: Dr. Luis Guzman, Dr. Roxana Marenco
- Anesthesiologists: Dr. Luis Martinez, Dr. Roberto Gamero
- Perfusionist: Dr. Sandra Pena, Yesenia Figueroa
- Arsenal Technician: Isabel Arias, Cecilia Amarya, Emerita Caceres, Maria Adela Ramirez
- Anesthetic Technician: Ana Mercedes Rodriguez, Sara Ventura, Rosa Melissa Ortiz, Carmen Maria de Rosa
- Social Worker: Concepcion de Garay
- Administrative Assistant: Reina de Geleano
- EKG Technician: Deysi Sandoval

Gift of Life International would like to give thanks to the entire nursing staff, residents, social workers, technical staff and everyone at Hospital Bloom for their assistance in making this mission a success.
THANK YOU

Driscoll Children's Hospital

Hospital Tec de Monterrey

MELISA DAMARIS GUILLEN VENTURA
Birth Date: May 13, 2006
Age: 1 year old
Hospital: Hospital Bloom
Mission Team: Driscoll Children's Hospital
Sponsor: Not Needed
MELISA DAMARIS GUILLEN VENTURA

Birth Date: May 13, 2006
Household Income: $313 per day
Hospital: Hospital Bloom
Sponsor: Not Needed

MELISA was born with a heart defect. Her father is in the military and it was during an appointment at a military hospital that she was referred to Hospital Bloom for surgery. Melissa underwent a successful surgery and is back home with her parents and older sister. Her mother stays home with the two girls while her father works. His income is enough for them to pay their household expenses. They own a small concrete home in a safe area. Melissa's parents are incredibly appreciative to everyone for giving their daughter a healthy and bright future.
The Children

The screening of the patients was conducted in advance by the Salvadoran team with the final selections made in a collaborative effort by the Salvadoran team and the visiting medical team. The final selection of 11 children to operate was made on Sunday, prior to the first day of surgery with necessary changes made during the course of the mission.

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MARLON ALEJANDRO CORTEZ LOZANO

Birth Date: September 18, 2002
Household Income: $9 per day
Hospital: Hospital Bloom
Sponsor: Sonny Grech

Age: 9 years old
Number of family members: 3
Mission Date: April 2012
Mission Team: Driscoll Children's Hospital

For years, Marlon was suffering from a chronic cough and would become fatigued when playing with friends. Last year, he was referred to Hospital Bloom where he was put on a wait list for surgery. Recently, he had his successful surgery and is back home with his parents who rent a small room in another family's home. Marlon's father is disabled and uses a wheelchair. They live off of his small pension and the plastic bags his mother sells in local market sales and stores. Marlon's parents are extremely grateful that their son has been given a second chance at life.

KEVIN “TONY” ALEXIS BONILLA ZELADA

Birth Date: December 22, 2004
Household Income: $2 per day
Hospital: Hospital Bloom
Sponsor: Sonny Grech

Age: 7 years
Number of family members: 6
Mission Date: April 2012
Mission Team: Driscoll Children's Hospital

Tony was diagnosed with a heart defect at birth, but his family is so poor they did not have enough money to get him to a clinic. Fortunately, the Mayor gave Tony's mother enough money to bring Tony to Hospital Bloom where he had his surgery during the Driscoll Mission. Tony lives with his mother, three sisters and a brother. Despite being born last year, they left their shanty metal house and live in one they own. Local church members helped build them a tiny adobe home on borrowed land. They only have two beds so most of them sleep on the floor. The small income they bring in is from Tony's teenage sisters who wash clothes or men for their neighbors. However, it is barely enough for the family to survive.
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**STACY JEANETTE GUANDIQUE GUTIERREZ**

- Birth Date: December 12, 2011
- Household Income: $24 per day
- Hospital: Hospital Bloom
- Sponsor: Not Needed

Stacy was born with a large hole in her heart. She has had very little energy since birth. Her pediatrician recommended that she go to Hospital Bloom. She underwent a successful surgery and is back home with her parents who own a two-bedroom concrete home with all basic services. Both of them work and have good jobs. Stacy is with her Grandmother during the week while her parents are working and spends weekends at home with her parents.

**ARIADNA VALERIA MAGANA ESCOBAR**

- Birth Date: December 23, 2011
- Household Income: $34 per day
- Hospital: Hospital Bloom
- Sponsor: Not Needed

Ariadna was born with a heart defect and suffered symptoms such as fatigue, lack of weight gain and turning purple when crying. Ariadna lives with her parents and sister in a small concrete house. They do not have access to all basic services. Ariadna’s father works as a laborer and her mother is a secretary at a local high school. Their small two-bedroom home is located in a safe area.
STACY JEANETTE GUANDIQUE GUTIERREZ

Birth Date: December 12, 2011
Household Income: $24 per day
Hospital: Hospital Bloom
Sponsor: Not Needed

Age: 4 months
Number of family members: 3
Mission Date: April 2012
Mission Team: Driscoll Children's Hospital

Stacy was born with a large hole in her tiny heart. She has had very little energy since birth. Her pediactrician recommended that she go to Hospital Bloom. She underwent a successful surgery and is back home with her parents who own a two bedroom concrete home with all basic services. Both of them work and have good jobs. Stacy is with her Grandmother during the week while her parents are working and spends weekends at home with her parents.

ARIADNA VALERIA MAGANA ESCOBAR

Birth Date: December 23, 2011
Household Income: $54 per day
Hospital: Hospital Bloom
Sponsor: Not Needed

Age: 4 months
Number of family members: 4
Mission Date: April 2012
Mission Team: Driscoll Children's Hospital

Ariana was born with a heart defect and suffered symptoms such as fatigue, lack of weight gain and turning purple when crying. Ariana lives with her parents and sister in a sealed home made of concrete. They do have access to all basic services. Ariana's Father works as a laborer and her Mother is a secretary at a local high school. Their small two bedroom home is located in a safe area.
CARLOS MANUEL BARAHONA MEJIA

Birth Date: October 18, 2004
Household Income: $11
Hospital: Hospital Bloom
Sponsor: Not Needed
Age: 7 years old
Number of family members: 4
Mission Date: April 2012
Mission Team: Driscoll Children’s Hospital

Carlos has suffered from symptoms of a heart defect for several years, such as fatigue and turning purple. Carlos has been feeble and too weak to start school. His mother is his greatest advocate. Carlos lives with his mother, stepfather and sister in a very remote area of El Salvador. Although it takes many, many hours to get to the hospital and more money than they can afford, Carlos mother has been无数次 in bringing him to the past 3 medical missions for screening in hopes of getting proper medical treatment for her son before it is too late. Carlos stepfather is an electrician and supports the family with help from the grandmother who also helps with household expenses.

MATIAS AARON FLORES MORENO

Birth Date: July 4, 2011
Household Income: $22 per day
Hospital: Hospital Bloom
Sponsor: Not Needed
Age: 9 months
Number of family members: 4
Mission Date: April 2012
Mission Team: Driscoll Children’s Hospital

Matias suffered from severe malnutrition the age of three months because he was not able to eat as a result of his heart condition. He was admitted to Hospital Bloom where he was immediately diagnosed with a heart defect. Matias underwent successful open-heart surgery and is back home with his mother, uncle, and grandmother. Matias’ father abandoned them when he learned she was pregnant. His mother works as a cellular phone representative to support the family. A relative in the United States also sends money for household expenses each month. The family owns a small concrete home with two bedrooms.
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