11 Children Treated

UGANDA TRAINING VISIT REPORT
IN MEMORY OF RI PE SAM OWORI
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UGANDA HEART INSTITUTE
KAMPALA, UGANDA

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The November 2018 Training Visit to the Uganda Heart Institute (UHI) was focused on the treatment of children with Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) in need of surgical intervention. Data suggests that over 130,000 school-aged children in Uganda have RHD. At least 3 to 5 million children in all of Africa are affected by RHD. Only through the Outreach and Education program in the Gulu District are children with RHD being diagnosed and treated. This program provides education to local clinics, schools and parents regarding preventative measures and treatment which was not previously offered. Additionally, the outreach program is increasing the rate of early detection of RHD making treatment a viable option for children who would have previously perished. Children being diagnosed through the RHD program in Gulu are now able to receive treatment at UHI.

The visiting medical team from Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. worked side by side with the Ugandan team to enhance their knowledge and skills in the treatment of 11 children with RHD. Our sincere thanks to Dr. Craig Sable and his team for their dedication to addressing the Rheumatic Heart Disease crisis and for their mentorship of the Ugandan team. We are proud of the Ugandan healthcare professionals for their commitment to increasing the capacity of their program and treating children with heart disease in their country of birth.

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Hearts That Are Now Healed

THANK YOU FROM JUNIOR
11 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: RHD
Aortic & Mitral Insufficiency

THANK YOU FROM DANIEL
12 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: RHD
Aortic & Mitral Insufficiency

THANK YOU FROM EMMANUEL
5 MONTHS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: AVC Canal

THANK YOU FROM SHARON
15 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: RHD
Mitral Insufficiency
THANK YOU FROM ISMAIL
7 MONTHS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: AVC Canal

THANK YOU FROM AGNES
13 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: RHD Mitral Insufficiency

THANK YOU FROM GABRIEL
21 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: RHD Aortic & Mitral Insufficiency

THANK YOU FROM ARIELLA
5 MONTHS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: VSD Ventricular Septal Defect
THANK YOU FROM APOFIA
7 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: RHD
Mitral Insufficiency

THANK YOU FROM DEBORAH
9 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: RHD
Mitral Insufficiency

THANK YOU FROM ANNIE GRACE
4 MONTHS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: AVC Canal,
Unbalanced Tricuspid Atresia
Developing a Sustainable Pediatric Cardiac Program to Provide Hope to Ugandan Children with Heart Disease

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