A heart felt thank you to Rotary District 7260, Rotary District 6840, the Rotary Club of Algiers, the Rotary Club of Port-Au-Prince and the Rotary Club of Greenport (NY) for leading the way on a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant to save the lives of these precious children and to the contributing Rotary Club of Marco Island Sunrise, the Gift of Life of Northeast Ohio, the Gift of Life Florida, the Gift of Life of New Orleans and the Gift of Life of Rotary District 7260 for their support. Thank you to Gift of Life International strategic partner Open Hearts Haiti for their commitment to the children of Haiti.
LIKE-MINDED PARTNERS JOIN FORCES TO SAVE HAITIAN CHILDREN

The Gift of Life International efforts in Haiti are born out of the dire need that exists in this country of children suffering from heart disease. For over a decade, various Gift of Life programs have been bringing Haitian children to the United States for treatment. Beginning in 2012, Gift of Life International and select Gift of Life programs have been conducting medical missions to Haiti with the goal of working down the daunting waiting list.

Together with our like-minded partners around the world, Gift of Life International and the Gift of Life programs in Haiti, New Orleans, Northeast Ohio, Florida, Arizona, and Suffolk County, New York have now provided over 80 children with the gift of life during 8 medical missions. In March of 2013, Gift of Life 7260 and Gift of Life New Orleans led the way to funding a Rotary Foundation Grant which saved the lives of 10 precious Haitian children.

The Rotary Clubs of Marco Island Sunrise (Florida), Greenport (New York), Algiers (New Orleans) and Port-Au-Prince (Haiti) joined with Rotary District 7260, Rotary District 6840, Open Hearts Haiti and the Gift of Life programs named above to sponsor life-saving surgeries for Darlene, Sterlie, Dayka, Bellevue, Youdelandine, Bergeline, Chris Marley, Benjamin, Dorisma, and Wideline.

This is the third mission that our partnership has conducted in the past 12 months with 32 children now having benefitted from our efforts.
This was an excellent mission, with a remarkable team. We operated successfully 10 children, including 7 pump cases. A teenager Fallot required 4 days of ventilation and was extubated the day of our departure. All the other nine went home before we left Haiti.

We confirmed that open heart surgery could be safely performed in 10 kg children. On the other end, older patients, especially Fallot, remain challenging.

Our new bio-technician, Steve Clement from Montefiore North, could rapidly adapt to the Clinic and we did not have a single technical problem. Special thanks to our nurses from Boston. The presence of Jerry, the respiratory therapist of the clinic, was very useful. Our two resident Haitian surgeons, Mary May Saint Louis and Danielle Benjamin did very well.

We did not have time to do a VSD-AI and a subaortic membrane. They will be done in priority at the next missions. We saw several patients with elevated lung resistances. We may operate these high risk patients in the future when we have Nitric Oxide. Maggie has contacted a company providing NO and we may have it next time.

Kinam Hotel was actually quite good this time. The driver, Aunikel, and the bus were outstanding. Thank you to Kadolavi.

Arlene Darce, the Teenager Fallot, will require full attention and support from our friends at Kadolavi. I suggest that contact with the family is immediately established to secure the follow up. Contacts have been made with the Ministry of Health. There was a full room of medical students at Notre Dame University for my lecture on the future of cardiac surgery in Haiti. The young generation is obviously very interested. We are in contact with Dean Jean Hugues Henry to study the project of a Heart Center at the new St Francois de Sale Hospital.

I am looking forward to having you back for the next mission in September. Thank you to everyone for helping the children in Haiti.

All the best,

Francois Lacour-Gayet MD
President/Founder Open Hearts Haiti
www.openheartshaiti.org
“When you save a child, you save the world”
VISITING MEDICAL TEAM

Thank you to these medical professionals who donated their time and skills to save the lives of 10 Haitian children during the March 2013 medical mission:

- **Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon** Dr. Francois Lacour-Gayet (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
- **Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon** Dr. Deborah Kozik (Lexington Children’s Hospital, Kentucky)
- **ICU nurse** Jessica Copp (Boston Children’s Hospital, Massachusetts)
- **ICU Nurse** Jessica Page (Boston Children’s Hospital, Massachusetts)
- **ICU Nurse** Helen Alexander (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
- **ICU Nurse** Mode Andre (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
- **Scrub Nurse** Heather Tucker (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
- **Scrub Nurse** Dotlyn Jeffrey-Easy (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
- **Anesthetist** Dr. Carlene Broderick (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
- **Intensivist** Dr. Gina Cassel (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
- **Intensivist** Dr. Iris Mandell (LA Children’s Hospital, California)
- **Cardiologist** Dr. Nadine Choueiter (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
- **Perfusionist** Daniel Rodriguez (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
- **Coordinator** Martine Bouzi (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
- **Bioengineer** Stephen Clement (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
A total of 10 patients received a second chance at life. All children have recovered and are back home with their families. On behalf of these children and their families, we are grateful to everyone who made this mission possible.

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CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED THE GIFT OF LIFE

Sterlie, Dayka, Bellevue, Youdelandine, Bergeline, Darlene, Wideline, Benjamin, Chris Marley, Dorisma
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