Our Journey of Life
Gift of Life International
2022 Report to Stakeholders

Our Passion Drives Us
Our journey began in 1975.

The Gift of Life began when the first child, Grace Agwaru, flew from Uganda to New York to have her heart healed.

During her adult life, Grace has been an ambassador for Gift of Life and has helped to ensure other Ugandan children receive their Gift of Life just as she did so many years ago.

“If I hadn’t had my heart surgery, I would not be here today. Gift of Life has been a central piece in my life. Doctors told me I would not live beyond 16 years. Now I am 50 years old. Thank you Gift of Life!” ~Grace Agwaru

**1975 THE BEGINNING**

The Rotarian-based program Gift of Life (GOL) began its mission of bringing one child at a time from emerging countries to the USA for cardiac treatment.

**2003 GOLI IS FORMED**

Gift of Life International (GOLI) was formed to maximize the capacity of existing GOL programs, develop new GOL programs and partnerships with like-minded NGOs.

**2009 OUR NEW STRATEGY**

Gift of Life International created the strategy to focus on developing sustainable pediatric cardiac surgery, catheterization and aftercare programs in select countries.

**2018 SUSTAINABILITY**

Our Core Programs in Uganda and El Salvador reached sustainability and are now Legacy Programs where children are treated reliably in their country of birth.

**2019 MAXIMIZING OUR IMPACT**

Over 3,600 children were provided hope through our global network making Gift of Life International the largest NGO providing cardiac care to children in the emerging world.

**2020-21 PANDEMIC RESPONSE**

More than 3,400 children from 24 countries were treated during the global pandemic as we empowered local healthcare professionals to utilize skills learned to light the world with hope for children in need. During the pandemic, our Romanian program was moved to Legacy status.

**2021-22 OVERCOMING CHALLENGES**

As pandemic restrictions eased and travel resumed, our global network responded by providing cardiac care to over 4,000 children in need – the most children treated in a single year since Gift of Life began in 1975.

**OUR MISSION** is to provide lifesaving cardiac treatment to children in need from developing countries regardless of gender, creed, or national origin. Our goal is to develop sustainable pediatric cardiac programs by implementing screening, surgical and training visits which are supported by autonomous Gift of Life programs, Rotary global grants and generous donors from around the world.

Nearly 44,000 children later...we still do whatever it takes to heal a child’s heart.
Our passion drives us to overcome challenges and create opportunities to help children in need.

Our common journey relentlessly winds through the years, as our passion drives us to overcome challenges and create opportunities to bring care to children with heart disease around the world. The dedication and commitment we all share for the children we serve has led to our global network having the capacity to provide a lifesaving surgery every 2 hours and 18 minutes.

Many of us have been part of the global Gift of Life movement for years and some are new to the cause. Yet, we all have our own stories. Stories that light the world with hope and joy. Stories which illustrate the power we have to inspire others and inspire ourselves. As years go by, we remember the children we have helped and share the joy of the people they have become.

This year’s stakeholder report highlights those stories and how they honor past successes, celebrate current initiatives and inspire the attainment of future goals. Our common narrative not only speaks to how the lives of children and their families have been transformed but how our own lives have been impacted.

In perusing this report, we hope you see yourselves. See what you have been part of creating - a global movement which reaches 80 countries and over 4,000 children each year. Our journey is not over and we will not relent until every child with a heart ailment receives the care to which they have a right.

With you at our side, Gift of Life International and our global network of caring will do...

WHATEVER IT TAKES TO HEAL A CHILD’S HEART.

With great appreciation,

[Signature]

Rob Raylman
CEO
Our Leadership

OFFICERS

Rob Raylman  
Chief Executive Officer

Robert Donno  
President/Founder

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Vice President

Suzanne Freaney  
Treasurer

Arnold Quaranta, Jr.  
Secretary

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Top Row: Lou and Carol Auricchio, Jay Tambuting, Tarun Mehta, Albana Krasniqi, Larry Cohen, Ruba Karadsheh

Bottom Row: Janet DiBenedetto, Carl Campagna, Harm Velvis, M.D., Kathy Hiltner, Frank DiMarco

It’s not our work...  
It’s our passion
Before our surgeons repair a child’s heart we perform an even more impressive operation.

Dr. Rodrigo Soto
Clinical Consultant Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon

Brenda Small
Director of Operations

Ivonne Lopez
Child Placement Coordinator

Kim Castles
Bookkeeper

Dolores Chapman
Bookkeeper

Sloan Fleming
Travel Coordinator

Gloria Williams
Administrator
Board of Directors of
Gift of Life International, Inc.
PO Box 650436
Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Gift of Life International, Inc. (a not-for-profit organization, herinafter “GOLI”), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors’ judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to GOLI’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of GOLI’s internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of GOLI as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Cerini & Associates LLP

November 24, 2021
Bohemia, New York
Audit Financial Overview
Year End June 30, 2020 and 2021

Gift of Life International takes stewardship of its funds very seriously. 97.5% of donations directly support development of our programs. Whatever it takes to heal the heart of the next child.

GIFT OF LIFE INTERNATIONAL
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ending June 30

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

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CHANGE IN ASSETS

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GIFT OF LIFE INTERNATIONAL
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Year Ending June 30

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Our global network provides lifesaving cardiac treatment to a child every 2 hours and 18 minutes.

**Asia**
- Bangladesh
- Bombay Powai
- Cebu
- Cebu West
- Delhi South RC
- Hearts of Joy International
- India RD3201
- Korea
- Let It Echo
- Mabalacat (RD3790)
- Makati West RC
- Malaysia RD3303
- Pakistani Children’s Heart Foundation
- Pakistan-Karachi
- Pakistan-Lahore
- Sait City (India)
- Shanghai RC
- South Asia (India)
- Sri Lanka
- Touching Little Hearts
- Vijayawada RC

**Africa**
- Egypt
- Nairobi Utumishi
- Nigeria
- Sierra Leone
- The Gambia
- The Tunde
- Onibode Foundation
- Uganda
- Zambia

**Central/South America**
- Belize
- Bolivia
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- Fundación Latidos de Esperanza
- Fundación Obsequio de Vida
- J. Thomas Ford
- Honduras
- Regalo de Vida El Salvador

**The Caribbean**
- Fundación Regalo de Vida
- Dr. Eligio Mella Jimenez, Inc.
- Jamaica
- Kado Lavi (Haiti)
- RC Santiago Monumental
- Trinidad and Tobago

**North America**
- Central Florida
- Chinese Gift of Life
- Connecticut (RD7980)
- Covington, LA
- Friends of Montfort
- Gift of Life 5340 Foundation
- Gift of Life 7490 Foundation
- Gift of Life 7505 Foundation
- Gift of Life Inc. RD7090
- Gift of Life of Florida
- Gift of Life New Jersey (RD7510)
- Gift of Life of New Jersey
- Gift of Life, Inc. (New York)
- Heart 4 Heart
- Hispanic American Women’s Club
- Indiana (RD6560)
- Historic Jackson Heights RC
- Long Island, NY (RD7255)
- Los Angeles
- Metro New York (RD7230)
- Mexico (Monterrey)
- MidSouth (Memphis)
- New England
- New York (NYC)
- Northeast Ohio
- Odessa Gift of Life
- Philippine Gift of Life (RD7255)
- Polish Gift of Life
- RC of The Pelhams
- RD7190 Gift of Life
- RGOL
- South Carolina RD7770
- Tampa (RD6890)
- Ukrainian Gift of Life
- Western Carolina

84 Autonomous Gift of Life Programs Span 5 Continents in 80 Countries
From cries for help

to tears of joy in a matter of days.

Our global network will be there doing...

WHATEVER IT TAKES TO HEAL A CHILD’S HEART.
Imagine Rotary without Gift of Life
Imagine Gift of Life without Rotary

93% of children born with a congenital heart defect have no access to care

- 8,752 little hearts healed
- $14,319,166 Total Rotary Grants since 2013
- Supported by 332 Rotary Clubs
- Supported by 78 Rotary Districts
- Healing little hearts in 20 countries through Rotary Global Grants
- Rotary Global Grants are a major funding source for Gift of Life International and our affiliated programs
- The Rotary Foundation and its global network allows us to maximize our impact in addressing the global crisis of children in need of lifesaving cardiac care

Jennifer Jones
Rotary International President 2022-23
Rotary Global Grant Investment
(Since 2013)

Romania $1,185,495
Egypt $575,050
El Salvador $1,690,002
Haiti $1,207,568
Sri Lanka $100,000
The Philippines $1,475,373
Uganda $1,082,141

Lebanon $794,225
Bolivia $280,250
India $1,393,200
Jamaica $1,598,025
Jordan $668,872

Mexico $353,290
Nigeria $167,750
Pakistan $326,500
Ukraine $150,000
Kenya $128,000
Dominican Republic $758,425
Kosovo $261,000

20 countries
$14,319,166 invested
8,752 hearts healed

Healing Little Hearts Around the World.
An inspiring story

of groundbreaking work to treat children with Rheumatic Heart Disease

“If you can treat the Strep early with penicillin, you can prevent the body’s reaction that leads to the heart. Monthly penicillin treatment will save millions of lives.”

~Dr. Craig Sable
Pediatric Cardiologist
National Children’s Hospital

- RHD is preventable
- RHD is caused by Strep A bacteria
- 34 million people worldwide have RHD
- 300,000 people die each year from RHD
- Advanced RHD feels like you are drowning every moment of every day with every breath
- Gift of Life International has partnered with various health institutions and professionals to help eradicate Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD)
Children treated through our global network...

39 years ago, President Reagan and his wife Nancy brought Brett from Korea to the States aboard Air Force One to receive his lifesaving heart surgery. Now Brett is a father and is helping other children receive their Gift of Life in South Korea.

Kevin had his heart healed in 2010 during the Our Hearts are in El Salvador initiative. With a strong and healthy heart, Kevin has pursued his dream of becoming a soccer star in El Salvador.

Baby Jane was hanging on to life by a thread when GOLI CEO, Rob Raylman found her in the hospital in The Philippines in 2017. A new treatment strategy was put in place and within less than a year, she was thriving. Jane just celebrated her sixth birthday!

...and the people they have become.

Please visit www.giftoflifeinternational.org for these and more incredible stories of the impossible.
It goes beyond repairing a heart...

...it’s about saving a life.
It’s more than the child

whose life is changed
by our heart-healing visits.

"Indeed, it is more than the child whose life is changed by our heart-healing visits. The lives of families, parents, grandparents, and communities are changed forever. The lives of GOLI volunteers and healthcare professionals all over the world are changed and enriched forever. GOLI visits are a powerful way to bring hope and unite people around the globe."

~Harm Velvis, M.D.
Our journey continues with stories of

.strategy
.inspiration
.empowerment
.sustainability
.hope

OUR LEGACY PROGRAMS

What is a Legacy Program?
A pediatric cardiac program that has succeeded as a Core Program; has the full backing of its government and hospital; has a fully trained team, state-of-the-art equipment and dedicated facilities for use solely by the program.

Where are they located?
Uganda, El Salvador, Romania

When did they reach sustainability?
2018 in Uganda and El Salvador
2021 in Romania

What is their impact?
The local teams in our Legacy Programs have been empowered to treat children in their country of birth on a reliable and sustainable basis.

Our Legacy Program Lead Surgeons

Dr. Michael Oketch
Uganda Heart Institute

Dr. Daniel Garcia
Hospital Benjamin Bloom

Dr. Manuel Chira
Grigore Alexandrescu Hospital
UGANDA

This Legacy Program has transformed the lives of 4,881 children since 2009.

In just the past 3 years, 2,800 children have been treated for Rheumatic Heart Disease through our program in Northern Uganda in partnership with National Children's Hospital.

STORIES OF EMPOWERMENT

“Gift of Life International helped to empower us to run the program on our own.

Being able to give a child (like Malachi) back their life is a tremendous privilege and brings a sense of joy that you cannot measure.”

~Dr. Michael Oketcho
Chief of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery
Uganda Heart Institute

Malachi
18 months
EL SALVADOR

Empowering Salvadorans to provide care to over 2,267 children since 2010.

The strategic development of the program at Hospital Benjamin Bloom in El Salvador includes a holistic approach encompassing pediatric cardiac care, humanized care and nutritional assistance.

STORIES OF STRATEGY

“Our main focus has always been to give the opportunity to the Salvadorans to do the job they were trained to do.

Without the partnership of Gift of Life International, a lot of children would not be alive today.”

~Ivonne Lopez
Executive Director
Fundación Latidos de Esperanza
ROMANIA

Overcoming challenges and creating opportunities to provide care to over 303 children since 2016.

With the surgical team from Cluj and the aftercare team from Bucharest, the Romanian healthcare professionals ensure children with heart disease are treated by joining together in Bucharest two weekends each month to do whatever it takes to heal the heart of the next child.

STORIES OF HOPE

“In Romania, over 1,000 children with heart malformations are born each year. The existence of this program in Romania, offers these little ones the chance for a new life. Without this program, many of them would have perished because their parents would not have been able to afford the costs of such an operation.

When you save a life, you save a whole world.”

~Roxana Ciufu
Executive Manager
Gift of Life
Salvati inima unui Copil Association
What is a Core Program?

A pediatric cardiac program which meets our criteria for strategic development of a sustainable pediatric cardiac program. Currently our Core Programs are in Jamaican and Bolivia.

What strategy inspired this initiative?

Developed in 2009, our strategy was inspired by the need to maximize our capacity to treat more children through the development of sustainable pediatric cardiac programs by allocating significant resources with a focus on program development.

How are Core Programs selected?

Each Core Program must meet the following four criteria to be selected:

- Supportive and invested government
- Motivated and involved hospital administration
- Established pediatric cardiac program
- Existing in-country NGO to support the program

What is their impact?

The empowerment of local healthcare professionals to treat children with heart disease in their country of birth on a reliable and sustainable basis.

Our Core Program Lead Surgeons

Dr. Sherard Little
Bustamante Hospital for Children

Dr. Ericka Pérez Albrecht
Hospital Del Niño
Doctor Ovidio Aliaga Uria
JAMAICA

Working towards sustainability while providing hope to over 907 children since 2011.

The pediatric cardiac program at the Bustamante Hospital for Children is recovering from pandemic restrictions. Waiting lists have grown and the local team is working to provide care to the children in need.

STORIES OF SUSTAINABILITY

“The support from Gift of Life International, Chain of Hope and Rotary is essential to our program. Visiting teams provide the resources we lack such as disposables. They also provide us with the transfer of information to help our team grow in knowledge and skills so that we can be sustainable in the future.

With each training visit, we affect the lives of more children and their families.”

~Dr. Sharonne Forrester
Head of Cardiology
Bustamante Hospital for Children
BOLIVIA

Beginning the development of a sustainable pediatric cardiac program with the treatment of over 106 children since 2019.

Bolivia is our newest Core Program. The Bolivian team has begun its journey on the strategic path to sustainability. With principled and committed healthcare professionals, Bolivian children with heart disease now have hope for treatment in their country of birth.

STORIES OF INSPIRATION

“Gift of Life International is truly a gift for Bolivian children. Their support and inspiration has allowed the cardiac program to survive and the children in need to live.

Being selected as a Core Program is like a dream come true which will allow us to grow in capacity and complexity to help thousands of children in need.”

~Dr. Ericka Pérez Albrecht
Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon
Hospital Del Niño
Doctor Ovidio Aliaga Uria
LEGACY AND CORE PROGRAM IMPACT

8,464 CHILDREN TREATED

105 TRAINING VISITS

$11.9 MILLION INVESTED

19.3% OF ALL CHILDREN TREATED SINCE 1975

LEGACY AND CORE PROGRAM HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO HEAL THE HEART OF THE NEXT CHILD.
OUR COUNTRIES OF FOCUS PROGRAM

What is a Country of Focus?
Countries of Focus do not meet our criteria for consideration as a Core Program. Yet, they demonstrate a dire need for pediatric cardiac care.

Where are they located?
The Dominican Republic
Kosovo
The Philippines (Manila and Cebu)
India
Pakistan
Sri Lanka
Lebanon
Jordan
Egypt

What is their impact?
This program provides hope to children in need where there is no opportunity for care in their country of birth.

STORIES OF THE IMPOSSIBLE
Sweet Kirollos is an Egyptian child living in Jordan with his family. He was born in Egypt but his family moved to Amman when his father found work there. From the age of three months, Kirollos was constantly ill. After several unsuccessful diagnoses, a pediatric specialist finally told his parents that he had a heart defect which required surgery. Thanks to our global network, Gift of Life International Jordan referred Kirollos to Gift of Life Egypt where Kirollos had his heart healed.

93% OF CHILDREN BORN WITH A HEART DEFECT HAVE NO ACCESS TO CARE
“I am deeply affected by the pain and suffering I see in families who cope with serious illness. Many years ago, I had a dream of creating a family support program for hospital staffs. As I traveled with Gift of Life International, the need for emotional and relational support, empathy for the traumatic impact of hospitalization, and communication between families and staff were evident and recognized. GOLI offered me an opportunity to apply my experience as a family therapist and supervisor of health care workers to Gift of Life International’s programs with families and its surgical teams around the world. This has become our Humanized Care Training. What a difference compassion, empathy, and attention to team needs in a collaborative setting makes within and between hospital departments, at all stages of hospitalization. This training empowers staff to engage in emotionally mindful family and staff relationships and helps them sustain their own emotional health through consultations and workshops. It has been an honor to introduce this program to children’s hospitals in Bolivia and El Salvador. Each hospital is implementing this warm, relational approach, supporting our cardiac surgery programs.”

~ Fredlee Ann Kaplan, LCSW, LMFT, Director of Humanized Care Programs, GOLI

This unique component of our Salvadoran program provides need-based nutritional assistance ensuring treated children receive sufficient and well-balanced nutrition during their recovery period. This program significantly improves the child’s ability to reach optimal health as their body adjusts to a healthy heart.

“In 2008, after visiting the homes of the children we treat I realized the dire need for assistance beyond the walls of the hospital and was inspired to implement the nutritional assistance program. The transformation of the children enrolled in this program following treatment is remarkable.”

~ Brenda Small

Nutritional Assistance
What’s better than healing children’s hearts?

Empowering local doctors and nurses to do it themselves.
Heal a little heart and you save a life.

Heal over 43,000 little hearts and you transform the world.

Thank you for taking this journey with us...
For fueling our passion which inspires us to continue to do...

WHATEVER IT TAKES TO HEAL A CHILD’S HEART.

Gift of Life Inc. established Gift of Life International (GOLI) in 2003. Gift of Life International is a non-profit organization which is tax exempt according to IRS Code 501(c)3. Tax ID#56-2322626
Whatever it takes
to heal a
child’s heart.