The Italian Ambassador to Kosovo commends Gift of Life International and members of the visiting medical team from Italy for their work in Kosovo.

The Kosovar Minister of Health poses with a nurse from the visiting medical team after thanking them for their service.

The President of the Republic of Kosovo, Vjosa Osmani attended a Press Conference at the University Clinical Center of Kosovo (UCCK) during our training visit to extend her personal gratitude and that of her country to Gift of Life International and the visiting medical team for their work and commitment to healing little Kosovar hearts.
This April 2021 training visit to Prishtina, Kosovo provided hope to Kosovar children and their families when they thought it would not be possible. A total of 26 children had their hearts healed during this surgical and catheterization mission in the midst of a global pandemic. A total of 29 procedures were completed with 3 children receiving diagnostic catheterizations. This mission was sponsored through Rotary Global Grant GG2098135. Our heartfelt thanks to all grant contributors for their partnership: Rotary Clubs of Prishtina Dardania (Host Partner), Verrazano (International Partner), Niagara-on-the-Lake, Gift of Life Inc., The Rotary Foundation and an anonymous donor (funds raised by Albana Krasniqi). Our sincere thanks to Professor Mazllum Belegu, Rotarian and Chair of Gift of Life Kosova for logistical support. Lastly, we are grateful to the visiting and local healthcare professionals for their dedication to healing the hearts of these precious children.
GOLI Medical Volunteers Have Big Hearts which Heal Little Hearts
Thank you to the Gift of Life Visiting Medical Team
(From Italy, New York, Texas and California)

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Dr. Herbert Stern
Interventional Cardiologist

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Cardiologist

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Perfusionist

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Dr. Adnan Bakar
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GOLI CEO

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Introducing the Kosova Team
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Head of Team

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Merita Vitija  
Zejnepe Gerguri  
Aferdita Saragi  
Elhame Krasniqi  
Suzana Salihu  
Rifete Curri

**Vlora Abazi**  
Perfusionist  
**Pumped her first-ever pediatric cardiac case on the heart-lung machine***

**Bleona Geci**  
Translator  
***Bleona is a Gift of Life Recipient who is now giving back by helping with translation for the medical teams***
Working Together To Heal The Heart of the Next Child…
Providing Hope to Kosovar Children with Heart Disease and to their Families
26 Little Hearts Healed

29 Procedures Completed
11 Surgeries
15 Interventional Catheterizations
3 Diagnostic Catheterizations
Providing Hope to the Next Child…

Erzana
2 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect (Surgery)

Ardion
5 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect (Surgery)

Malti
2 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect (Surgery)

Spreading love throughout the world…
And the Next Child…

Emir
7 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
(Surgery)

Ajan
5 Years Old
Diagnosis: PDA
Patent Ductus Arteriosus
(Surgery)

Rubina
6 Years Old
Diagnosis: TOF
Tetralogy of Fallot
(Surgery)

Working together to provide hope to children with heart disease…
And the Next Child…

Diel
9 Months Old
Diagnosis: COARC
Coarctation of the Aorta
(Surgery)

Ajan
5 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
(Surgery)

Art
12 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
(Surgery)

Providing children with heart disease a second chance at life...
Every 3 hours a child with heart disease is cared for through our Global Network...
And the Next Child…

Eda
4 Years Old
Diagnosis: PDA
Patent Ductus Arteriosus
(Interventional Cath)

Erina
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: PS
Pulmonary Stenosis
(Interventional Cath)

Esma
12 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Interventional Cath)

Global partnerships help to heal more little hearts…
Fatbardh
9 Years Old
Diagnosis: PDA
Patent Ductus Arteriosus (Diagnostic Cath)

Ledion
1 1/2 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect (Interventional Cath)

Leonard
17 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect (Interventional Cath)

And the Next Child…

More than 35,000 little hearts healed since 1975…
And the Next Child…

Nina
3 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Interventional Cath)

Noar
3 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD, PS
Atrial Septal Defect, Pulmonary Stenosis
(Interventional Cath)

Reina
5 Years Old
Diagnosis: PS
Pulmonary Stenosis
(Diagnostic Cath)

Healing the hearts of 3,000 children annually…
Malik
6 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Interventional Cath)

Olsa
7 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Interventional Cath)

Kanina
2 Years Old
Diagnosis: PDA
Patent Ductus Arteriosus
(Interventional Cath)

And the Next Child…

93% of children born with a heart defect have no access to care…
Ajan
2 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Interventional Cath)

Erdi
3 1/2 Years Old
Diagnosis: PDA
Patent Ductus Arteriosus
(Interventional Cath)

Nejla
3 1/2 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Interventional Cath)

Congenital Heart Disease is the #1 birth defect worldwide...
Andi
4 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD, PAPVR
Atrial Septal Defect,
Partial Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Return
(Diagnostic Cath)

Erzon
16 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Interventional Cath)

And the Next Child...

Healing Little Hearts Around the World...
Answering the Prayers of Parents Each and Every Day…
Together, we are lighting the world with hope for children with heart disease and for their families.
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