A heart felt thank you to Rotary District 7670, the Rotary Club of Hendersonville and the Rotary Club of Makati West for leading the way on a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant to save the lives of these precious children. Additional funding was provided by the Gift of Life Programs of the Hilton Head Rotary Club, Rotary District 7500, Rotary District 7770, the Rotary Club of Pisgah Forrest and the Rotary Foundation. A very special thank you to the Duke University Medical Center Visiting Team and the team from The Philippine Children's Medical Center for ensuring these children received the best possible care.
GLOBAL NETWORKS OF GOL AND ROTARY JOIN TO SAVE TEN FILIPINO CHILDREN

The first ever Gift of Life-sponsored pediatric cardiac medical mission to the Philippines was conducted during the week of April 22, 2013 at the Philippine Children’s Medical Center (PCMC). During this week, 10 precious Filipino children received the gift of life.

The mission was led by Dr. Karl Reyes, a pediatric cardiac surgeon and member of the Rotary Club of Makati West, Dr. Jonas del Rosario, pediatric cardiologist at PCMC, Dr. Andrew Lodge, pediatric cardiac surgeon at Duke University Medical Center and Dr. Michael Camitta, pediatric cardiologist at Duke University Medical Center. These four doctors deserve much appreciation for their efforts to ensure that the 10 children who received surgery were provided the best of care.

Great support was provided by the leadership of PCMC and we extend a special thank you to Dr. Julius Lecciones, Dr. Mary Ann Bunyi and Dr. Vicente Gomez. The dedication that the entire staff of PCMC gave to this mission was one of the most significant reasons the mission was such a success!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Rotarian Florence Allbaugh of the Hendersonville Rotary Club in North Carolina and the Gift of Life program of the Carolinas for her leadership in raising monies and helping to coordinate the planning for this mission. Florence was also instrumental in enlisting the participation of Dr. Lodge and his team from Duke University Medical Center.
The Rotary Club of Makati West (RCMW) was the backbone of this mission and deserves a huge thank you and great admiration. Special acknowledgement needs to be made of the efforts and leadership of President Ed Balois, Treasurer Ruy Moreno and all the Makati West Rotarians that gave of themselves to ensure a successful medical mission. We would be remiss not to mention the dedication and caring provided by Cynthia Andrade, the RCMC Social Worker, to all children and families that were part of the mission.

Funding is an essential aspect of all medical missions and there are a number of organizations to thank in this regard: The Rotary District 7670, the Rotary Club of Hendersonville and the Rotary Club of Makati West partnered to fund a Rotary Foundation matching grant. In addition, Gift of Life programs of the Hilton Head Rotary Club, Rotary District 7770, and Rotary District 7500 also made contributions to ensure the success of this mission, as did the Rotary Club of Pisgah Forrest. We thank all these organizations and The Rotary Foundation for the financial support they provided to ensure that the 10 children received their life-saving surgeries.

A very special thank you to Gift of Life International (GOLI) Director Lou Del Rosario for his leadership and dedication without which this mission would not have been possible.

Finally, a very special thank you to the Duke University Medical Center Team which provided a significant donation of medical supplies to ensure the children received the best possible care.
Thank you to these medical professionals from Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina, Bustamante Hospital for Children in Kingston, Jamaica and Dr. Farash from Asheville, North Carolina who donated their time and skills to save the lives of 10 Filipino children during the April 2013 medical mission:

**Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon**  Dr. Andrew Lodge (Duke University Medical Center)
**Cardiologist**  Dr. Michael Camitta (Duke University Medical Center)
**Pediatric Intensivist**  Dr. Jennifer Turi (Duke University Medical Center)
**ICU Nurses**  Jason Diacumski, Taylor Honeycutt, Jean Koo, Leigh Pedersen, William Ranney, Jennifer Talbert (Duke University Medical Center)
**OR Nurses**  Louella Enguio, Michelle Figuerres, Aida Solon (Duke University Medical Center)
**Perfusionist**  Samantha Kaiser (Duke University Medical Center)
**Respiratory Therapist**  Amy Zinn (Duke University Medical Center)
**Anesthetist**  Dr. Cleopatra Patterson (Bustamante Hospital for Children, Jamaica)
**Pediatrician**  Dr. Ann Farash (Asheville, North Carolina)

Thank you to these medical professionals from the Philippine Children’s Medical Center for their support, coordination and teamwork to make this mission a success:

**Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon**  Dr. Karl Reyes
**Pediatric Cardiologist/Intensivist**  Dr. Leah Arceo-Plucena
**Pediatric Cardiologist/Section Chief of Cardiology**  Dr. Jonas del Rosario
**Pediatric Cardiologist**  Dr. Ina Bunyi
**Perfusionists**  Jonathan Acay, Rico Flores, Jerry Oblego
**PICU**  Dr. Alice Herico, Dr. Audrey Navarro, Dr. Charissa Cua
**Executive Director**  Dr. Julius Lecciones
**Head Executive Assistant**  Dr. Mary Ann Bunyi
**Head Surgical & Allied Medical Services**  Dr. Vicente Gomez

We are grateful to all members of the staff and administration at The Philippine Children’s Medical Center for their assistance in making this mission a success.
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

Seanna, Russel, Dyrein, Dodsfei, Shello, Hanna, John, Gabriel, Vincent, Daisy
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ONE HEART AT A TIME