Healing Little Hearts in Kosova

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Little Hearts Healed

University Clinical Center of Kosova Prishtina, Kosova

Gift of Life International Mission Report
This lifesaving mission provided hope to Kosovar children and their families. A total of 26 children had their hearts healed during this first-ever surgical and catheterization mission to Prishtina. This mission was sponsored through Rotary Global Grant GG1981159. Our heartfelt thanks to all grant contributors for their partnership: Rotary Clubs of Prishtina Dardania (Host Partner), Mid-Bergen (International Partner), Rotary District 7490 Gift of Life Foundation, Rotary District 7490 and The Rotary Foundation. A special thank you to Chain of Hope UK for their support of this inaugural mission. 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 Visiting Medical Team
(Mend a Little Heart Team from Children’s Hospital Los Angeles and other US Hospitals)

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Introducing the Kosova Team
University Clinical Center of Kosova

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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

8 Surgeries

18 Interventional Catheterizations
The Next Children...

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

Lorent
5 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect (Cath)

Ajlina B.
3 Years Old
Diagnosis: PDA
Patent Ductus Arteriosus (Cath)

Spreading love throughout the world...
And The Next...

Fisnik
15 Years Old
Diagnosis: COARC
Coarctation of the Aorta (Cath)

Rejana
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: PDA
Patent Ductus Arteriosus (Cath)

Elma
2 Years Old
Diagnosis: PS
Pulmonary Stenosis (Cath)

Working together to provide hope to children with heart disease...
And The Next...

Klea
4 1/2 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect (Cath)

Erblina
11 Years Old
Diagnosis: PDA
Patent Ductus Arteriosus
(Cath)

Maja
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Surgery)

Providing children with heart disease a second chance at life...
Juled
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect (Surgery)

Erisa
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: PDA
Patent Ductus Arteriosus (Cath)

Diara
3 1/2 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect (Surgery)

Every 3 hours a child with heart disease is cared for through our Global Network...
And The Next...

Anisa
2 1/2 Years Old
Diagnosis: PV Pulomonary Valve (Cath)

Florim
12 Years Old
Diagnosis: COARC Coarctation of the Aorta (Cath)

Roel
3 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD Atrial Septal Defect (Surgery)

Global partnerships help to heal more little hearts...
And The Next...

Amar
5 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect (Surgery)

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

Priam
4 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect (Cath)

More than 35,000 little hearts healed since 1975...
And The Next...

Edonis
12 Years Old
Diagnosis: COARC
Coarctation of the Aorta (Cath)

Lorena
5 Years Old
Diagnosis: PDA
Patent Ductus Arteriosus (Cath)

Fatlinda
4 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect (Surgery)

Healing the hearts of 3,000 children annually...
And The Next…

Noar
1 1/2 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Surgery)

Eltiona
10 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Cath)

Odeta
3 Years Old
Diagnosis: PDA
Patent Ductus Arteriosus
(Cath)

93% of children born with a heart defect have no access to care…
And The Next...

Ajlina H.
5 1/2 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Surgery)

Kaona
5.5 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Surgery)

Congenital Heart Disease is the #1 birth defect worldwide...
Answering the Prayers of Parents Each and Every Day...
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