Healing Little Hearts in The Dominican Republic

December 12 - 19, 2020

Together We Save Lives

20 Children Treated

CEDIMAT Hospital
Santo Domingo, The Dominican Republic

Gift of Life International Training Visit Report
The December 2020 training visit was the second lifesaving mission to CEDIMAT Hospital in Santo Domingo to heal hearts during the Global Pandemic. A total of 20 children were treated with 24 procedures performed, Lighting the World with Hope for these children and their parents during the most challenging of times. This training mission was sponsored through Rotary Global Grant GG1987276. Our heartfelt thanks to all grant contributors for their partnership: Rotary Clubs of Santo Domingo (Host Partner), Orange (International Partner), Bridgeport, Oakville, Santo Domingo Mirador, Rotary Districts 4060, 7980, 6960, Gift of Life Rotary District 7980, Gift of Life Long Island and The Rotary Foundation. A special thank you to local NGO, Latiendo Por Ti for their dedication and support of this mission and the children of the Dominican Republic.
GOLI Medical Volunteers Have Big Hearts which Heal Little Hearts
Thank you to the GOLI Visiting Medical Team

Dr. Rodrigo Soto
Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon

Erin Brenner
RNFA

Arlene LeMin
Scrub Nurse

Dr. Javier Sanchez
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Mary Ann Lo
John Albers
ICU Nurses

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Medical Student/Translator

Dr. Greg Fleming
Interventional Cardiologist

Roger Motie
Cath Lab Technician

Rob Raylman
GOLI CEO
Introducing the Dominican Team
CEDIMAT Hospital

Cardiology Medical Director
Dr. Cesar Herrera

Pediatric Cardiac Surgery
Dr. Juan León
Dr. Jose Iribarren
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Dra. Adabeyda Baez
Dra. Cynthia Rosario
Dra. Angela Vasquez
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Dra Laura Santana (R1)

Cath Lab Team
Adabeyda Baez
Victor Rodriguez (Cardiology Resident)
Tatiana Alburquerque (Cardiology Resident)
Yadermis Trinidad (Cardiology Resident)
Brito Guevara

Pediatric ICU
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Dra. Rosalia Cedeño
Dr. Juan Orozco (R2)
Dr. Ariel Noesi (R2)
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RN and Auxiliary Staff
Lic. Gloria Peña (Recovery)
Lic. Andrea Mendez 
(Ward and Outpatients Clinic)
Lic. Altagracia Mora (PICU)
Cruz María Abad
Lorenza Mieses
Alexis Rodríguez
Leonel Ramirez
Jael Perez
Barny Valerio
Samuel Lora
Greisy Hiciento
Kamieng Chan

Respiratory Therapist
Romulo Parra
Working Together To Heal The Heart of the Next Child...
Providing Hope to Dominican Children with Heart Disease and to their Families
20 Children Treated
24 Procedures Completed
10 Open Heart Surgeries
10 Interventional Catheterizations
4 Diagnostic Catheterizations
The Next Children...

Lucianny
5 Years Old
Diagnosis: Pulmonary Valve Stenosis (Interventional Cath)

Bianelis
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: TOF, PFO, PDA (Surgery)

Suleidi
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: Complete AVSD Rastelli, PDA (Diagnostic Cath & Surgery)

More than 38,000 little hearts healed since 1975...
And The Next...

**Einar**
3 Months Old
Diagnosis: TAPVD
Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Drainage (Surgery)

**Alvaro**
2 Years Old
Diagnosis: Pulmonary Valve Stenosis
(Interventional Cath)

**Nahomy**
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: TAPVD, Large PDA, Severe PH
(Surgery)

Lighting the World with Hope, One Child at a Time...
Kendall
6 Months Old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
(Surgery)

Arisleyda
7 Years Old
Diagnosis: PDA
Patent Ductus Arteriosus
(Diagnostic Cath)

Luz Maria
10 Years Old
Diagnosis: PDA
Patent Ductus Arteriosus
(Interventional Cath)

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

**Jefferson**
5 Years Old  
Diagnosis: ASD  
Atrial Septal Defect  
(Interventional Cath)

**Yaira**
10 Months Old  
Diagnosis: VSD  
Ventricular Septal Defect  
(Surgery)

**Jaydelis**
11 Years Old  
Diagnosis: ASD  
Atrial Septal Defect  
(Interventional Cath)

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

**Mia**
8 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD Atrial Septal Defect (Interventional Cath)

**Rander**
11 Months Old
Diagnosis: Complete AVSD (Diagnostic Cath & Surgery)

**Bianny**
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: Left Coronary Artery Fistula (Diagnostic Cath)

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

Ysmerin
13 Years Old
Diagnosis: TOF
Tetralogy of Fallot (Surgery)

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

Yan Luis
7 Years Old
Diagnosis: COARC
Coarctation of the Aorta (Interventional Cath)

Congenital Heart Disease is the #1 birth defect worldwide...
And The Next…

Dahianna
10 Months Old
Diagnosis: Complete AVSD
Rastelli, PDA (Surgery)

Emmanuel
6 Months Old
Diagnosis: VSD Ventricular. Septal Defect (Surgery)

Jonathan
11 Years Old
Diagnosis: COARC Coarctation of the Aorta (Interventional Cath)

Healing the hearts of 3,000 children annually…
16 Years Old
Diagnosis: ReCoarctation of the Aorta (Interventional Cath)

And The Next...

Braniel

16 Years Old
Diagnosis: ReCoarctation of the Aorta (Interventional Cath)

And The Next...

Braniel

16 Years Old
Diagnosis: ReCoarctation of the Aorta (Interventional Cath)

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Healing Little Hearts Around the world...
Answering the Prayers of Parents Each and Every Day...
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