Healing Little Hearts in The Dominican Republic

July 12 - 16, 2021

Together We Save Lives

22 Children Treated

CEDIMAT Hospital
Santo Domingo, The Dominican Republic

Gift of Life International Training Visit Report
The July 2021 training visit to CEDIMAT Hospital in Santo Domingo resulted in 22 children being treated for their heart ailments with a total of 24 procedures performed. This training mission was sponsored through Rotary Global Grant GG1987276 and Gift of Life International. 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. And a heartfelt thanks to Abbott and Medtronic for their generous product donations which made it possible to heal these 22 little hearts.
GOLI Medical Volunteers Have Big Hearts which Heal Little Hearts
Thank you to the GOLI Visiting Medical Team

**Dr. Rodrigo Soto**  
Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon  
GOLI Clinical Consultant

**Dr. Tom Karl**  
Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon

**Arlene LeMin**  
Scrub Nurse

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Intensivists

**Dr. Swati Agarwal**

**Dr. John Breinholt**  
Interventional Cardiologist

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Translator

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Introducing the Dominican Team
CEDIMAT Hospital

**Cardiology Medical Director**
Dr. Cesar Herrera

**Pediatric Cardiac Surgery**
Dr. Juan León
Dr. Jose Iribarren
Dra. Ysailis Mariñez

**Anesthesiology**
Dr. Llefer Sánchez
Dra. Vicky Adames
Dr Hamlet Herrera

**Perfusionists**
Dr. Fradwikings Vargas
Yahaira Ramirez
Brigida Aguerrevere

**OR Nurse**
Crusita Fernandez

**Pediatric Cardiology**
Dra. Rebeca Pérez (Director)
Dra. Adabeyda Baez
Dra. Cynthia Rosario
Dra. Angela Vasquez
Dra Sahony Ciríaco (R1)
Dra Laura Santana (R1)

**Pediatric ICU**
Dra. Carisa Nieves (Director)
Dra. Francisca Lapaix
Dra. Ana Leticia Lopez
Dra. Adriana Martinez
Dra. Cely Mary Valois Mézquita
Dra. Rosalia Cedeno
Dr. Juan Orozco(R2)
Dr. Ariel Noesi (R2)
Dra Yodeiny Reyes (R1)

**Respiratory Therapist**
Romulo Parra

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

**RN and Auxiliary Staff**
Lic. Gloria Peña (Recovery)
Lic. Andrea Mendez
(Ward and Outpatients Clinic)
Lic. Altgracia Mora (PICU)
Cruz Maria Abad
Lorenza Mieses
Alexis Rodriguez
Leonel Ramirez
Jael Perez
Barny Valero
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Working Together To Heal The Heart of the Next Child...
Providing Hope to Dominican Children with Heart Disease
22 Children Treated
24 Procedures Completed
9 Open Heart Surgeries
9 Interventional Catheterizations
6 Diagnostic Catheterizations

Muchas Gracias
Gift of Life International
Por mi corazón
The Next Children...

Laia
7 Years Old
Diagnosis: ALCAPA
(ISurgery)

Jaelys
11 Years Old
Diagnosis: Konno
(Surgery)

Mathias
3 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD
Patch Replaced
(Diagnostic Cath & Surgery)

More than 38,000 little hearts healed since 1975...
Wildalis
2 Years Old
Diagnosis: TAPVR, Transitional AV Canal (Surgery)

Diego
5 Months Old
Diagnosis: Complete AV Canal, Rastelli A (Surgery)

Mila
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: TOF Tetralogy of Fallot (Surgery)

And The Next...

Lighting the World with Hope, One Child at a Time...
And The Next...

Emma
6 Months Old
Diagnosis: Complete AV Canal (Surgery)

Karen
4 Years Old
Diagnosis: Tricuspid Atresia, Pulmonary Stenosis (Diagnostic Cath & Surgery)

Andrew
2 Years Old
Diagnosis: PDA Patent Ductus Arteriosus (Surgery)

93% of children born with a heart defect have no access to care...
Aybert
16 Years Old
Diagnosis: RHD
Rheumatic Heart Disease
(Interventional Cath)

Noah
2 Years Old
Diagnosis: PDA, DORV with PA and TGA
(Interventional Cath)

Yairelin
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: Aortic & Mitral Stenosis, Aortic Coarc
(Interventional Cath)

And The Next...

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

**JAILA**
10 Months Old
Diagnosis: PDA, Pulmonary Stenosis (Interventional Cath)

**ANTHONY**
10 Years Old
Diagnosis: Coarc, Aortic Angioplasty (Interventional Cath)

**BIANNY**
2 Years Old
Diagnosis: Fistula (Interventional Cath)

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

Julianny
12 Years Old
Diagnosis: PDA Patent Ductus Arteriosus (Interventional Cath)

Hansel
6 Years Old
Diagnosis: PDA Patent Ductus Arteriosus (Interventional Cath)

Darilenny
5 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD, BT Shunt, Tricuspid & Pulmonary Atresia (Diagnostic Cath)

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

**LEILA**
2 Years Old
Diagnosis: DORV with TGA, PS, VSD, PDA, Dextrocardia (Diagnostic Cath)

**GILBERT**
3 Years Old
Diagnosis: DORV, PS, PFO (Diagnostic Cath)

**KENDRY**
2 Years Old
Diagnosis: D-TGA, PDA, Atrio Septostomy, Dysplastic Tricuspid Valve (Diagnostic Cath)

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

1 Month Old
Diagnosis: DD-TGA, PFO, PDA
(Interventional Cath)

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