Healing Little Hearts in The Dominican Republic

March 13 - 20, 2021

Children Treated
18

CEDIMAT Hospital
Santo Domingo, The Dominican Republic

Gift of Life International Training Visit Report
The March 2021 training visit was the third lifesaving mission to CEDIMAT Hospital in Santo Domingo to heal hearts during the Global Pandemic. A total of 18 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. And a heartfelt thanks to Abbott and Medtronic for their generous product donations which made it possible to heal these 18 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

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Intensivists

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Scrub Nurse

Erin Brenner
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ICU Nurses

Dr. John Breinholt
Interventional Cardiologist

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GOLI CEO
Introducing the Dominican Team
CEDIMAT Hospital

Cardiology Medical Director
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Dr. Jose Iribarren
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OR Nurse
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Dra. Adabeyda Baez
Dra. Cynthia Rosario
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Dra. Carisa Nieves (Director)
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Dra. Ana Leticia Lopez
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Dra. Cely Mary Valois Mézquita
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Dr. Juan Orozco (R2)
Dr. Ariel Noesi (R2)
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Respiratory Therapist
Romulo Parra

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Lorenza Mieses
Alexis Rodríguez
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Jael Perez
Barny Valerio
Samuel Lora
Greisy Hiciano
Kamieng Chan
Working Together To Heal The Heart of the Next Child...
Providing Hope to Dominican Children with Heart Disease and to their Families
18 Children Treated
24 Procedures Completed
10 Open Heart Surgeries
8 Interventional Catheterizations
6 Diagnostic Catheterizations
Alia
8 Months Old
Diagnosis: Complete Atrial Ventricular Septal Canal (Diagnostic Cath & Surgery)

Brittni
3 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD Ventricular Septal Defect (Diagnostic Cath & Surgery)

Adaia
8 Months Old
Diagnosis: Complete Atrial Ventricular Septal Canal (Diagnostic Cath & Surgery)

Alia
2 Years Old
Diagnosis: Double Aortic Arch, Hypoplastic (Diagnostic Cath)

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

Chloe
4 Months Old
Diagnosis: Severe Pulmonary Stenosis (Interventional Cath)

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

Denyel
6 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD Atrial Septal Defect (Interventional Cath)

Lighting the World with Hope, One Child at a Time...
Eli Isaac
2 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD
Large Ventricular Septal Defect
(Diagnostic Cath & Surgery)

Erianny
6 Months Old
Diagnosis: Large PDA
Patent Ductus Arteriosus
(Interventional Cath)

Fedilica
(From Haiti)
8 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Surgery)

And The Next...

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

Geraly
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: VSD Ventricular Septal Defect, Double Chamber Right Ventricle (Surgery)

Greishlyn
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: Severe Pulmonary Stenosis, VSD (Interventional Cath)

Lesly
10 Months Old
Diagnosis: Large VSD, Severe Pulmonary Hypertension (Diagnostic Cath)

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

Liam
5 Years Old
Diagnosis: TOF
Tetralogy of Fallot - Stent
(Interventional Cath)

Luisa
11 Months Old
Diagnosis: VSD
Multiple Large VSD’s
(Diagnostic Cath & Surgery)

Nephtalie
3 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD, VSD
Atrial & Ventricular Septal Defects
(Surgery)

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

Rosa
6 Months Old
Diagnosis: VSD, PDA, Ventricular Septal Defect, Patent Ductus Arteriosus (Surgery)

Maylan
6 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD, Atrial Septal Defect (Interventional Cath)

Sophia
5 Years Old
Diagnosis: PDA, Patent Ductus Arteriosus (Interventional Cath)

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

Zoe
8 Months Old
Diagnosis: Coarctation of the Aorta, PAPVD, Bicuspid Aortic Valve
(Surgery)

Yairis
3 Years Old
Diagnosis: TOF Tetralogy of Fallot
(Surgery)

Healing the hearts of 3,000 children annually...
Answering the Prayers of Parents Each and Every Day...
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