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The fourth pediatric cardiac training visit to Grigore Alexandrescu Hospital (GAH) in Bucharest took place in Fall 2017. This is the first of three training visits planned under the current Rotary Global Grant to develop a sustainable pediatric cardiac program for the children of Romania. The development of this program is through a collaborative effort between Gift of Life International (GOLI), International Children’s Heart Foundation (ICHF), Save A Child’s Heart Foundation (SACH), Albany Medical Center (AMC) and Rotary International (RI).

The Fall 2017 training team was led by pediatric interventional cardiologist Dr. Harm Velvis from Albany Medical Center and pediatric cardiac surgeon Dr. Rodrigo Soto from ICHF. The visiting team provided one-on-one mentorship to the Romanian team members to enhance their skills in the treatment of children with heart disease. The state-of-the-art Cath Lab at GAH was opened and patients were treated via cath for the first time during this mission trip. A total of 11 children were treated during this mission trip – 8 received open-heart surgery, 3 received interventional catheterizations and one additional child received a diagnostic catheterization for future treatment.

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LOCAL AND VISITING HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS
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THANK YOU FROM SEBASTIAN
7 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect (Surgery)

THANK YOU FROM GABRIEL
6 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect (Surgery)

THANK YOU FROM MARINA
4 MONTHS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect (Surgery)

Little Hearts That Are Now Healed
THANK YOU FROM MARIA
1 1/2 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect (Surgery)

THANK YOU FROM IULIAN
2 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: Aortic Coarctation (Surgery) and Diagnostic Cath

THANK YOU FROM GEORGIANA
8 MONTHS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: VSD Ventricular Septal Defect (Surgery) and Diagnostic Cath
THANK YOU
FROM
MARIA
17 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: ASD
Atrial Septal
Defect
(Surgery)

THANK YOU
FROM
BEATRICE
3 1/2 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: ASD
Atrial Septal
Defect
(Surgery)
THANK YOU FROM ALESSIA
1 1/2 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: PS
Pulmonary Stenosis
(Interventional Cath)

THANK YOU FROM ALEXANDRU
12 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Interventional Cath)

THANK YOU FROM CHRISTIAN
9 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Interventional Cath)

THANK YOU FROM DAVID
2 MONTHS OLD
DIAGNOSIS:
Pulmonary Artresia
(Diagnostic Cath)
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