Healing Little Hearts in The Dominican Republic

November 9 - 23, 2019

Together
WE
SAVE
LIVES

26 Children Treated

Hospital Infantil Dr. Robert Reid Cabral
Santo Domingo, The Dominican Republic

Gift of Life International Training Visit Report
On Sunday, September 19, 2019, our dear friend and colleague Jesus lost his battle with cancer. We dedicate the children receiving cardiac care and the Dominican medical professionals receiving training funded under this Rotary Foundation Global Grant #1987276 in his honor.

For more than 30 years he volunteered his services providing cardiac care to impoverished children within his home country of Mexico. He participated in many surgical/training missions, traveling to the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ukraine, Macedonia and Iraq. He loved caring for so many kids, as well as being the Professor, freely sharing his vast knowledge, experience and skills with those seeking to learn from him.

Good Bye My Special Friend!
Rotarian Lynda Hammond
District 7980
The November 2019 Training Mission provided hope to Dominican children and their families. One Haitian child was also treated. A total of 26 children were treated for their heart ailments with a total of 30 completed procedures. 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. Glenn Pelletier
Dr. Neil Devejian
Pediatric Cardiac Surgeons

Dr. Helen Holtby
Dr. Victoria Sokoliuk
Anesthesiologists

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Dr. Javier Sanchez
Dr. Nicole Betancourt
Intensivists

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Jeanne Sedgwick
Scrub Nurses

Steve Taylor
Perfusionists

Chad Pezzano
Respiratory Therapist

Roger Motie
Cath Lab Technician

Roy Morris
Biomedical Engineer

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Mike McEvoy
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Katherine
Smeaton-Russell
ICU Nurses

Rob Raylman
GOLI CEO

Erin Brenner
RNFA

Dr. Herbert Stern
Interventional Cardiologist

Dr. Henrik Brun
Cardiologist
Introducing the Dominican Team
Hospital Infantil Dr. Robert Reid Cabral

Dr. Miguel Guerrero
Dr. Damaris Fernandez
Dr. Juan Manuel Espinosa
Pediatric Cardiac Surgeons

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Dr. Cesarina Juliao
Dr. Cristina Garcia
Dr. Gustavo Lazala
Dr. Wilma Perez
Dr. Rebeca Perez
Dr. Adabeyda Baez
Dr. Angelica Grullon
Dr. Jady Luz Acosta
Dr. Rosa Elena Moreta
Dr. Robert Sobet
Pediatric Cardiologists

Lucia Ramirez Ferreras
Head of OR Nursing

Patricia Baez
Head of Nursing

Leonor Nieves Carvajal
Head of ICU

Yury Rodriguez Garcia
Olga Benjamin
OR Nurses

Cardiology Nurses
Dominga de Paula, Milagros Lorenzo, Cristina Gaston, Luz Cuevas, Juana Marinez, Katerin Garcia, Dilcia Reyes, Yeisa Perez, Nieves Moreta, Dorca Batista, Nancy Martinez

ICU Nurses
Santa Mateo, Pilar Arias, Wendy Cabral, Maritza Constanza, Roselina Ferrer, Francisca Puello

Gladys Diaz
Cath Lab Technician

Maria Elena Delgado
Cath Lab Nurse

Maria Estela Ramirez
Secretary

Ana Santana
Karla Feliz
Perfusionists

Dr. Richard Medina
Interventional Cardiologist

Dr. Lianny Alcantara
Cardiology Resident
Working Together To Heal The Heart of the Next Child...
Providing Hope to Dominican Children with Heart Disease and to their Families
30 Procedures Completed

12 Surgeries (1 child operated twice)
16 Interventional Catheterizations (1 child had 2 procedures and 1 child’s cath was a failed attempt resulting in surgery)
2 Diagnostic Catheterization

26 Children Treated
Jeudley
3 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect (Surgery)

Dior
12 Years Old
Diagnosis: PAVC
Partial AV Canal (Surgery)

Hallison
14 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect (2 Surgeries)

The Next Children...

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

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

Edileinny
14 Years Old
Diagnosis: PDA
Patent Ductus Arteriosus
(Interventional Cath)

Claribel
14 Years Old
Diagnosis: PDA
Patent Ductus Arteriosus
(Interventional Cath)

Providing hope throughout the world...
And The Next...

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

**Saul**
5 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
(Surgery)

**Joseph**
2 Years Old
Diagnosis: Large VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
(Surgery)

Providing children with heart disease a second chance at life...
And The Next...

Iandra
6 Years Old
Diagnosis: Coarc Coarctation of the Aorta (Interventional Cath)

Jabe
13 Years Old
Diagnosis: Coarc Coarctation of the Aorta (Interventional Cath)

Vianny
15 Years Old
Diagnosis: PDA Patent Ductus Arteriosus (Diagnostic Cath)

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

Yadiel
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: TAPVR, ASD, PDA (Diagnostic Cath & Surgery)

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

Jeidi
3 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD Atrial Septal Defect (Interventional Cath)

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

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

And

The Next...

Ander
11 Months Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Interventional Cath)

Aimy
5 Years Old
Diagnosis: Large VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
(Surgery)

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

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

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

Maylan
4 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Interventional Cath - 2 procedures)

Healing the hearts of 3,000 children annually…
Alisha
1 Month Old
Diagnosis: BT Shunt
(Attempted Cath & Surgery)

Adriel
3 Months Old
Diagnosis: Large VSD Ventricular Septal Defect
(Surgery)

Joanny
6 Years Old
Diagnosis: TOF Tetralogy of Fallot
(Surgery)

And The Next...

In Loving Memory

93% of children born with a heart defect have no access to care...
Christopher

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

And The Next...

Amy

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

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

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