Healing Little Hearts in Kosova
Nov. 27-Dec. 5, 2021

Together We Save Lives

10 Children Treated

University Clinical Center of Kosova
Prishtina, Kosova

Gift of Life International Report
Lighting the World with Hope for Kosovar Children and their Families during a Global Pandemic

This November 2021 training visit to Prishtina, Kosovo was the third Gift of Life International trip during the global pandemic providing hope to Kosovar children and their families – something they never thought would not be possible. A total of 10 children were treated during this surgical visit. An additional 125 children were screened – including wellness checks on those who had been previously operated and diagnosis with prioritization for treatment for others.

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Thank you to our Gift of Life International Directors Frank DiMarco, Albana Krasniqi and Dr. Harm Velvis for your participation in the visit and your commitment to the children we serve.
GOLI Medical Volunteers Have Big Hearts which Heal Little Hearts
Thank you to the Gift of Life Visiting Medical Team
From Italy, New York, New Jersey and California

Dr. Francesco Santoro
Dr. Elena Ribera
Pediatric Cardiac Surgeons

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Anesthesiologist

Federica Raffin
Perfusionist

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Scrub Nurse

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Julie McNeff
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Giada Boggi
ICU Nurses

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GOLI CEO

Albana Krasniqi
GOLI Director

Frank DiMarco
GOLI Director
GOL Inc. Chairman
Introducing the Kosova Team
University Clinical Center of Kosova (UCCK)

Physicians

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Asst. Dr. Arlinda Maloku
Dr. Aferdita Mustafa

Nurses

Meireme Bislimi
Head of Team

Pashke Krasniqi
Echo Lab

Merita Vitija
Zejnepe Gerguri
Aferdita Saraqi
Elhame Krasniqi
Suzana Salihu
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Perfusionists

Vlora Abazi
Bernard Berisha
Begisha Aliu
Teuta Bajramaj
Working Together To Heal The Heart of the Next Child...
Providing Hope to Kosovar Children with Heart Disease and to their families
10 Children Treated

135 Procedures Completed

10 Surgeries

125 Children Screened
Dua
5 Years Old
Diagnosis: Subaortic Membrane (Surgery)

Melisa
3 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD Ventricular Septal Defect (Surgery)

Floar
1 1/2 Years Old
Diagnosis: TOF Tetralogy of Fallot (Surgery)

Providing Hope to the Next Child…

Spreading love throughout the world…
And the Next Child...

**Hira**
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: VSD Ventricular Septal Defect (Surgery)

**Noara**
3 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD Ventricular Septal Defect (Surgery)

**Festime**
15 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD Ventricular Septal Defect (Surgery)

Working together to provide hope to children with heart disease...
And the Next Child…

Dorian
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: VSD Ventricular Septal Defect (Surgery)

Medina
4 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD Ventricular Septal Defect (Surgery)

Noel
2 Years Old
Diagnosis: CAVP (Surgery)

Providing children with heart disease a second chance at life…
Bora
5 Years Old
Diagnosis: COARC
Coarctation of the Aorta (Surgery)

And the Next Child…

Every 3 hours a child with heart disease is cared for through our Global Network…
Answering the Prayers of Parents Each and Every Day...
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