TURNING DESPAIR TO HOPE IN THE PHILIPPINES
Philippine Children’s Medical Center, Quezon City, Manila
September 21st - 27th, 2014
13 CHILDREN TREATED...13 LIVES SAVED

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO ROTARY GG1422388 TO SAVE THESE PRECIOUS LIVES:
Rotary Club of The Pelhams, Rotary Districts 7500, 7230, 3830, 3350, Rotary Clubs of Pisgah Forest, Hendersonville, Black Mountain, Brevard, Long Neck Sunrise, and The Filipino American Community of WNC
Global partners joined together at the Philippine Children’s Medical Center in Quezon City, Manila for the third medical training visit sponsored through Gift of Life International and a Rotary Global Grant where the lives of 13 Filipino children were saved. Thank you to the team from Duke University Medical Center, led by pediatric cardiac surgeon Dr. Andrew Lodge. The Duke team returned for their second training visit to share their knowledge and skills with the Filipino pediatric cardiac surgery and aftercare team, led by Makati West Rotarian and pediatric cardiac surgeon Dr. Karl Reyes.

The focus of the mission was to strengthen the cohesiveness of the Filipino pediatric cardiac team and further enhance their knowledge and skill level; therefore, empowering them to provide care for children suffering from heart disease in their own country. During patient selection, a collaborative decision was made to concentrate training on ventricular septal defects (VSD) and tetrology of fallot (TOF) defects. By narrowing the field of defects treated, more intense training is possible both in the operating theatre and the intensive care unit to perfect skills needed to treat children with these specific maladies.

In-country mission logistics were managed meticulously by the host Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Makati West. International Rotary partner, Joe Castro from the Rotary Club of Pisgah Forest and Gift of Life of Western Carolinas traveled to Manila to provide non-medical assistance. Visiting Rotarians, Diane Rotondelli and Bill Donnelly from Rotary District 7500 Gift of Life Foundation also made the 8,500 mile journey to witness lives being saved.
THANK YOU TO DUKE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER VISITING TEAM

Our sincere thanks to the incredible medical professionals from the Duke University Medical Center for giving of their time and sharing their knowledge and skills to help save the children of the Philippines.

VISITING TEAM:
Dr. Andrew Lodge  
*Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon*

Dr. Gregory Tatum  
*Pediatric Cardiologist*

Dr. Warwick Ames  
*Anesthesiologist*

Dr. Shannon Tew  
*Anesthesiologist*

Richard Walczak  
*Perfusionist*

Samantha Kaiser  
*Perfusionist*

Michelle Figuerres  
*OR Nurse*

Mariamma Thomas  
*OR Nurse*

Jennifer Turi  
*ICU Nurse*

Jean Koo  
*Nurse Practitioner*

Tonya Thompson  
*ICU Nurse*

Meghann Bryant  
*ICU Nurse*

Lisa Storozuk  
*ICU Nurse*

Karen Everson  
*ICU Nurse*

Ashley Griffin  
*ICU Nurse*

Amy Zinn  
*Respiratory Therapist*
THANK YOU TO THE PHILIPPINE CHILDREN’S MEDICAL CENTER TEAM

Our sincere thanks to the doctors and nurses from the Philippine Children’s Medical Center for their support, coordination and teamwork to help make this mission a success.

FILIPINO TEAM:

Dr. Karl Reyes
Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon
Dr. Leah Arceo-Plucena
Pediatric Cardiologist/Intensivist
Dr. Jonas Del Rosario
Pediatric Cardiologist
Section Chief of Cardiology
Dr. Ina Bunyi
Pediatric Cardiologist
Jonathan Acay
Perfusionist
Rico Flores
Perfusionist
Jerry Oblego
Perfusionist
Keya P. Bohol
Echo Technologist
Perla B. Samson
Echo Technologist
Dr. Alice Herico
PICU
Dr. Audrey Navarro
PICU
Dr. Charissa Cua
PICU
Dr. Elarnie Carreos
Cardio Rotator
Dr. Julius Lecciones
Executive Director
Dr. MaryAnn Bunyi
Head Executive Assistant
Dr. Vincente Gomez
Head Surgical & Allied Medical Services

We extend a special thank you to the leadership of PCMC for their great support during the mission. The dedication of the entire staff significantly contributed to the success of the mission.
THE SHARING OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

A very special thank you to the team from Duke University Medical Center for making the 8,500 mile trip to empower the pediatric cardiac surgery and aftercare team at the Philippine Children’s Medical Center (PCMC) by sharing their knowledge and skills. This transfer of skills is essential to the development of a sustainable pediatric cardiac program where Filipino medical professionals are able to provide the necessary care to the children in their own country who suffer from heart disease. We are also grateful for the substantial donation of medical supplies which they brought and donated to the pediatric cardiac program at PCMC.

We would also like to thank Edwards LifeSciences and MAP International for their donation of medical supplies to help make this a successful week of surgeries.
VISITING ROTARIANS AT WORK

Visiting Rotarians, Diane Rotondelli and Bill Donnelly from Rotary District 7500 traveled from New York to Manila to participate in the training mission. They provided help with non-medical logistics such as unpacking and inventory of supplies and meds. They also provided comfort and support to the children during recovery and to their parents while they waited for their children to return from the operating theatre.

Visiting Rotarian and International Partner, Joe Castro from the Rotary Club of Pisgah Forest also assisted with non-medical logistics and was instrumental in working with the Duke team to process their documents for approval by the Philippine government.

A very special thank you to Gift of Life International Director Lou Del Rosario for his leadership and dedication without which this mission would not have been possible.
MAKATI WEST ROTARIANS AT WORK

As always, the Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Makati West were instrumental in coordinating all in-country logistics to ensure a successful mission. From the time they greeted the Duke team at the airport until the team’s departure, they provided exceptional hospitality and logistical support. They also visited with the children and their parents at PCMC to provide comfort and support.

A special acknowledgement to President A.P. Bartolome, Treasurer Ruy Moreno, Coordinator Cynthia Andrade and all Makati West Rotarians for their dedication and meticulous attention to detail which contributed to a successful mission where the attention was focused on training of the Filipino team and saving the lives of the children in need.
GRATEFUL CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS

On behalf of the children operated and their parents, we wish to thank the following fundamental organizations for helping to turn despair to hope for these families during the week of the training mission.

**FUNDAMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- Rotary International
- Rotary Club of Makati West
- Rotary Club of Pisgah Forest
- Gift of Life Rotary District 7500
- Rotary Club of The Pelhams
- Duke University Medical Center
- Philippine Children’s Medical Center
- Operation Heart Foundation
- Philippine Ministry of Health
- Philippine Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Philippine Embassy in the United States
- Philippine Ambassador to the United States, Jose L. Cuisia Jr.

The children who were operated last year during the Duke University training mission returned to express their gratitude and show the team how happy and healthy they are after receiving their gift of life.
CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED CATHETERIZATION PROCEDURES

Rotary Global Grant #1422388 will fund catheterization procedures for 45 Filipino children over the next several months. The first three children received their catheterization procedures and their second chance at life during the week of the training mission. A special thank you to Filipino pediatric interventional cardiologist, Dr. Jonas Del Rosario for coordinating the catheterization program and providing these children with their second chance at life.

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16 years old
Diagnosis: TOF
Tetralogy of Fallot
Date of Surgery: 09/22/14

RHEAN
6 years old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: 09/22/14

FAITH
5 years old
Diagnosis: TOF
Tetralogy of Fallot
Date of Surgery: 09/23/14

KARL
2 years old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: 09/23/14

JOVANY
5 years old
Diagnosis: TOF
Tetralogy of Fallot
Date of Surgery: 09/24/14
JANNA
7 years old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: 09/26/14

JARED
1 year old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: 09/26/14

SHAUNA
1 year old
Diagnosis: ASD, VSD
Atrial and Ventricular Septal Defects
Date of Surgery: 09/25/14

JHON PATRICK
14 years old
Diagnosis: Dysplastic Pulmonary Valve with Pulmonic Stenosis
Date of Surgery: 09/25/14

HANNAH
10 months old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: 09/24/14

JARED
1 year old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: 09/26/14

JANNA
7 years old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: 09/26/14
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