Healing Little Hearts in The Dominican Republic

September 11 - 19, 2021

Together We Save Lives

17 Children Treated

CEDIMAT Hospital
Santo Domingo, The Dominican Republic

Gift of Life International Training Visit Report
The September 2021 training visit to CEDIMAT Hospital in Santo Domingo provided treatment to 17 children for their heart ailments with a total of 21 procedures performed. This was the 5th visit completed to CEDIMAT by the Gift of Life Training team since the beginning of the global pandemic.

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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. Rodrigo Soto  
Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon  
GOLI Clinical Consultant

Dr. Denise Lopez Domowicz  
Dr. Christine Vohwinkel  
Intensivists

Arlene LeMin  
Scrub Nurse

Colleen McGauley  
Leny Demafilles  
ICU Nurses

Dr. Cecilia Britton  
Interventional Cardiologist

Lindsay Bailar  
Respiratory Therapist
Introducing the Dominican Team
CEDIMAT Hospital

Cardiology Medical Director
Dr. Cesar Herrera

Pediatric Cardiac Surgery
Dr. Juan León

Anesthesiology
Dr. Llefer Sánchez
Dra. Vicky Adames
Dr. Hamlet Herrera

Perfusionists
Dr. Fradwikings Vargas
Yahaira Ramirez
Brigida Aguerrevere

OR Nurse
Crusita Fernandez

Respiratory Therapist
Romulo Parra

Pediatric Cardiology
Dra. Rebeca Pérez (Director)
Dra. Adabeyda Baez
Dra. Cynthia Rosario
Dra. Angela Vasquez
Dra Sahony Ciriaci (R1)
Dra Laura Santana (R1)

Pediatric ICU
Dra. Carisa Nieves (Director)
Dra. Francia Lapaix
Dra. Ana Leticia Lopez
Dra. Adriana Martinez
Dra. Cely Mary Valois Mézquita
Dra. Rosalia Cedeño
Dr. Juan Orozco (R2)
Dr. Ariel Noesi (R2)
Dra Yodeiny Reyes (R1)

Cath Lab Team
Dra. Adabeyda Baez
Dr. Victor Rodriguez (Cardiology Resident)
Dra. Tatiana Alburquerque (Cardiology Resident)
Dra. Yadermis Trinidad (Cardiology Resident)
Brito Guevara

RN and Auxiliary Staff
Lic. Gloria Peña (Recovery)
Lic. Andrea Mendez
(Ward and Outpatients Clinic)
Lic. Altagracia Mora (PICU)
Cruz Maria Abad
Lorenza Mieses
Alexis Rodriguez
Leonel Ramirez
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
17 Children Treated
21 Procedures Completed
10 Open Heart Surgeries
3 Interventional Catheterizations
8 Diagnostic Catheterizations
SAMARA
2 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD, PDA Ventricular Septal Defect, Patent Ductus Arteriosus (Surgery)

KEIDER
9 Months Old
Diagnosis: VSD Ventricular Septal Defect (Surgery)

More than 40,000 little hearts healed since 1975...
YONAIDI
2 Months Old
Diagnosis: VSD, PDA, Ventricular Septal Defect, Patent Ductus Arteriosus (Surgery)

CRISTOPHER
8 Months Old
Diagnosis: VSD, Ventricular Septal Defect (Surgery)

HANLY
6 Months Old
Diagnosis: PAPVD, VSD, ASD, severe PH (Diagnostic Cath & Surgery)

And The Next...

Lighting the World with Hope, One Child at a Time...
EIMY RACHEL
7 Months Old
Diagnosis: VSD, ASD, PDA
(Surgery)

ETHAN
6 Months Old
Diagnosis: Unbalanced AVSD
Surgery: PA Band
(Diagnostic Cath & Surgery)

JAYCOB
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: Tricuspid Atresia
Glenn Procedure
(Diagnostic Cath & Surgery)

And The Next...

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

ANGEL
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: Transitional AV Canal
(Diagnostic Cath & Surgery)

ELLERY
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: PDA, PH, Dextrocardia, AV Canal, Levoisomerism
(Diagnostic Cath)

ABBY
2 Months Old
Diagnosis: Severe Pulmonary Stenosis
(Interventional Cath)

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

YUNIOR
4 Years Old
Diagnosis: DORV, VSD, Severe PH
(Diagnostic Cath)

ZAID
2 Years Old
Diagnosis: Severe Pulmonary Valve Stenosis
(Interventional Cath)

YOSMAHRY
4 Years Old
Diagnosis: Severe Coarctation of the Aorta
(Interventional Cath)

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

**BRITANNY**
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: TOF
Tetralogy of Fallot,
Severe Stenosis
(Diagnostic Cath)

**KEIDY**
10 Years Old
Diagnosis: AS
Aortic Stenosis
(Diagnostic Cath)

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