11 JAMAICAN CHILDREN RECEIVED A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE

Gift of Life International partnered with Chain of Hope to provide 4 children with corrective open-heart surgery and 7 children with catheterization procedures giving them a new lease on life. Additionally, the Chain of Hope visiting medical team provided training to the Jamaican surgical, cath lab and aftercare teams to enhance their skills. A big thank you to the Rotary Clubs of Delmar, Latham, Glens Falls, Scotia, Schenectady, Rotterdam Sunrise, Portmore, Westlake Village and District 7190 for partnering on a Rotary Matching Grant to make this training visit possible.
Gift of Life International announced the ‘Our Hearts Are in Jamaica’ program in January of 2011. This global initiative was developed to:

1. provide life-saving surgeries to 20 Jamaican children
2. reduce the waiting list of pediatric cardiac patients in Jamaica, and
3. heighten the awareness throughout the United States and elsewhere as to the needs of the Jamaican children.

Through the efforts undertaken by Gift of Life International during the ‘Our Hearts Are in Jamaica” program, we became aware of the decades of commitment that Chain of Hope UK had invested in Jamaica. Subsequently, we formed a global partnership with this well-respected organization and now work side-by-side to develop a sustainable pediatric cardiac surgery and aftercare program at the Bustamante Hospital for Children in Kingston, Jamaica.

A major component of developing a sustainable program in Jamaica is the empowerment of the Jamaican doctors and nurses who make up the surgical and aftercare team. This empowerment entails:

1. the coordination and sponsoring of skills transfer training visits
2. the acquisition of equipment to ensure positive patient outcomes and
3. the purchase of essential supplies so that surgeries may be conducted on a reliable basis.
The Gift of Life program of Rotary District 7190 has a strong history of participating in Gift of Life International ‘Our Hearts Are in...’ global initiatives. Since 2009 they have sponsored children from Uganda, El Salvador and Jamaica who received care through the ‘Our Hearts Are in ...’ initiatives. In 2011, the Rotary District 7190 GOL sponsored Jannel Peart for surgery at Albany Medical Center in Albany, New York. Jannel was one of the twenty children provided a second chance at life through the “Our Hearts Are in Jamaica” program. Additionally, Rotary District 7190 GOL sponsored another child, Demayue Clark, to have surgery in Jamaica with the operation performed by the Jamaican Team.

Rotary District 7190 Gift of Life has now followed up on its sponsorship of these two children with the sponsorship of a training visit to Bustamante Hospital for Children by Gift of Life International’s global partner Chain of Hope UK. Thanks to the generosity of the GOL District 7190 and the Rotary Clubs of: Latham, Delmar, Scotia, Glens Falls, Schenectady, Rotterdam Sunrise, Portmore, Westlake Village and Rotary District 7190, 11 Jamaican children received the gift of life and the Jamaican Surgical and Aftercare team received further training enhancing their skills level enabling them to treat care for Jamaican children on a reliable basis. We are indebted to the leadership of District Governor Melissa Ward, District Foundation Chair Dan Stec and GOL District 7190 President Tom Burdick who worked to secure the funding for the The Rotary Foundation matching grant that supported this training visit. Additionally, we would like to extend a special thank you to Pat Herman, Richard Hodge, Dr. Sam Ciccio for their years of commitment to the GOL District 7190 and the children who have had their lives saved by it.

CHAIN OF HOPE UK

Gift of Life International is very proud to partner with Chain of Hope UK (COH) to develop a sustainable pediatric cardiac surgery and aftercare program. The training team which conducted this mission was organized and co-funded by COH and included experienced and well-respected doctors and nurses from around the world. We would like to thank COH Executive Director Emma Scanlan for her leadership and expert guidance of the overall efforts in Jamaica. Additionally, we are greatly appreciative of the COH Overseas Operations Manager Lucy Ossack and the COH Mission Coordinator Irene Escribo who ensured a smoothly run training visit. And last but not least, thank you to the entire visiting training team who gave of their time and skills to continue to empower the Jamaican Team to do what they were trained to do: save their kids!
THE ADMINISTRATION OF BUSTAMANTE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN

Gift of Life International is proud to partner with Bustamante Hospital for Children in Jamaica. We would like to thank the leadership of the hospital for their unwavering support for our efforts, especially Mr. Anthony Wood, Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Michelle Ann Dawson, Senior Medical Officer and Patricia Martin, Matron of Nursing. Without their commitment to the children of Jamaica and support of our efforts, this mission would not have been possible.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH/SOUTHEAST REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

The role of Government is an essential component of any effort to create a reliable, sustainable pediatric cardiac surgery and aftercare program in a developing country. We are fortunate and thankful to have as our partner in Jamaica the Ministry of Health and the Southeast Regional Health Authority. We would like to thank Minister of Health Rt Hon Fenton Ferguson and the Chairman of the Southeast Regional Health Authority Mr. Lyttleton Shirley.

JAMAICAN SURGICAL AND AFTERCARE TEAM

A very heartfelt thank you goes out to the entire Jamaican Pediatric Cardiac Surgical and Aftercare Team for the inspirational and expert care they provide the children of Jamaican. They are clearly the future of the program and the ones that will lead the way for the successful establishment of the program. Additionally, we thank all staff members at Bustamante Hospital for Children for their support of the training mission and for their dedication to the children being cared for at the hospital.
The Chain of Hope visiting pediatric cardiac medical team based out of the United Kingdom:

Cardiothoracic Surgeon: Professor Egil Seem  
Cardiac Anaesthetist: Dr. Christopher Chin  
Interventional Cardiologist: Dr. Alan Magee  
Cardiac Intensivist: Dr. Intikhab Zafurallah  
Cardiac Intensive Care Nurse Educator: Ms. Maura O’Callaghan  
Cardiac Intensive Care Nurses: Ms. Lucy Silver, Ms. Gail Murphy  
Clinical Nurse Educator: Ms. Ines Souto  
Biomedical Engineering Educator: Mr. Yoseph Mebrate

The Jamaican pediatric cardiac medical team from Bustamante Hospital:

Cardiac Surgeon: Dr. Sherard Little  
Head of Anaesthesia: Dr. Lambert Innis  
Cardiac Anaesthetist: Dr. Cleopatra Patterson  
Cardiologists: Dr. Sharonne Forrester, Dr. Charmaine Scott  
Perfusionists: Ms. Dorothy Pinnock, Mr. Fitzhugh Forest  
Theatre Manager: Ms. Viviene Bowen  
Cardiac Theatre Nurses: Nurse Darla Savoury, Nurse Cunningham  
Head of Nursing Services: Matron Patricia Ingram Martin  

As in every training visit, the Jamaican team was matched with members of the visiting team to enable the transfer of skills. We are grateful to all members of the staff and administration at Bustamante Hospital for their assistance in making this training visit a success.
**CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED CATH PROCEDURES**

A total of 7 children received a second chance at life through non-invasive catheterization procedures. All children have recovered, are back home with their families and are very grateful for their gift of life.

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**CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED OPEN-HEART SURGERY**

A total of 4 children received a second chance at life through open-heart surgery. All children have recovered, are back home with their families and are very grateful for their gift of life.

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CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED CATH PROCEDURES

Thank you for giving these children the gift of life: Richard, Michaela, Justin F., Brianna, Zavian, Tarick, Justin W.

CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED OPEN HEART SURGERY

Thank you for providing these children with a second chance at life: Selena, Davia, Rojae, D’Aundre
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