Dominican Republic Visit
Message from our CEO

OUR 9TH VISIT TO CEDIMAT HOSPITAL IN SANTO DOMINGO,
the Dominican Republic since March 2020 saw 17 precious children treated for their heart defects. The partnership we have developed with the healthcare professionals at Cedimat allows us to provide the best possible care to the children we serve in the Dominican Republic.

We continue to be led by Dr. Rodrigo Soto, Gift of Life International Clinical Consultant and pediatric cardiac surgeon. This time we were joined by Dr. Lee Benson, pediatric cardiac interventionalist, who performed 12 interventional and diagnostic cath procedures.

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We dedicate this report to all Dominican children who need our help but as of yet we have not met!

Rob Raylman
CEO, GOLI
10 Little Hearts Treated | Surgery

**VICTOR**  
Age: 5 Years

**VIANALLELI**  
Age: 6 Years

**JEAN**  
Age: 17 Years

**NEYTHAN**  
Age: 8 Months

**LAURA**  
Age: 5 Years  
*Diagnostic Cath*

**IVANY**  
Age: 5 Months
10 Little Hearts Treated | Surgery

**DANIEL**
*Age: 20 Years*
*Diagnostic Cath*

**DARELYN**
*Age: 1 Year*
*Diagnostic Cath*

**ALONSO**
*Age: 1 Year*
*Diagnostic Cath*

**EVA**
*Age: 1 Year*
*Diagnostic Cath*

**ABOVE:** Little Eva with her mother
7 Little Hearts Treated | Catheterization

**EIZER**  
Age: 9 Months

**EMIL**  
Age: 4 Years  
*Diagnostic procedure*

**YADIELIS**  
Age: 3 Years

**YAHIR**  
Age: 7 Months

**JESLI**  
Age: 3 Years

**JOMARY**  
Age: 8 Years

**MARIA**  
Age: 1 Month
Thank You to the Medical Teams

*We are proud of our partnership with Cedimat Hospital, Latiendo Por Ti and Rotarians in the Dominican Republic and around the world and the care we provide the children we serve.*

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<td>Dr. Cesar Herrara – Cardiology Medical Director</td>
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<td>Dra. Rebeca Pérez – Pediatric Cardiology (Director)</td>
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| Dra. Adabeyda Baez – Pediatric Cardiology | Dr. Yodeiny Reyes – Pediatric ICU (R1) |
| Dra. Adabeyda Baez – Cath Lab Team | Dra. Yodeiny Reyes – PICU Nurse |
| Dr. Victor Rodriguez – Cath Lab Team (Cardiology Resident) | Cruz Maria Abad – RN and Auxiliary Staff |
| Dra. Tatiana Alburquerque – Cath Lab Team (Cardiology Resident) | Lorenza Mieses – RN and Auxiliary Staff |
| Dra. Yadermis Trinidad – Cath Lab Team (Cardiology Resident) | Alexis Rodriguez – RN and Auxiliary Staff |
| Brito Guevara – Cath Lab Team | Leonel Ramirez – RN and Auxiliary Staff |
| Lic. Gloria Peña – RN and Auxiliary Staff (Recovery) | Jael Perez – RN and Auxiliary Staff |
| Lic. Andrea Mendoza – RN and Auxiliary Staff (Ward and Outpatients Clinic) | Barny Valerio – RN and Auxiliary Staff |
| Lic. Altagracia Mora – RN and Auxiliary Staff (PICU) | Samuel Lora – RN and Auxiliary Staff |
| Lic. Maria Peña – RN and Auxiliary Staff | Greisy Hiciano – RN and Auxiliary Staff |
| Lic. Yadermis Trinidad – RN and Auxiliary Staff | Kamieng Chan – RN and Auxiliary Staff |

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Thank you to our Partners & Sponsors

This work we do takes a global network of donors, like-minded partners, volunteers and healthcare professionals to develop sustainable pediatric cardiac programs.

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Whatever it takes to heal the heart of the next child since 1975 ... nearly 44,000 hearts healed to date!