Dominican Republic Visit
Message from our CEO

THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAS ALWAYS HELD A SPECIAL PLACE IN OUR HEARTS. For over two decades, we have worked to provide hope and care to Dominican children with heart disease. Thanks in large part to the leadership of Rotarians Jordi Gasso and Lynda Hammond, our work has sustained over the years. Sadly, we lost Lynda last year but her spirit and advocacy for the children of The Dominican Republic remains with us.

This past March we conducted our 8th training visit to Cedimat Hospital in Santo Domingo since October 2020. We were able to provide care to 24 precious children. Our team was led by Dr. Rodrigo Soto, Gift of Life International Clinical Consultant and pediatric cardiac surgeon and interventional cardiologist Dr. John Breinholt.

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We are pleased to present this report in Memory of Lynda Hammond and in Honor of the precious children we served.

Rob Raylman
CEO, Gift of Life International
Thanks to the amazing teamwork between our training team and the local pediatric cardiac team at Cedimat, we were able to deliver care to 25 children in need.

- YAILIN: Age: 9 Months
- ANDREILY: Age: 4 Months
- HARISLEYDY: Age: 6 Years
- CRISMEILY: Age: 3 Months
- EIMY: Age: 8 Months
- YEIDEL: Age: 2 Years

*Surgery & Catheterization
25 Little Hearts Treated | Surgery

XARIEL
Age: 11 Months

ELIAN
Age: 2 Years

LIAM
Age: 8 Months

EITHEN
Age: 5 Months

MARYANNA
Age: 4 Months
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ALONSO
Age: 10 Months

BESTARY
Age: 6 Years

ANDRES
Age: 5 Years

ADRIAN
Age: 8 Years

JADELIN
Age: 2 Years

FRAILIN
Age: 3 Years

YINERY
Age: 15 Days
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- **SOPHIA**
  - Age: 5 Years

- **JAILA**
  - Age: 1 Year

- **KAREN**
  - Age: 4 Years

- **YEIKOL**
  - Age: 5 Years

- **DANIEL**
  - Age: 12 Years

- **ENGEL**
  - Age: 12 Years

- **ELIXANDRA**
  - Age: 18 Years
Thank You to the Medical Teams

We are proud of our partnership with Cedimat leadership and healthcare professionals. Our training teams work side-by-side with the Dominican team to deliver the best possible care to children.
Thank You to the Medical Teams
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.

Rotary International, Rotary Clubs and Districts, Gift of Life affiliates, Cedimat Hospital, Chain of Hope UK, Fundacion “Latiendo por ti”
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Whatever it takes to heal the heart of the next child since 1975 ... nearly 44,000 hearts healed to date!