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HEART HEALERS IN ACTION
Developing a Sustainable Pediatric Cardiac Program in Romania

The fifth pediatric cardiac training visit to Grigore Alexandrescu Hospital (GAH) in Bucharest took place in January 2018. This is the second of three training visits planned under the current Rotary Global Grant to develop a sustainable pediatric cardiac program for the children of Romania. The development of this program is through a collaborative effort between Gift of Life International (GOLI), International Children’s Heart Foundation (ICHF), Save A Child’s Heart Foundation (SACH), Albany Medical Center (AMC) and Rotary International (RI).

The January 2018 training team was led by pediatric cardiac surgeon Dr. Rodrigo Soto from ICHF. The visiting team provided one-on-one mentorship to the Romanian team members to enhance their skills in the treatment of children with heart disease. History was made during this mission week when the local Romanian team successfully completed their first-ever pediatric cardiac surgery at GAH with a Romanian only team. A total of 17 children were treated during this mission trip - 9 received open-heart surgery, 5 received interventional catheterizations and 3 received diagnostic catheterizations.

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LOCAL AND VISITING HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS
THANK YOU FROM JESSICA
3 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Surgery)

THANK YOU FROM ROBERT
9 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: AVSD
Atrial Ventricular Septal Defect
(Surgery)

THANK YOU FROM FLORIN
10 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: Pulmonary Stenosis
(Interventional Cath)

Little Hearts That Are Now Healed
THANK YOU FROM ROBERTO
6 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: AVSD
Atrial Ventricular Septal Defect
(Diagnostic Cath)

THANK YOU FROM ILINCA
9 MONTHS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
(Surgery)

THANK YOU FROM SOLOMON
10 MONTHS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
(Surgery)
THANK YOU FROM ADRIANA
8 MONTHS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: TGA
Single Ventricle, Transposition of the Great Arteries (Diagnostic Cath)

THANK YOU FROM FLORICA
11 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: AVSD
Atrial Ventricular Septal Defect (Diagnostic Cath)

THANK YOU FROM COSMIN
3 MONTHS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect (Surgery)
THANK YOU FROM ANTONIO
10 MONTHS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: VSD, PDA Large Ventricular Septal Defect, Small PDA (Surgery)

THANK YOU FROM ERICA
15 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: ASD Atrial Septal Defect (Interventional Cath)

THANK YOU FROM CRISTIAN
7 DAYS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: Critical Pulmonary Stenosis (Interventional Cath)

THANK YOU FROM MARIA
22 MONTHS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: TOF Tetralogy of Fallot (Surgery)
THANK YOU FROM
NICOLETA
10 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
(Surgery)

THANK YOU FROM
STEFAN
3 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Surgery)

THANK YOU FROM
TUDOR
16 MONTHS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Interventional Cath)

THANK YOU FROM
ANA
14 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: Coarctation of the Aorta
(Interventional Cath)
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