SURGICAL & CATHETERIZATION VISIT REPORT | JUNE 4-10, 2023

Healing Little Hearts in Dominican Republic

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Message from our CEO

Our visit last week to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic to heal the hearts of 19 precious children had an added significance to it. The work we do is always special in that we transform the lives of children and give them hope to pursue the dreams they once thought impossible; however, this past visit was additionally special in that it was conducted in Memory of Abraham I. Gordon.

Not only did Abe hold the position of Rotary International Vice President, District Governor of Rotary District 7980 and numerous other Rotary titles, he was also a staunch supporter of and advocate for Gift of Life. Abe could always be counted on to help spread the vision of Gift of Life from county to country, continent to continent. We will dearly miss Abe but forever smile when we think of his kind heart and strong leadership.

In Memory of Abe, Rotary Clubs and the District of 7980 joined our like-minded partner Chain of Hope in sponsoring this visit. Dr. Rodrigo Soto, our clinical consultant, led our team of volunteer healthcare professionals in empowering our partners at Cedimat to care for their children. Dr. John Breinholt worked with the local interventional catheterization team to provide care to 12 children on our waiting list. We are blessed to have a strong Gift of Life Global Network which time after time comes together to do whatever it takes to provide care to our next child.

With Gratitude and In Memory of Our Dear Friend Abe,

Rob Raylman
CEO, Gift of Life International
19 Little Hearts Treated with Surgeries and Catheterizations

Ethan
AGE: 4 years
(Surgery)

Leslie
AGE: 9 years
(Surgery)

Genesis
AGE: 8 months
(Surgery)

Angel
AGE: 13 years
(Surgery)

Luis
AGE: 2 years - Surgery
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**Fraily**
AGE: 16 years
(Surgery)

**Sephora**
AGE: 4 years
(Surgery & Diag Catheterization)

**Liah**
AGE: 9 months
(Surgery & Diag Catheterization)

**Yefri**
AGE: 9 months
(Surgery)
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Maria
AGE: 18 years
(Catheterization)

Elixandra
AGE: 20 years
(Catheterization)

Daymond
AGE: 3 years
(Surgery & Diag Catheterization)

Yisleidy
AGE: 11 years
(Catheterization)

Esther
AGE: 7 months - Cath
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Alahya
AGE: 1 month
(Catheterization)

Ana
AGE: 11 months
(Catheterization)

Elian
AGE: 10 years
(Catheterization)

Aisha
AGE: 4 years
(Catheterization)

Walcris
AGE: 17 years - Cath
Thank you to the Medical Teams

LOCAL TEAM FROM CEDIMAT HOSPITAL:

Dr. Cesar Herrara - Chief/Medical Officer/Dir. of Cardiology
Dra. Rebeca Pérez - Chief of Pediatric Cardiology
Dra. Adabeyda Baz - Pediatric Interventional Cardiologist
Dra. Angela Vasquez - Pediatric Cardiologist
Dra. Cynthia Rosario - Pediatric Cardiologist
Dra. Sahony Ciriaco - Cardiology Resident (R1)
Dra. Laura Santana - Cardiology Resident (R2)
Dra. Sardy Rosario - Cardiology Resident (R2)
Dra. Esterina Lopez - Cardiology Resident (R2)
Dra. Leonela Rosario - Cardiology Resident (R1)
Dr. Roberto James - CardioVascular Surgeon
Dra. Leidy Villar - CV Surgical Resident (R2)
Dra. Michelle Felix - CV Surgical Resident (R2)
Dr. Llefer Sánchez - Anesthesiologist
Dra. Vicky Adams - Anesthesiologist
Dr. Hamlet Herrera - Anesthesiologist
Brígida Aguerrevere - Chief of Perfusion
Yahaira Ramirez - Perfusionist
Rosa Maria Roman - Perfusionist
Jorge Ramirez - Perfusionist Student
Angela Ceballos - Perfusionist Student
Stephanie Villanueva - Perfusionist Student
Crusita Fernandez - OR Nurse Coordinator
Heidrich Silverio - OR Nurse
Ruth Castro - OR Nurse
Victor De Leon - OR Nurse
Claudia Rodriguez - OR Nurse
Mirian Milano - OR Nurse
Kelvin Hernandez - OR Nurse
Margaritha Fureal - OR Nurse
Dra. Carisa Nieves - PICU (Director)
Dra. Francy Lapaix - PICU Internist
Dra. Adriana Martinez - PICU Internist
Dra. Cely Valois - PICU Internist
Dr. Juan Orozco - PICU Internist
Dra. Yodeliny Reyes - PICU Internist
Dra. Rosalia Cedeño - PICU Internist
Romulo Parra - Respiratory Therapist
Altair Mora - RN
Gloria Piena - RN
Andrea Mendez - RN
Keyla Cuevas - RN
Mercedes Batista - RN
Juana de la Cruz - RN
Leissy del Rosario - CNA
Linet Coco - CNA
Gisela Guzman - RN
Adelaida Soto - RN
Carolin Castillo - RN
Yurileidy Luna - CNA
Yelusa Valdez - CNA
Ylma Jose - RN
Marina Emiliano - RN
Luis Kelly - RN
Verónica Beltrán - RN
Yelisí Santana - CNA
Yenny Taveras - RN
Yakaira Turbi - RN
Achel Alejandra - RN
Angelica Antigua - RN
Angelina Piña - RN
Yelida Valdez - RN
Noemi Paulino - RN
Alexandra Guzmán - CNA
Cintia Zaruela - RN
Keyla Beriguete - RN
Candida Amparo - RN

VISITING GIFT OF LIFE HEALTHCARE TEAM:

Dr. Rodrigo Soto - Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon, GOLI Clinical Consultant
Dr. Tom Karl - Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon
Dr. John Breinholt - Interventional Cardiologist
Dr. Daniel Garros - Internist
Dr. Andrew Van Bergen - Internist
May Chan - Scrub Nurse
Kelly Davis - PICU Nurse
Rosa Boyett - PICU Nurse
Lindsay Bailey - Respiratory Therapist
Kelsey Navin - Perfusionist
Thank you to the Medical Teams
Thank you to our Partners and Sponsors
Whatever it takes to heal the heart of a child.

Over 46,000 hearts healed to date!

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