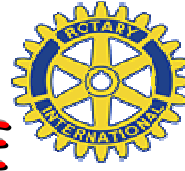




GIFT OF LIFE



A Rotary project to save the lives of children suffering from heart ailments

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Dated, New Delhi, the 1st March 2021

Dear Gift of Life volunteers and well-wishers,

The year 2020 was not good for Gift of Life (GOL) because hospitals were discouraging us to refer CHD children to them for open heart surgeries due to Covid-19 epidemic.

Despite stringent medical protocols, travel restrictions, pandemic scare and non-availability of beds at hospitals, Gift of Life India managed to treat ten children. The lockdown was declared by Government of India on 23 March 2020. It is almost an year now! International travel restriction has been extended till end March 2021 by Govt.

Slowly situation is improving. We hope that rest part of 2021 would be more comfortable for children to seek medical assistance.

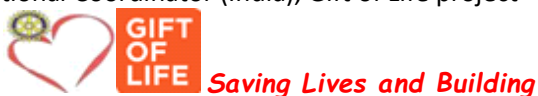
We received approvals for three global grants; (i) GG No 2094671 and (ii) GG No 2098612 for open heart surgery of Indian CHD children and also (iii) GG No 2016054 for open heart surgery of Nigerian CHD children. As soon as international travel ban is lifted by Rotary International Hqrs, we shall request International partner Club, Rotary Club of Wuse Central-abuja of D9126 and supporting organization "Gift of International" to initiate passport/visa for the children from Nigeria to travel to India.

We hope that more and more children suffering from congenital heart diseases from different parts of India and beyond borders will be benefited in the coming months.

We thank you for your cooperation and assistance which you extended to Gift of Life India to overcome difficulties faced during the epidemic period.

With kind regards,

AC Peter
National Coordinator (India), Gift of Life project



Anya, 9 years, female, J&K referred by Rotary Club of Udhampur underwent procedure at Escorts Heart Institute and Research Centre, New Delhi on 18 January 2021.



Tushar, 12 years, male, Himachal Pradesh, referred by Rotary Club of Mandi was operated at Narayana Hospital, Katra on 24 December 2020. He underwent valve replacement also.

NEXT OPEN HEART SURGERY OF CHD CHILD PLANNED

Jannatul Ferdous, 2.5 years, female referred by Rotary Club of Chittagong, **Bangladesh** will be admitted at Escorts hospital, New Delhi on 1st March 2021. RC Chittagong (Bangladesh) and RC Shillong (India) are coordinating. Child will travel from Chittagong to Kolkata and then to New Delhi. Arrangements are in place to meet the likely difficulties to be posed by Covid-19 pandemic, especially in view of inter-country travel.



Jovana, 4 years, female referred by Rotary Club of Piravom River Valley underwent open heart surgery at Amrita hospital, Kochi on 23 December 2020.



Sumit Sharma, 15 years, male referred by Rotary Club of Rajouri underwent procedure at Escorts hospital, New Delhi on 12 November 2020



Saurabh Kumar, 9 months, male referred by Rotary Club of Giridih was operated at Amrita hospital on 13 April 2020



Ayat, 2 years, female referred by Rotary Club of Rajouri was operated on 23 November 2020 at Narayana Hospital



Sushma Devi, 19 years, female referred by Rotary Club of Udhampur underwent cardiac procedure at Artemis hospital, Gurgaon on 5 November 2020.



Rajni Devi, 8 years, female referred by Rotary Club of Rajouri was admitted at Narayana hospital, Katra on 19 Jan 2021 but could not be operated due to complex nature of CHD.



Rugaye

1200+ B.C.E.

Ancient Heart Disease

Egyptian mummies, some more than 3,500 years old, show signs of cardiovascular disease, proving that heart disease isn't an entirely modern phenomenon. Researchers speculate that the high-fat diet and sedentary lifestyle of upper-class Egyptians may have contributed to their poor health, but other pre-modern factors could also be at play.

FEBRUARY is Heart Month in USA

American Heart Month is observed to raise awareness on the importance of a healthy heart and to encourage healthy habits that help reduce the risk of heart disease.

WHY AMERICAN HEART MONTH IS IMPORTANT

It reminds us to take care of our heart

American Heart Month motivates us to examine our own health habits and risks and take steps to improve our heart health.

It promotes education about heart health

Knowing the risk factors for heart disease and how to reduce them can help people lead healthier lives and diminish their risk for heart attacks or other cardiovascular diseases.

It raises awareness of heart disease

As the number one killer of Americans, heart disease is a slow-moving epidemic that affects almost everyone.



Aparna Rajput



Rugaye, 10 months, male, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir was admitted at Narayana hospital on 19 February 2021 and operated on 27 February 2021 respectively. Child is recovering well.



Aparna Rajput, 3 years, female, Jammu & Kashmir referred by Rotary Club of Rajouri was admitted at Escorts Hospital, New Delhi on 23 February 2021 and operated on 24 February 2021. She is recovering well.



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Peace

Uganda, Zambia, Kenya, Sudan, El Salvador, Haiti, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Tibetan Govt. in exile and different parts of India

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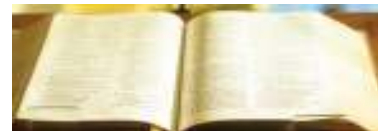
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