

LIFELINE UPDATES

LIFELINE MISSION UPDATES

Chile Intensive Care Unit Construction Under Way For UCSD Mission

IN MARCH OF 2003, UCSD will return to Hospital Roberto Del Rio in Chile. ICU construction will be completed in November of 2002, equipment installed, and ready for surgeries by the end of December.



Construction of ICU



ICU in progress

Inadequate facilities for postoperative care significantly limited the UCSD surgical medical team on previous mission trips. A remarkably generous contribution by Lifeline friend, Sheri Kelts Jamieson, has resulted in the construction of this ICU. "Thank you, Sheri from the Lifeline children of Chile".

Mercy Day 2002

ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2002, San Diego's Mercy Outreach Surgical Team's (M.O.S.T) volunteers worked their magic of reconstructive surgery on over 80 children from Mexico at Scripps Mercy Hospital. Under the leadership of Dr. Tom Sullivan, President of M.O.S.T., hundreds of volunteers from Scripps Mercy and other hospitals collaborated to surgically correct congenital defects and other disfiguring conditions. Variety Children's Lifeline sponsored 10 children receiving cleft lip and palate surgeries.

Haiti Update

DR. PATRICK LEBLANC from The Brooklyn Hospital in New York leads a neonatology medical team to Haiti in November. Joining Dr. Leblanc is Dr. Louisdion Pierre and Dr. Myriam Germain. The mission will include transporting medical supplies to the General Hospital in Port au Prince, provide education for neonatal resuscitation, pediatric intensive care and pediatric advance life support. Although there remains some political unrest in Haiti, these doctors, all native Haitians, are committed to returning on this mission to improve the vast pediatric medical neonatal needs. Lifeline is honored to support this mission.

Hershey Medical Center Returns to Ecuador

NOVEMBER 18 TO 26, 2002, Hershey's pediatric surgical mission team returns to Guayaquil, Ecuador. The team will evaluate a minimum of 50 children and perform open-heart surgeries on 12 to 15 of these children. This year colleague, Dr. Robb Ross from Children's Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, will join Hershey's veteran team leaders, Dr. John Myers and Dr. Steve Cyran with the goal of formulating a similar Lifeline cardiac mission to the Dominican Republic.

Duke University - Nicaragua

IN 2002, DUKE UNIVERSITY took two medical mission trips to Nicaragua. In January, they operated on 17 children, with over 150 children evaluated in the outpatient clinic. In April of 2002, Duke returned with a full mission team to operate on 21 children, with 142 children evaluated in the outpatient clinic. In addition, 7 children with complex needs were referred to Dr. Castaneda's clinic for a level of intervention not available in Nicaragua.

UMASS Memorial Pediatric Feeding Clinic

LIFELINE CONTINUES TO SUPPORT this clinic in Worcester, Mass. In conjunction with Variety Tent 23, fifty children who suffer the effects of feeding disorders, receive critical nutritional care.



MISSION STATEMENT

Variety Children's Lifeline is a program of International Heart of Variety which provides medical and surgical assistance to underprivileged children in developing countries, primarily in pediatric cardiac surgery and newborn intensive care. This is accomplished either by multidisciplinary voluntary missions and/or by forming partnerships with local hospitals in order that they become self-sufficient and achieve independence in their ability to provide appropriate medical care to children within that country. When necessary, Variety Children's Lifeline brings children requiring specialized or highly technical care to appropriate facilities in the United States or other countries.

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One hundred years
from now...
it will not matter how much
money I made, the kind of car
I drove or the size house I
lived in, but the world will be
a better place because I was
important in the life of a child.

2002 LIFELINE MISSIONS

Lifeline Missions Completed

HOSPITALS	2002 DATES	COUNTRY
Duke University Mercy Hospital (Des Moines)	Jan & April 2002	Nicaragua
Doerbecher Children's (Portland)	February 2002	Yucatan
Hershey Medical Center	March 2002	Panama
Asociacion Del Corazon (Castanada)	March 2002	Ecuador
	Ongoing	Guatemala

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Medical Missions Upcoming

HOSPITALS	2002 DATES	COUNTRY
Panamanian Medical Team (Panama)	August 4-10, 2002	(Doerbecher Children's Hospital)
Children's Hospital (Pittsburgh)	September 2002	Beijing, China & Lhasa, Tibet
Doerbecher Children's (Portland, Oregon)	October 2002	Panama
University of Florida (Wolfson Children's)	October-Nov. 2002	Venezuela
Brooklyn Medical Center (New York)	November 2002	Haiti
Hershey Medical Center- Duke University	November 2002 February 2003	Ecuador Nicaragua
University of California (San Diego)	March 2003	Chile

Thank You, Rosalie

IN ALL CAUSES WORTHWHILE, there are those individuals working behind the scene, not in the spotlight, yet making a tremendous contribution to the success of the venture. For 16 years, Rosalie F. Sochinski, retiring Executive Director of Variety International, was one of these. On behalf of the children served through Variety Children's Lifeline, we would like to thank Rosalie for assisting Lifeline through her resourcefulness and sense of humor, while deeply caring about the children who have been the recipients of our collective efforts. There is no valid measure of one person's contribution in such a vast charity as Variety, yet Rosalie's efforts over the years have facilitated life, hope and joy to children and their families. This shall be her accolade, her reward. From the Lifeline children: "Thank you, Rosalie".

Lifeline Hospitals & Correspondent Countries

HOSPITAL/UNIVERSITY
Duke University Medical Center (Raleigh) -
Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh -
Brooklyn Medical Center -
Hershey Medical Center -
North Shore University Hospital, N.Y. (Cornell) -
University of California San Diego -
Mercy Medical Center (Des Moines) -
Doerbecher's Children's Hospital (Portland) -
Queens Hospital, Barbados -
Corazon A Corazon -
Asociacion Del Corazon Infantil
Children's Hospital, Columbus
Children's Hospital, Detroit
University of Florida, Wolfson Children's

COUNTRY
Nicaragua
Thailand, Beijing, Tibet
Haiti
Ecuador
Colombia & Caribbean
Jamaica, Trinidad, Guyana
Chile
Yucatan, Mexico
Panama
Caribbean, St. Lucia, Guyana
Bucaramanga, Colombia
Guatemala, S.A.
Ukraine (pending)
Dominican Republic (pending)
Venezuela



THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE VARIETY CHILDREN'S LIFELINE MISSION TO PANAMA

The History

IN THE YEAR 1987 the Panama Rotary Club received an offer by a stateside Rotary organization to send children to them for corrective open-heart surgery and began to send children to Louisville, Kentucky under the auspices of the Louisville Rotary Club and their "Gift of Life Program". The number of children sent was four to six per year.

In 1992 the Rotary Clubs of Panama and Louisville sponsored the trip of a medical team from the Humana Heart Institute to come to Panama, a second hand heart lung machine was donated to the Hospital del Nino and the first operations were performed in the Hospital, March 1992. While these operations continued, there was a very high waiting list and specialized medical training needed.

The Present

In March of 2002, Variety Children's Lifeline sponsored the visit of Doerbecher Children's Hospital in Portland, Oregon. Dr. Ross Ungerleider and Dr. Michael Womack went to Panama for an exploratory medical mission. The timing was opportune. The Panama cardiovascular team received key insight from Dr. Ungerleider and accepted his offer to bring the Panamanian medical team to Oregon for a week of concentrated orientation and team building.

In August of 2002, the Panama medical team traveled to Oregon with the combined economic investment from several sources. The Hospital del Nino released the team from their regular duties with pay to travel. The Fundacion Obsequio de Vida (The Gift of Life Foundation) created by the Panama

Rotary Club, stepped in and paid for the costs of passports, visas and airline fares. Once the team arrived in Oregon, costs of accommodations were sponsored by Variety Children's Lifeline. Doerbecher Children's Hospital covered the remaining costs.



Back Row L to R: Rotarian Raul Brostella, Past-President of Rotary and Board Director of Gift of Life Foundation (GOL); Nurse; Dr. Carlos Alba, Cardiac Surgeon; Dr. Olmedo Sousa, Cardiac Surgeon; Dr. De Leon, Cardiac Surgeon. Front Row L to R: Tom Ford, President of Gift of Life, Dr. Esteban Lopez, Medical Director; Mr. Pedro Rueda, President of Panama Rotary Club.

The Full Mission

October 5-12, 2002, Dr. Ungerleider leads the Doerbecher Children's Hospital 18 member surgical cardiac team to Panama. Again it is a shared economic investment. Variety Children's Lifeline is investing in the airline fares and trip expenses, the University Hospital is contributing their personnel and Fundacion Obsequio de Vida, Panama, will cover local hotel expenses.

As stated by Tom Ford, the President of Fundacion Obsequio de Vida in Panama, "All is being done for children from a small country to live a 'normal' life. No foreign policy, no foreign

government aid, no political rhetoric, offers a better relationship between two people or two countries, than to save the life of one child."

Lifeline friend, Annie Mendenhall, has played a critical role in coordinating resources in her home country. Annie has just returned from a visit to Panama with this report: "In my recent trip to Panama I had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Esteban Lopez, retiring director of Panama's Children's Hospital, and Mr. Tom Ford. Both of them had strong words of praise and encouragement for the already palpable benefits that the cardiovascular medical team from Panama has received from their recent trip to Oregon. This trip has been a catalyst for teamwork and results. In fact, Dr. Lopez volunteered that in the week after their return, the Panamanian medical team operated successfully on two difficult cases in Panama, while applying skills observed in Oregon. The opportunity afforded to the Children's Hospital of Panama and its team is timely and most welcome. Given the tremendous effort and resources already invested by Variety Children's Lifeline and Dr. Ungerleider and his team, as well as the fertile reception by the local Panamanian medical team, we are confident that this will be a successful ongoing mission."

Lifeline is sponsoring NBC producer and Lifeline volunteer, Lauren Ina, to accompany the Portland team to Panama. We look forward to the documented video results of this wonderful mission, made possible through the collaboration of Variety Children's Lifeline, Doerbecher Children's Hospital, Fundacion Obsequio de Vida and the Hospital del Nino.

STATUS REPORTS

Editorial from the Chairman SALAH M. HASSANEIN

Dear Lifeliners:
ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED FOR LIFELINE, and, as in the past, its achievements have grown. We are sought instead of seeking and we keep on serving more children effortlessly because of our infrastructure and our ever-growing family of supporters and participants. Our reputation among our core Hospitals remains impeccable. We seldom have to bend our rules and we treat all entities alike.

This year we have added four countries to our roster and we now also service Tibet, China, Panama and the Middle East. We are getting our feet wet in these countries, but have established the foundation to expand and substantially increase the total number of children we can take care of. The correspondent Hospitals are Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Doerbecher Children's Hospital, Portland and Wolfson's Medical Center, Tel Aviv.

We support other Lifeline-like organizations, "Chain of Hope" in the UK and "Save a Child's Heart" in Israel. In the Middle East, with the cooperation of the Israel Tent and Ory Slonim we are hoping to take care of children needing medical attention whether Israeli or Arab. In Australasia we have made notable strides under the leadership of Peter Drummond and Penny Docherty. Read more about this in this Newsletter. Notably we continue to operate most efficiently. The last twelve months we tended to 422 children at a total cost of \$596,803, an average of \$1,414 per child. In addition to these 422 surgeries, 572 children were evaluated. We get more for our buck than any other like organization. Particularly let me point out that our overhead is \$41,776, or 7% of our outlay.

My thanks to all of my Co-Chairpersons, Maureen Arthur-Ruben, Penny Docherty, Peter Drummond, Fred Friedman, Neil Sinclair, Ory Slonim and Frank Streaun, without whose help these achievements would never have become a reality. To sum it up, I hope you are as proud as I am to be a Lifeliner.

Salah

% OF OPERATIONS AS COST
FY OCTOBER 2001 - SEPTEMBER 2002

LIFELINE'S ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICE OVERHEAD

7%



93%

MEDICAL MISSIONS,
EQUIPMENT, CORE HOSPITALS



NEW DEVELOPMENT

TIBET – LIFELINE'S MOST RECENT MILESTONE

"Touching Hearts in Tibet"

ON SEPTEMBER 17TH, under the leadership of Dr. William H. Neches and financial support of Lifeline, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Mission team leaves for Beijing, China, to perform heart surgeries on Tibetan children at the Beijing Heart, Lung and Blood Vessel Institute. From there, the team travels from Beijing to Lhasa, Tibet, joined by Dr. Li Yongqing, Pediatric Cardiologist from Beijing. Evaluations, catheter-izations and closure of Patent Ductus Arteriosus will be performed in Lhasa.

Unfortunately, The People's Hospital in Tibet has inadequate infrastructure to enable the team to perform any complex surgeries. These children will be referred to Beijing. Eventually, with the help of the physicians and staff of the Institute in Beijing, the goal is to bring the necessary technology and knowledge to Tibet, so the children from that region can be treated in their local hospital and by their local physicians.

Dr. Neches is the Physician Director of Informatics at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. He has been a member of the



Dr. Neches and Children

Pediatric Cardiology Division since his arrival in Pittsburgh in 1972 and served as director of that division from 1994-2000. Dr. Neches is a professor of Pediatrics and Vice-Chair for Clinical Operations and Finance of the Department of Pediatrics at the University Of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He has been involved in this project since 2000 and has set up collaboration between the People's Hospital in Lhasa, the Cardiology department at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh, the doctors at the Beijing Heart, Lung and Blood Vessel Institute and the South East Asia Prayer Center (SEAPC) of Oakmont, PA. In 2001, he led a team from Pittsburgh and Beijing to Tibet to perform the first pediatric heart catheterizations and interventional cath procedures ever performed in that country.

Variety Children's Lifeline is pleased to announce our sponsorship of pediatric cardiac surgeries in this region, another milestone for Lifeline. ✪



Child with Stethoscope



Tibetan Children

CORE HOSPITAL REPORTS

Schneider Children's Hospital at North Shore, Manhasset, N.Y.

UNDER THE RENOWNED, DR. VINCENT PARNELL, Director of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Sister Dorothy Ammon, the Heart to Heart Coordinator, this Lifeline Core Hospital continues their commitment to perform complex cardiac surgeries for Lifeline children from Colombia, the Caribbean countries, Guyana and Kenya. The dedication of these individuals and North Shore's partnership with Lifeline, demonstrates the very real practice of understanding without any territorial boundaries. Shown here are Lifeline children who have received surgery and are the beneficiaries of this noble project. North Shore averages fifty Lifeline children heart surgeries a year. ✪

Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines

CHILDREN FROM THE YUCATAN, Mexico, born with genetic heart defects receive life-giving hope from Lifeline's cardiac surgical mission team in Des Moines. The team travels to the Yucatan Peninsula each winter to evaluate over 300 children who are referred by local physicians, selecting 30 children requiring complex surgeries to come to Des Moines. There are only three hospitals in this country of 100 million people offering this surgery. Tim Acton, President of Mercy Foundation, and Dr. Thomas Becker, pediatric cardiologist, are stalwarts in their dedication to this 23-year-old project, initially founded by Dr. John Gay in 1979. Shown here are Alexis and Erik, 2 of the 30 children that Variety Children's Lifeline sponsored for surgery. ✪



Children from Barbados, Columbia, the Dominican Republic, and Ecuador who received heart surgeries.



LIFELINE MIDDLE EAST

VARIETY CHILDREN'S LIFELINE HAS OPENED A NEW CHAPTER OF OPERATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, SHEDDING A RAY OF LIFE AND HOPE INTO A PLACE OF TREMENDOUS TRAGEDY AND LOSS. WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE SUCCESSFUL LIFE-GIVING SURGERIES OF THESE CHILDREN.

A report from Ory Slonim, Co-Chair of Lifeline Middle East

"I'm so proud, as co-chairman of Lifeline in the Middle-East in one of the worst periods of this region, in its history, to create a wonderful project of Variety's Lifeline, with a start of operating on kids of Palestinian and Arab origin by Israeli physicians. This project is being accomplished as a joint-venture with another wonderful organization, Save A Child's Heart, who are sharing with us the whole project in this part of the world. It is being executed in the middle of a bloody conflict. This is what Variety International as a whole and Lifeline in particular, is



Children receiving heart surgeries in Israel from China, Jordan, Ethiopia, and the Palestinian Authority.

about!! Words can not express better than these pictures. I am grateful to you, Salah, and to all of you Variety's Lifeliners, for the opportunity to be part of our wonderful organization. Yours, Ory Slonim, Senior V.P. of Variety International and Co-Chairman, Lifeline, in the Middle East. ✪

NEW REPORTS

LIFELINE AUSTRALIA UPDATE

AUSTRALIAN SURGEON, DR. PADDY DEWAN, led a medical team to Mongolia for pediatric cardiac interventional surgeries. The Team left many items of medical equipment with the Mongolian people. The results and reaction of the surgeons, parents and patients was overwhelming.



Unloading Equipment

Operating Theatre Equipment, which is bound for the Solomon Islands. Jenny has successfully worked with Rob Newton to obtain this much-needed equipment.

Our Lifeline Committee has determined to fund missions in Papau,



Dr. Paddy Dewan and team of student doctors observing his surgery.

New Guinea and East Timor this year, and we are hoping that all Tents will commit to funding \$10,000 to Lifeline per annum to assist with this work. It is our intention not to incur any COSTS if possible to achieve Lifeline's aims and objectives.

Penny Docherty, Co Chair
Variety Children's Lifeline, Australia

LIFELINE NEW ZEALAND MEDICAL MISSIONS TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC

August 2002 Update

LIFELINE WAS ESTABLISHED in New Zealand in October 2001.

After careful planning and consideration to establish a point of difference for the Lifeline area of Variety, a new and exiting fundraiser was embarked upon.

"The Lifeline Radiothon" was held in May 2002. This was the first fundraiser for Lifeline New Zealand. The public response throughout New Zealand was tremendous with a net surplus, after expenses, of NZ\$58,667.48.

Our second fundraiser included a worldwide well known name, former President Clinton. After his speaking engagement in Auckland, Lifeline New Zealand received a cheque for NZ\$50,000.

An ongoing annual fundraising plan is now being prepared to include other high profile opportunities such as golf, information dinners, etc.

Field Work

Peter Drummond, Chairman of Lifeline Australasia, visited the Fiji Islands on, 13th August, and spoke to various local agencies advising them of our new form of medical assistance.

Dr. Percy Pease, Lifeline Committee Member and Head of Paediatrics at New Zealand's only children's hospital, Starship, has unfortunately experienced a recent setback with his health and is now taking time to rest and hopefully will be in a position to advise the committee on his planned initiatives around early October.

Summary

It is the Committee's express wish to now expedite medical procedures in the South Pacific to those sick needy children who would not otherwise be helped. We look forward to advising you of the successes and failures, if any, of our missions by the end of this year.

Wayne R. Adsett
Lifeline New Zealand

FLASH NEWS

Guatemala Update

UNIDAD DE CIRUGIA
CARDIOVASCULAR DE GUATEMALA

DR. ALDO CASTANEDA, former Head of Cardiology at Harvard, continues to provide a priceless resource of pediatric cardiac surgeries to children in Guatemala, Central and South America. Through referrals from Duke University's cardiac missions to Nicaragua, children are receiving complex surgeries in Guatemala, with medical follow up provided by their local physicians. Lifeline wishes to thank Dr. Castaneda and Dr. Guillermo Gaitan, Pediatric Cardiologist, for their devotion and expertise. ✪

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, Columbus, OH
Ukraine

A LIFELINE FRIEND, Carolyn McMurtray, departs California to spend six to eight months per year in the Ukraine. Carolyn volunteers as a missionary to work with orphaned children and has prepared the foundation for Lifeline to send a cardiac exploratory medical mission for Ukraine children needing heart surgeries. Dr. Yuri Grigorenko, Chief of the Medical Department at the Regional Diagnostic Center in Dnepropetrovsk has identified over 100 children needing surgeries and the required medical supplies. Dr. Samuel Weinstein, of Children's Hospital in Columbus has volunteered to lead a Lifeline medical team to evaluate the needs and follow up with a full mission, if warranted. ✪

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, Detroit, MI
Dominican Republic

DR. ROBERT D. ROSS, Children's Hospital of Detroit will join the Lifeline Hershey Mission team to Ecuador in November to acquire essential information in formulating a successful medical mission. Dr. Ross, cardiologist, has indicated Children's of Detroit is now collaborating with a hospital in the Dominican Republic and would be willing to lead a pediatric team to the Dominican Republic for pediatric cardiac surgeries. The situation is under review. ✪