



WATER FOR LIFE

Water Missions International

Peru On August 15, 2007, a magnitude 8.0 earthquake hit Peru just outside of Lima in areas where people were already just scraping a living. Two weeks later, the toll was: over 500 fatalities; approximately 1,050 injured; more than 35,000 homes destroyed; 4 hospitals destroyed and 11 suffered severe damage; and over 150,000 people had no access to clean and safe drinking water.

Two weeks after the devastation, it still looked like the day after the quake. Relief agencies scrambled to get medical help, blankets, tents, food, water and latrines to the area. A call came into Water for Life from our partners in South Carolina, Water Missions International, asking for help to raise funds and help the people in Peru.

By August 25th, we sent five Living Water Treatment Systems to Lima to be set up in the areas most affected. A fund raiser was held in Del Mar, California which raised over \$90,000 to purchase 5 systems. About 2,500 people had access to clean potable water and a better chance for survival.

Nicaragua Just after delivery of the water systems to Peru, hurricane Felix roared into Nicaragua and Honduras with Nicaragua bearing the brunt of the storm. Hurricane Felix hit with a maximum strength of a category five storm with winds up to 160 miles per hour.

The devastation included: 102 dead; 73 missing, 19,202 houses damaged; and 188,726 people affected. Clean water, again, was a major concern and Water for Life was contacted. Seven systems were delivered and installed between September 9th through the 16th. Three more systems were installed in October in other communities. Ten systems in all were provided by Water for Life. The total number of people helped by Water for Life and Water Missions International totaled 15,000. The donors names will be identified on the systems with a plaque. Our individual thanks go to: Judge Terry Breaux, Randy Woods, Susan Sullivan, Fiona Tudor, and Variety Children's Lifeline.

Editorial from Salah M. Hassanein

Dear Lifeliners and friends of Lifeline,

Since I wrote you in our Newsletter published in the fall of 2006, much has happened.

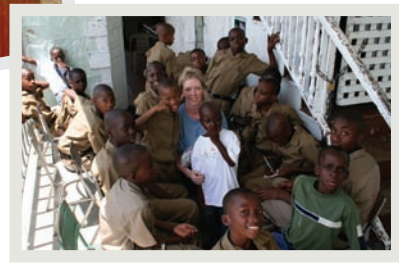
1. We have treated a record number of children - over 3000 in the past 12 months.
2. Our Lifeline hub in New Delhi is functional and productive.
3. Four new Board members have been elected - all eminent individuals - Rob T. Allen of Detroit, MI; Walter Dunn of Atlanta, GA; Luis da Silva of Lisbon, Portugal; and Susan K. Sullivan of Las Vegas, NV. We have to spread our wings.
4. We have arranged a Fund Raising Department.
5. We have entered new fields of medical help to wit: therapeutic medicine, clinical medical assistance and plastic surgery.
6. Our participation in the treatment of contaminated water through the installation of water purifying systems continues. The systems previously installed because of Katrina in Louisiana and Mississippi, which have served their purpose, have been deployed to Indonesia where they are now needed.
7. Water for Life International, Inc., has now been organized, has its own ID number and By-laws but needs funding of \$6 million dollars. We are presenting the concept to various Foundations. The funds received by Variety Children's Lifeline for Variety Children's Lifeline's original purpose will remain with Variety Children's Lifeline as intended. We hope to be able to communicate developments soon.
8. We have entered into an agreement with Water Missions International for the provision of the water systems as well as volunteers for Water for Life.
9. Christine Thompson has been appointed as the executive director.

Our thanks to all of you who have contributed, to all of you who have helped, and to all of you whose passion and compassion is expressed through our efforts on your behalf.

Fianlly, I wish to express your and my thanks to our Co-chairs and all the members of our board and more particularly our departing Executive Director, Rebecca Palmer.

Yours sincerely,

Salah M. Hassanein - Chairman



UPCOMING MISSIONS

COUNT	HOSPITAL	DISCIPLINE	DATES
Ecuador	Penn State Children's Hospital	Pediatric Cardiac	November 2007
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Lima, Peru	University of California, San Diego	Neurosurgical	December 2007
Dominican Republic	Children's Hospital of Detroit	Pediatric Cardiac	January 2008
Bolivia, La Paz	University of California, San Diego	Neurosurgical	January 2008
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Peru, Lima	University of California, San Diego	Neurosurgical	January 2008
Panama	Oregon Health & Science University	Cardiac Interventionals	February 2008
Sierra Leone	Pacific Ocean Pediatrics	Medical Clinics	March 2008
Dominican Republic	Childrens Hospital of Michigan	Pediatric Cardiology	March 2008
Ecuador	John Hopkins University	Pediatric Cardiology	September 2008
Ghana	Boston Children's Hospital	Pediatric Cardiology	September 2008
Ukraine	Smiles International	Cleft Facial Surgeries	September 2008
Cambodia	University of California, San Diego	Pediatric Cardiology	October 2008
Ecuador	Penn State Children's Hospital	Pediatric Cardiology	November 2008
Jamaica	Blank Children's Hospital	Medical Clinics	
Chile, Santiago	Childrens of PA	Rehabilitative Medicine	tbd.
United States	UMASS Memorial Children's Medical Cntr		ongoing

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VARIETY CHILDREN'S

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Variety Children's Lifeline's Four New Board Members

Variety Children's Lifeline Welcomes Four New Members to its Board of Directors.

Rob T. Allen, Luis A. DaSilva, Walter H. Dunn and Susan K. Sullivan.

Rob T. Allen has been involved in the entertainment and production business worldwide for the past 30 years.

As a professional in the entertainment industry, he has produced and directed television, video, live



staged events, international fundraisers, radio, musical recordings and film. In 2004 Rob produced the official opening event

for the Ryder Cup. From 1998 to 2003 Rob created, wrote, produced and directed major international stage productions for Ford Motor Company.

In 1996 Rob was the Executive Producer for the CBS International Broadcast production of America's Thanksgiving Parade and produced opening and closing television ~ segments featuring such stars as Lainie Kazan and Anita Baker. From 1997 through 2000 Rob served as the Entertainment Producer for The Parade Company.

Rob is the Vice President of the Board of Directors of Variety International, Marketing Chairman for Variety International, and past President of the Board of Directors of Variety, The Children's Charity in Detroit.

Luis A. DaSilva, a long term Variety Lifeline supporter, joined Lusomundo in 1969 as Managing Director. He immediately set about the task of consolidating the company's position in the film sector in Portugal leading Lusomundo to be a multi-media company in Portugal.

In March 2001, Cinveste, a Portuguese holding company organized by Luis DaSilva, sold its majority participation in Lusomundo to Portugal Telecom SGPS SA ("PT"), the main



provider of telecommunications and multimedia services in Portugal, in an all-share deal under which Cinveste

became the largest private shareholder of PT.

Since 2001, Cinveste's investment portfolio has grown from 270 million Euros to over 760 million Euros, (USD 1 billion). In addition to its equity investment portfolio, Cineveste has interests in real estate and venture capital projects.

Walter H. Dunn loyally served The Coca-Cola Company for 35 years and retired as Senior Vice President of Coca Cola, USA.

Known throughout the industry as "Mr. Coca-Cola", his long tenure has paralleled the Atlanta-based company's development into one of the most admired companies in

the world. He became the guiding force behind Coca-Cola's locating in arenas, stadiums, theaters, theme parks, and other amusement areas. He negotiated for exclusive Coca-Cola presence with such institutions as the National Football League, the National Basketball Association, the National Hockey League, and most major league baseball teams, Disneyland and Disney World and even Times Square in New York. In 1994, the Pioneers of the Motion Picture Industry honored Walter as the Pioneer of the Year, the first person outside the film business to be so selected. He should prove an excellent addition to the Lifeline Board.



Susan K. Sullivan's career has been multi faceted but her true passion has always been her philanthropic work. Born and raised in the midwest, Susan began her work with the St. Louis Variety Club thirty five years ago. While she was in St. Louis, Susan was a real estate broker and manager. Then Susan was offered the position of Director of Public and Community Relations and became the District Representative for the State Senator.



Since moving to Las Vegas in 1992, she has had the privilege of participating with the Andre Agassi Foundation, the

Assistance League of Las Vegas, the National Assistance League, the Nathan Adelson Hospice, the Nellis Air Force Support Team, the Nevada Cancer Institute, St. Jude's Ranch for Children, the Variety of Southern Nevada, Variety International the Children's Charity and Variety Children's Lifeline.

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A Word from Our Chairman Elect

Thanks to the many Lifeliners throughout the world and other donors who support the Lifeline programs, we have been able to treat a record number of children during the past year as well as provide potable water to tens of thousands.

Our strong financial condition, coupled with our diminutive administrative costs and the cash flow that is generated from the payment of Lifeline pledges and other contributions received, has afforded us the ability to fund our many Lifeline Missions, the treatment of children by our core hospitals and our other programs throughout the world.

As much as Lifeline has accomplished, there is an increasing need to do even more. We are constantly seeking to further enhance our financial condition and cash flow to enable us to expand our current activities and provide medical procedures and treatments to an even greater number of children every year.

Frederick M. Friedman
Chairman Elect

AFRICA AND ASIA

Ghana

Children's Hospital Boston

October - 2007

During this mission to Kumasi in Ghana and working with the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, 48 children were evaluated with operations on 8 of them. All 8 were discharged before the team departed. The team had the pleasure of working with a doctor who was a former cardiac patient who had received his surgery in the early '90's through Variety Children's Lifeline. The trip was highlighted by a banquet for both teams which included dignitaries from Kumasi.

Tibet/Beijing

April - 2007

Lifeline has resumed its partnership with the "Touching Hearts in Tibet" project of the South East Prayer Center (SEAPC) to treat Tibetan children already screened and awaiting cardiac surgeries.

The comprehensive medical team was led by Dr. Bradley B. Keller, pediatric cardiologist from Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Mark and Matt Geppert, from SEAPC, Dr. Gu



India girl after surgery.

Hong, cardiologist from Anzhen Hospital in Beijing, and four new team members from Taiwan: Dr. Lee, orthopedics, Dr. Chiu, pediatric cardiac surgeon, Dr. Yu, pediatric cardiologist and Reverend Tung.

This program is in the midst of expanding and reaching children throughout Tibet using local teams trained in Lhasa by Lifeline's Chinese and Tibetan partners.

Dr. Keller is confident that "this program will achieve an in-country, sustainable critical mass... and will continue to succeed on many levels, medical, personal and spiritual".

The support and appreciation received from the patients and their families is an ongoing source of inspiration for the team as expressed by Dr. Keller when he states that "from these children and parents we receive a profound sense of appreciation in its purest form for our time and efforts".

Cambodia

University of California, San Diego

October - 2007

The mission to Cambodia was at the Angkor Hospital in Siem Reap. The children were pre-screened by Angkor's Dr. Lyda and along with San Diego's Dr. Grossfeld, over 1,000 children were identified with heart defects. The teams from UCSD and Angkor did an excellent job. Surgery was done on 21 children ranging in age from 4 months to 12 years old and all were discharged prior to the team's departure.



L A T I N A M E R I C A

Dominican Republic Children's Hospital of Michigan February - 2007

Following 3 successful missions in 2006, the Lifeline team has returned early this year to Clinical Cora Zones Unidos and completed 13 heart catheterizations, including a stent, 6 ASD closures and 6 surgeries. To increase the impact of the program, a consortium consisting of Lifeline and the traveling Michigan medical team is sponsoring the additional training of a local pediatric surgeon at Dr. Castaneda's clinic in Guatemala for one year. The local surgeon should then be able to independently perform pediatric cardiac surgeries.

Chile Children's Hospital of Philadelphia March - 2007

Dr. Heakyung Kim, medical director of the Cerebral Palsy program of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), spent the week of March 12th-16th, 2007 at the Teleton Instituto de Rehabilitacion Infantil (Institute for Child Rehabilitation) in Santiago, Chile. Dr. Kim was accompanied by members of the cerebral palsy team, as well as several other CHOP professionals and affiliates. Santiago's Teleton is the largest site of the ten-facility Teleton network, which is a nation-wide rehabilitation service provider for children with physical disabilities. The CHOP team members were the featured presenters for a conference in Santiago. (National Meeting in Cerebral Palsy: Functional Diagnosis and Treatment).

The mandate for the conference was to emphasize the interdisciplinary team approach in treating children with cerebral palsy and other physical disabilities. In all, over 50 children were evaluated during the week-long conference.

N O R T H A M E R I C A

Des Moines, Iowa Mercy Medical Center

For 28 years, one of Lifeline's strongest Core Hospitals, Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, under the leadership of Dr. Tom Becker and Dr. Chandramouli lead an annual pediatric cardiac mission to the Yucatan in Mexico. Over 300 children were evaluated and 30 were selected for surgery to travel back to Des Moines. Lifeline wishes to thank Dr. Tom Becker and Mr. Wayne King, President of Mercy Foundation for their commitment to the Yucatan children needing heart surgery.

Des Moines, Iowa Blank Hospital

A new Lifeline mission went to Ocho Rios and Negril, Jamaica in September. This was a partnership with the Issa Trust Foundation and led by Dr. Stephen Elliott. Lifeline and Blank Hospital formed an agreement that provided surgery for selected children: Blank Hospital treated the children and Lifeline provided funds for transportation. Overall this year, 1,225 children were examined and treated.

UMASS Memorial Children's Medical Center

Lifeline and Variety of New England continue their partnership in sponsoring therapy treatment and consultation for over 250 children each year at the Pediatric Disorder Clinic by contributing \$50,000.

San Diego Scripps Mercy Hospital

Lifeline partners with Scripps Mercy for 2 surgical missions to Tijuana, Mexico, treating children with corrective plastic surgery, general and eye surgeries. Each mission, with over 100 children, come to the prescreening clinic and over 70 children receive surgery. Since 2004, nearly 300 children have been treated.



A WORD FROM OUR AFFILIATES

Australia Penny Docherty, National Chair Variety Children's Lifeline Australia reported:

This unit has been active in Vietnam, Bali and East Timor – 5 medical missions went to Vietnam this year. Partnering since 2006 with the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation to support the Klibur Domin Home in East Timor, Lifeline has helped 20 children with wheelchairs and other mobility aids and more than 75 children were treated in the casting program. In Vietnam since 1996, the team has worked tirelessly to provide treatment for foot and leg deformities. Working with Anak Anak Bali, Lifeline Australia was able to fund life transforming surgery for a little boy. A new event was started – the “Bali Bash” – which was very successful.

New Zealand Peter Drummond Co-Chair Lifeline New Zealand reported:

Lifeline New Zealand continues to provide and increase its medical services to disadvantaged children in the region. During the twelve months it has included a life saving heart surgery to an 8 year old boy, over 170 eye operations and the supply of equipment to needy hospitals.

Lifeline NZ is now well established in the South Pacific to ensure that the Variety Children's Lifeline Program will continue to assist the children of the region.

Middle East Ory Slonim, Co-Chair Lifeline Middle East reported:

A unique joint venture with three parties: Variety Lifeline; Variety Israel Tent 51; and Save A Child's Heart (SACH) at Wolfson Hospital provided heart surgery for many children from the Middle East in 2007. These children came from Iraq, Jordan, The Palestinian Authority, Egypt, Ethiopia, Zanzibar and Somalia. The joint venture team also operated on 17 children in Moldova this quarter; 4 children in China earlier this year; and pre-diagnosed children in Rwanda who will go to Israel for surgery.

2007 SIR JAMES CARRERAS AWARD RECIPIENT

Dr. Devyani Chowdhury



Dr. Chowdhury at St. Stephens Hospital, New Delhi, India, after a successful child surgery.

Dr. Chowdhury studied medicine at Maulana Azad Medical College in New Delhi. Her Residences in Cardiothoracic Surgery were at G.B. Pant Hospital in New Delhi and at Cornell University Medical College, New York. She became Attending Pediatric Cardiologist at Schneider Children's Hospital, Long Island Jewish Medical Center, New Hyde Park, New York. In 2006, Dr. Chowdhury returned to India to lead

Variety Lifeline's newly established hub at St Stephen's Hospital in New Delhi. Recently, they returned to the USA and Dr. Chowdhury is with the Children's Heart Group at PennState Children's Hospital.

Variety was honored to present to Dr. Chowdhury the 2007 Sir James Carreras Award.

Variety Children's Lifeline thanks Mr. Grahame Mapp for his generosity in sponsoring this year's award.

Welcome to Our New Executive Director

We are pleased to welcome incoming Executive Director, Christine Thompson, CFRM. Christine has more than 20 years experience working with nonprofits. During her career she has been associated with the American Heart Association, Devereux, The Humane Society & SPCA and others. Prior to her nonprofit career Christine was an entrepreneur owning several small businesses - applying her skills to the formation and expansion of the companies then marketing and selling them.

Asked for comment Christine stated, “I am thrilled to be working for such a worthwhile cause, and associated with the compassionate and committed supporters and volunteers who make Variety Children's Lifeline successful.”

Again we welcome Christine and look forward to a long affiliation.