



Healing Little Hearts in Kosova

August 23 - 30, 2019



Together
WE
SAVE
LIVES

26
Little Hearts
Healed

University Clinical Center of Kosova
Prishtina, Kosova

Gift of Life International Mission Report



ROTARIANS IN ACTION

This lifesaving mission provided hope to Kosovar children and their families. A total of 26 children had their hearts healed during this first-ever surgical and catheterization mission to Prishtina. This mission was sponsored through Rotary Global Grant GG1981159. Our heartfelt thanks to all grant contributors for their partnership: Rotary Clubs of Prishtina Dardania (Host Partner), Mid-Bergen (International Partner), Rotary District 7490 Gift of Life Foundation, Rotary District 7490 and The Rotary Foundation. A special thank you to Chain of Hope UK for their support of this inaugural mission. Our sincere thanks to Professor Mazllum Belegu, Rotarian and Chair of Gift of Life Kosova for logistical support. Lastly, we are grateful to the visiting and local healthcare professionals for their dedication to healing the hearts of these precious children.



**GOLI Medical
Volunteers Have
Big Hearts which
Heal Little Hearts**





Thank you to the Visiting Medical Team

(Mend a Little Heart Team from Children's Hospital Los Angeles and other US Hospitals)

Dr. Dilip Nath
Dr. Mahesh Sharma
 Pediatric Cardiac Surgeons

Dr. Herbert Stern
 Interventional Cardiologist

Dr. Pierre Wong
Dr. Andrew Souza
 Cardiologists

Dr. James Harrington
Dr. Sheldon Stohl
 Anesthesiologists

Julie Juliani
Sherri Norton
 Perfusionists

Angela Hartley
Leila Thompson
Janice Makasiar
 Scrub Nurses

Erin Messing
 Nurse Practitioner

Myra Rios
 Radiology Technician

Kenny Salmon
Caroline Dubbin
Savannah Vogt
Margie Lutian
Marlene Juanico
Colsie Myrie
 ICU Nurses

Dr. Yolanda Rebollo
 Pediatrician

Jack DeStefano
Yolanda DeStefano
 Rotarian Team Leaders

Rob Raylman
 GOLI CEO

Fredlee Kaplan
 GOLI Vice President

Albana Krasniqi
 GOLI Director

Valerie Wafer
Mark Wafer
Jacki Yonick
 Rotarian Volunteers





Introducing the Kosova Team

University Clinical Center of Kosova

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Prof. Assoc. Ramush Bejiqi

Head of Team

Prof. Asst. Ragip Retkoceri

Asst. Dr. Arlinda Maloku

Dr. Aferdita Mustafa

Dr. Haki Jashari

Interventional Cardiology

Dr. Rinor Bejiqi

Interventional Cardiology

Nurses

Meireme Bislimi

Head of Team

Pashke Krasniqi

Echo Lab

Merita Vitija

Zejnepe Gerguri

Aferdita Saraqi

Elhame Krasniqi

Suzana Salihu

Rifete Gurri





**Working Together
To Heal The Heart
of the Next Child...**





**Providing Hope to
Kosovar Children
with Heart Disease
and to their Families**

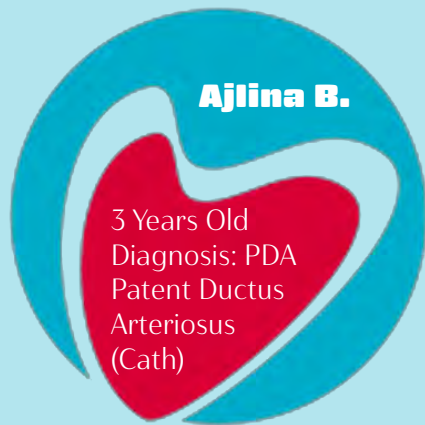
26 Little Hearts Healed

8 Surgeries

18 Interventional Catheterizations



The Next Children...



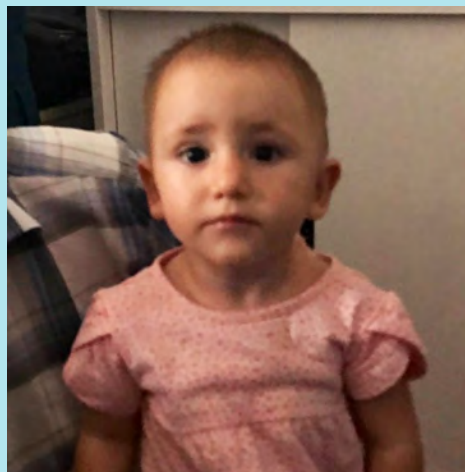
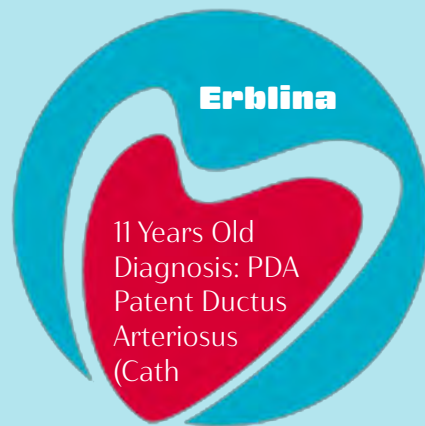
Spreading love throughout the world...

And The Next...



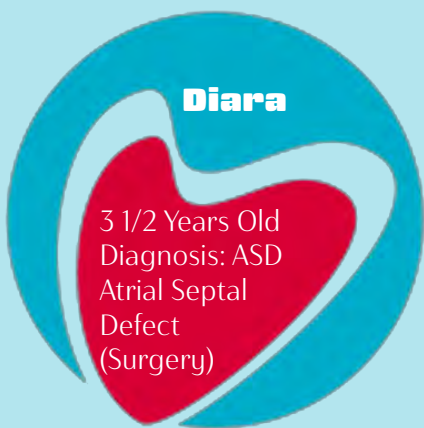
Working together to provide hope to children with heart disease...

And The Next...



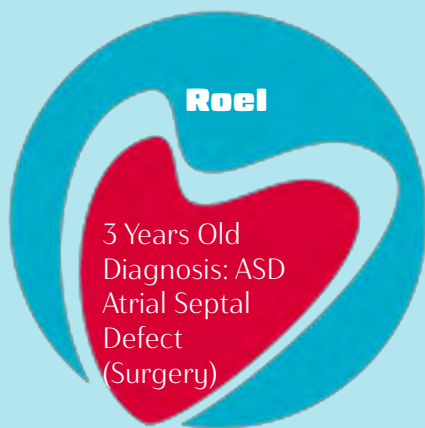
Providing children with heart disease a second chance at life...

And The Next...



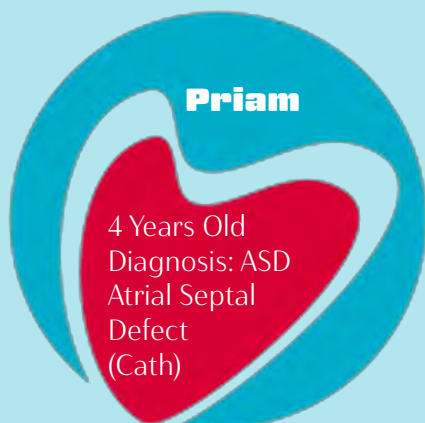
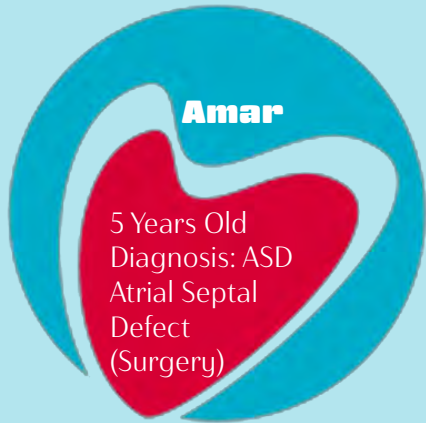
Every 3 hours a child with heart disease is cared for through our Global Network...

And The Next...



Global partnerships help to heal more little hearts...

And The Next...



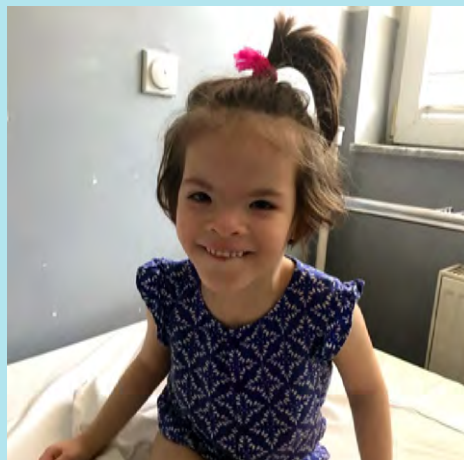
More than 35,000 little hearts healed since 1975...

And The Next...



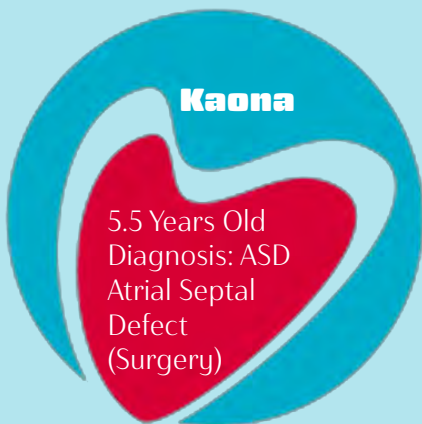
Healing the hearts of 3,000 children annually...

And The Next...



93% of children born with a heart defect have no access to care...

And The Next...



Congenital Heart Disease is the #1 birth defect worldwide...



**Answering the Prayers of Parents
Each and Every Day...**

Thank you! Faleminderit!



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