

CHILDREN'S HEARTLINK™ FACT SHEET

ABOUT US

Founded in 1969, Children's HeartLink is a nonprofit organization working in partnership with health care centers in underserved regions of the world to promote sustainable cardiac care for children with congenital or acquired heart disease.

WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

We build sustainable programs to prevent and treat heart disease among children in developing countries by mobilizing extraordinary hearts, minds and resources around the world.

WHAT IS THE NEED?

- Congenital heart disease is the most common major birth defect and affects millions of children around the world. Approximately one in every 120 children is born with a heart defect.
- Across the world, approximately 1 million babies are born each year with congenital heart disease. Ninety percent of those newborns are in areas of the world where appropriate medical care is inadequate or unavailable.¹

HOW DO WE HELP?

- Children's HeartLink partners with health care providers in medically underserved areas, empowering local hospitals to care for children in their region with consistent, quality and sustainable pediatric cardiac services.
- In operation for over 40 years, Children's HeartLink has provided more than \$63 million in direct expenses and donated education services, technical support, treatment and medical equipment.



¹ Tchervenkov, C., Jacobs, J., Bernier, P., et al. "The improvement of care for paediatric and congenital cardiac disease across the World: a challenge for the World Society for Pediatric and Congenital Heart Surgery," *Cardiol Young* 2008; 18 (Suppl. 2) :63-69. Cambridge University Press.



- We engage the services of teams of medical volunteers who provide training and mentoring to our partners, building local capacity for the delivery of quality pediatric cardiac care. Our world class volunteers come from highly regarded medical institutions in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and Singapore, including:

- Birmingham Children's Hospital, UK
- Children's Hospital Boston
- Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota
- Gleneagles, National University Hospital and KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Singapore
- The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto
- Mayo Clinic
- New York-Presbyterian Hospital
- Seattle Children's Hospital
- Stanford University's Lucile Packard Children's Hospital
- University of Minnesota Amplatz Children's Hospital

WHERE DO WE WORK?

Children's HeartLink currently supports the following partner hospitals: Hospital de Base in Brazil; Jilin Heart Hospital, First Hospital of Lanzhou University and West China Hospital #1 of Sichuan University in China; Innova Children's Heart Hospital, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research in India; Institut Jantung Negara (National Heart Institute) in Malaysia; Ukrainian Children's Cardiac Center in Ukraine; and Nhi Dong 1 (Children's Hospital 1) in Vietnam.

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