

LIFELINE INTERNATIONAL COALITIONS

Lifeline - "Save A Child's Heart" - Variety Tent 51, Israel

Now in the second year as partners, *Lifeline-Save a Child's Heart* and *Variety Tent 51*, through the coordination of Variety International President, Ory Slonim, continue their pledge to support the pediatric cardiac surgeries at Wolfson's Hospital in Israel. The configuration of this unique pact is growing in success and recognition, due to the emphasis placed upon Israeli surgeons providing open-heart surgery for non-Israeli children, including those from Jordan, Palestinian Authority and others of Arab origin.



Dr. Lior Sasson, Udi Angel, girl from Nigeria received surgery by Lifeline - Save A Child's Heart joint-venture, Israel President Moshe Katzav, Dr. Huri and Ory Slonim, Variety International President and Lifeline Co-Chair

As in most international relations where countries may be spiraling downward, enlightened leadership is needed. This attribute is evident in the co-founder of *Save a Child's Heart* and now deceased, Ami Cohen, the Founder-Patron of *Chain of Hope*, Sir Magdi Yacoub and *Variety Children's Lifeline* Chairman, Salah Hassanein. Each of these leaders have authored visionary organizations that perform open-heart surgeries on children from developing countries who otherwise would not survive. ❀

Lifeline - Chain of Hope, United Kingdom

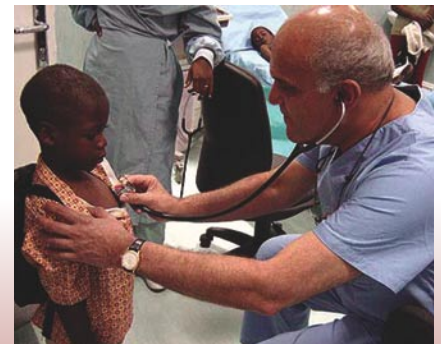


Lifeline - Chain of Hope Mission to Mozambique children: Rostino, 3 yrs. old, Sergio, 3 yrs. old, Vuaz, 8 yrs. old and Josephina, 8 yrs. old.

The other international "sister" organization began 1988 as La Chaîne de l'Espoir (*The Chain of Hope*) in Paris and registered in the U.K. under the initiative of Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub in 1995. In 2001, *Lifeline* co-sponsored the *Chain of Hope* mission to Mozambique to initiate the first ever-pediatric heart surgeries in that nation.

Most recently in August 2003, *Lifeline* again co-sponsored a return pediatric cardiac surgical mission titled "*Chain of Life*" to Mozambique, led by Professor Magdi Yacoub. Lifeliners John and Marsha Rae Ratcliff and Salah Hassanein also made a significant contribution to this mission in honor of Professor Yacoub. The mission performed 16 surgeries.

These international collaborations have strengthened the achievement of each of these individual organizations, reaching children from countries around the globe. Where *Lifeline* has collaborated with *Save A Child's Heart* or *Chain of Hope* it has resulted in the ultimate goal of more children receiving surgery, through the combined resources. ❀



Professor Magdi Yacoub examines Nonoo, who has made an excellent recovery from his surgery



Editorial from the Chairman

SALAH M. HASSANEIN

To my Fellow Lifeliners, and Fellow Variety Members, Variety Children's Lifeline is on a roll.

We have added core hospitals and correspondent countries. Our missions are successful - BUT we should help more children. Our efficiency should be exploited. I ask for you to seriously consider Variety Lifeline as one of the beneficiaries in your estate planning. There are many ways you can do so. Insurance, Bequests, Gift Annuities, Charitable Trusts, Pooled Income Funds, Charitable Remainder Trusts and Endowment Funds. We can help you plan.

The equivalent benefit is simple to calculate. Divide what you leave Lifeline by \$1,400 and you will get the number of children you will save. If you leave Lifeline with \$140,000 this equals 100 children. \$280,000 = 200. At \$1,400,000 you will have saved 1,000 lives.

What greater legacy?

Sincerely,

Salah M. Hassanein

MERCY MEDICAL CENTER IN DES MOINES

For 24 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 are evaluated and 30 are selected for surgery to travel back to Des Moines. Pictured here are 3 children of 30, who recently were operated on in Des Moines. Lifeline and Mercy Medical Center are seeking financial support to equip a cath lab in the Yucatan to increase the number of children receiving surgery.

Lifeline wishes to thank Dr. Tom Becker and Mr. Tim Acton, President of Mercy Foundation for their commitment to the Yucatan children needing heart surgery. ♥



Aaron, Angeles and Laura, 3 of the 30 Yucatan Lifeline Children receiving heart surgery in Des Moines

SIR JAMES CARRERAS AWARD

Maureen Arthur-Ruben and her husband Aaron, sponsors of the esteemed *Sir James Carreras Award* and the Lifeline Board of Directors are pleased to announce the award recipient for 2004, which will occur at the Variety International Convention in Australia. Dr. Patrick Leblanc, from Brooklyn Medical Center, New York, is the longtime leader of Lifeline's neonatal missions to Haiti providing pediatric education, medications, respiratory supplies and direct pediatric care to Haitian children. More on Dr. Leblanc in our next issue. ♥

FLASH NEWS

Variety Children's Lifeline, in partnership with Variety International and Variety - The Children's Charity of the U.S., will share a booth at Showeast Convention in Orlando, Fla. September 29-October 2nd. Our thanks to Bob Sunshine for arranging for Lifeline to be represented at Showest - and providing an opportunity to exhibit Lifeline's work. Our booth will be shared with Patty Machir and Ana LaDou, of Variety International, who will demonstrate other aspects of Variety's mission. ♥

MORE LIFELINE PARTNERSHIPS AND JOINT-VENTURES

Lifeline wishes to acknowledge the Variety Tents that continue their support of Lifeline, the international "arm" of Variety. In supporting cardiac and other needed surgeries for children, our accomplishments become the accomplishments of all Variety. Variety Tents contribute substantial dollars to their local hospital that is also an affiliate of Lifeline, as in the case of **New York - Tent 35**, who contribute to NYU's Institute of Reconstructive Surgery, with whom Lifeline has formed an agreement. **Iowa - Tent 15**, who support Des Moines Mercy Hospital also serves as a Lifeline Core Hospital and leads missions to the Yucatan. **New England, Tent 23** co-sponsors with Lifeline support for the UMASS feeding clinic for children with nutritional disorders. **Detroit - Tent 5** supported Children's Hospital of Michigan for years, and now directly also contribute directly to the outgoing cardiac Lifeline Mission from this Hospital to the Dominican Republic. **Los Angeles - Tent 25**, have annually contributed a Lifeline pledge, **Israel - Tent 51** now contribute to an annual joint - venture Lifeline Middle East project, with *Save A Child's Heart*. **Pittsburgh - Tent 1, Wisconsin - Tent 14, Illinois - Tent 26, Orlando - Tent 70, Australian, New Zealand and British Colombia Tents** all make annual contributions to or co-sponsor Lifeline Missions.

Thank you for all these most valued contributions that sustain the heartbeat of the Lifeline program. ♥

SOUTH PACIFIC REPORTS

As we look forward to the Variety International Annual Convention hosted in Sydney, Australia from April 29 – May 2nd 2004, Lifeline is proud to illustrate achievements in Australia, under the leadership of Penny Docherty, Lifeline Co-Chair and in New Zealand, guided by Lifeline Co-Chair, Peter Drummond and Wayne Adsett, Chairman - Lifeline NZ.

From Australia, by Penny Docherty:

“The Lifeline Committee is pleased to report the following: We welcome two new Lifeliners in the Northern Territory (Tent 56) and South Australia (Tent 75), both have made a \$10,000 donation and we have received donations of \$49,000 since last reporting in April 2003.

The Northern Territory is specifically to support ongoing work with children in Timor Leste (formerly East Timor). Work progresses with our two main projects:

1. Kundiawa – Highlands of Papua New Guinea:

Construction of the Variety Lifeline Schoolhouse and Care Facility is well underway. We are funding the project and soon many from the local villages and town will be the proud recipients of an educational and medical care facility totally unavailable to them without Variety Children’s Lifeline.

2. Klibur Domin Tibar - Timor Leste

Skye Docherty was in Klibur Domin completing work there for her thesis, she reports the following: “Of the 40 people living at Klibur Domin many are suffering from TB, while others are recovering from life threatening operations.

The hospitals are overrun with patients. The doctors of Dili Hospital and the people of East Timor are thankful for the indispensable work being conducted by the Variety Children’s Lifeline and the Cheshire Ryder Foundation.

From New Zealand, by Peter Drummond:

“Our second annual Radiothon was substantially more successful than last year. Dr. Percy Pease reports that the prosthetic doctors from the New Zealand’s Specialists Children’s Hospital, Starship, have determined that 10 year old Siteri, from Fiji, who was born without any arms or legs, will come to New Zealand with her mother to be fitted for her new arm prothesis. With Dr. Pease, we are now evaluating other children with disabilities from Fiji’s Nadi’s special school that can be assisted by the New Zealand Programme.”



Siteri pictured here with Miss New Zealand



Dr Ron Summers with one of his young mothers at one of the hospitals.

CHICAGO CONVENTION

Lifeline would like to thank all of those who helped make the Lifeline Dinner such a success, particularly with the host Tent 26 and the attention to detail provided by Chief Barker, Suzanne Reynolds, Executive Director, Vince Pagone and the Convention committee members. Suzanne, Zandra Rhodes, the late Fern Primack, and Julie Mossa created the ambiance for this most successful dinner. The evening went flawlessly, attended by Prince and Princess Michael of Kent. Dr. John Myers graciously receiving the Sir James Carreras Award, presented by Lifeline Medical Advisor, Dr. Michael LaCorte and award sponsor Maureen Arthur-Ruben. The dynamic “tag-team” of Stan Reynolds and Salah Hassanein following the Panama mission Lifeline video brought Lifeline pledges that totaled \$262,000! Our appreciation to all who attended and participated in this major fundraising event that allows Lifeline to continue their international scope of pediatric cardiac surgical missions.

Lifeline also expresses deep appreciation to the following “Friends of Lifeline” who assisted in sponsoring the Lifeline Reception and Lifeline Dinner:

- Mr. Al Blechman (deceased) and Mrs. Fran Blechman
- Mr. and Mrs. Michael Forman
- Mr. and Mrs. Fred & Susan Friedman
- Mr. Salah Hassanein
- Mrs. Julia Morley
- Mr. Bernie Myerson (deceased) and Mrs. Muriel Myerson
- Mr. and Mrs. Jim & June Murray
- Mr. Ralph Nappi
- Mr. and Mrs. Carl and Frances Patrick
- Mrs. Fern Primack (deceased)
- Mr. and Mrs. Stan and Jody Reynolds
- Mr. and Mrs. John and Shirley Rowley
- Mr. and Mrs. Ory and Tamy Slonim

2003 CHICAGO CONVENTION CORPORATE SPONSOR



Chairman Salah Hassanein addressing attendees at Lifeline Dinner - Chicago

Lifeline extends great appreciation to Ronald McDonald House Charities and to Mr. Ken Barun, President and CEO of McDonald’s Charities, for the special grant that supported the Lifeline Dinner and other convention costs. The Lifeline Dinner serves as the primary fundraiser for its medical missions, therefore all sponsorships minimize expenses, permitting Lifeline to provide more surgeries for children. Thank you to all for making this such a successful evening! ✨



SCRIPPS MERCY HOSPITAL IN SAN DIEGO

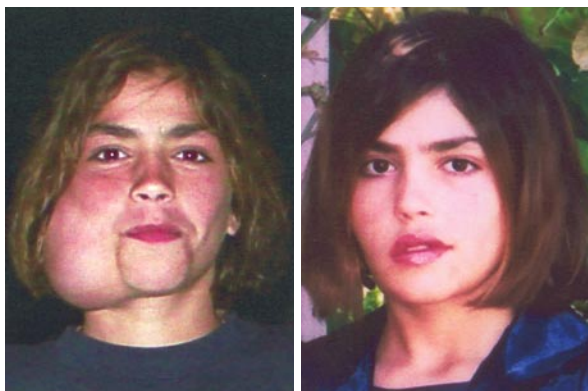
Lifeline continues to support Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego who travel to Urupan, Michoacan and Xalapa, Veracruz in Mexico to perform reparative plastic surgeries for children. In Xalapa recently they performed 146 ophthalmic operations many were for strabismus (crossed eyes) and 120 plastic surgeries (primarily for cleft lip and palate). They also provided 500 prescription glasses.

This letter from Mercy Foundation to Lifeline:

“Mr. Hassanein, the support of the Variety Children’s Lifeline has touched the lives of many children. The following is an example of the difference between

living a life of disfigurement vs. attention provided through medical care to correct an individual problem:

Sultan was 11 years old in January 2002. She suffered from a large mass on the right side of her face from a parotid gland tumor. She and an interpreter were flown from



Sultan, age 11: Before & After Lifeline

Turkey to San Diego, where M.O.S.T. physicians Mark Schechter MD and Larry McCarthy MD, collaborated to remove the tumor and correct the disfigurement. As you can see she is a lovely young lady.

The support of the Variety Children’s Lifeline has been wonderful and we are deeply grateful for the commitment you made which was payable over a 3- year period. This generous gift has provided the M.O.S.T. team with the opportunity to help those who have no other access to medical care. These patients and their families are very poor and are so grateful to be able to have their children seen by a doctor. It is because of people like you and your organization that care so much for others that M.O.S.T. is able to make these miracles happen.”

Sincerely,

Osborne Bethea, Jr. (Toby)
Vice President, Development

LIFELINE - PENN STATE RETURNS TO ECUADOR

When Penn State returns to Guayaquil, Ecuador on November 18th on their Lifeline Mission to conduct 12-15 pediatric cardiac surgeries, there will be an added medical component to the mission. On the previous Mission, Dr. Fabio Olarte, Neonatologist and member of Dr. John Myers cardiac team for the last 2 years, made rounds at nearby Maternity Hospital Enrique Sotomayor. There are 33,000 newborn infants born each year at this hospital, with inadequate care for infants with neo-natal needs. In June 2003, Dr. Orlarte met with Lifeline, while attending an Appreciation Luncheon for the Penn State Lifeline mission team held in Hershey. After discussions the decision was made that Lifeline would devote a small portion of it’s upcoming November so as to allow Dr. Orlarte to provide neo-natal educational materials and training for Maternity Hospital Enrique Sotomayor’s staff. Colleagues, Dr. Dennis Musjce, Neonatologist from Hershey, and Dr. Marilea Miller, Director of Neonatology at Frederick Memorial Hospital, Maryland, sponsored by John Hopkins University, will also join this mission. ✪

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

When **Sister Dorothy Ammon** said “yes” over 20 years ago to direct the “Heart to Heart” program at North Shore University Hospital, we did not know how many children’s lives she would touch. Sister D.’s dedication to her role as coordinator for heart surgeries for children around the world cannot be measured. On behalf of the Lifeline children who received their heart surgeries at North Shore, “Thank you, Sister D.” Although she is officially retiring, she will continue to serve as a valued member of the Lifeline Board of Directors. ✪

TRIBUTE TO FERN

In these days of poor returns on financial investments, Fern Primack had keen insight. She understood well the value of celebrating life and in return, giving the gift of life to children needing medical intervention. Fern gave generously to fund children from developing countries receiving cardiac surgeries through Variety Children’s Lifeline. Her selected category of giving was entirely fitting, a true “Lifeline for Life.” Fern served as a Board member for Lifeline and passed away at her Colorado home on September 3rd after a long battle with cancer. ✪

In Memoriam FRIENDS OF LIFELINE 2003

- Al Blechman
- Linda Brennan-Smith
- Charles Funk
- Milt London
- Bernard Myerson
- Ron Pennock
- Fern Primack
- John Stembler, Sr.



DETROIT-DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

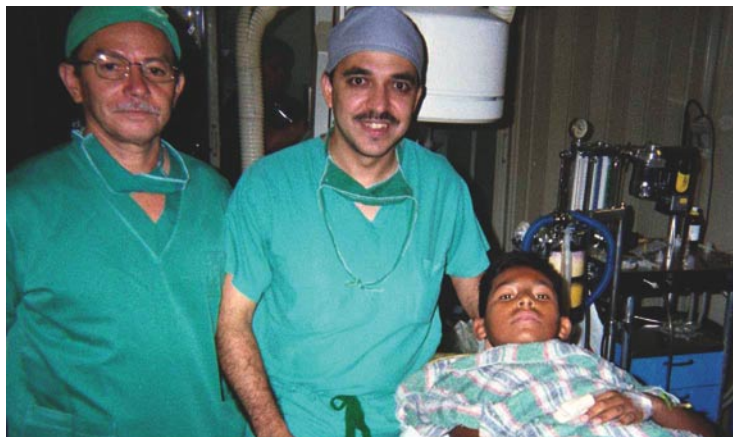
"Newly-wed" Mission

November 8-16TH the Children's Hospital of Michigan, Detroit led by Dr. Robb Ross and pediatric cardiac mission team members travel to the public Children's Hospital in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, for their first full surgical mission.

The credit of this successful "marriage" is due to the combined efforts of Lifeline friend and supporter, Mary Khouri, pediatric cardiologist Dr. Robb Ross, Rob Allen, Detroit Tent 5, the administration at the Children's Hospital of Michigan and Lifeline. In May of 2003, following Dr. Ross' participation with Penn State's Mission to Ecuador, he led a small exploratory mission to the Dominican Republic and reported his findings to Lifeline as follows:

"We met physicians in Santo Domingo and in Santiago and toured the hospitals in both cities. There definitely is a great need for help in treating the many children with congenital or acquired heart disease in the country. We could make a great impact there in training cardiovascular surgeons and cardiologist as well as treating many children currently waiting surgeries. I believe that the medical personnel there share in Lifeline's goals of delivering life saving operations and interventions in the Dominican Republic as well as eventually making the area self-sustaining in this regard. I wish to thank you for allowing me to participate in this cause. I am most optimistic that we can achieve success with it."

Lifeline wishes to thank and acknowledge the support of Mary and Eli Khouri who are personally hosting a Lifeline Dinner in their home on October 14th to raise funds for this outgoing mission. Additionally, Rob Allen and Detroit Tent 5 have contributed \$20,000 to endorse this Lifeline mission from their local hospital. ♥



Dr. Edwin and Dr. Duque preparing a 14 year old boy for ballooning his aortic stenosis

ANNABELLA PACHECO-ZAVALA

Alive and Smiling



Annabella Pacheco-Zavala

Sometimes things fit together and they seem to be a great coincidence and sometimes things fit together to save a life. This is the story of a tiny girl from Honduras who has only been in the world for a few months, but who has already touched many people's lives. This is the story of Annabella Pecheco-Zavala.

On June 17, 2003, Annabella was born with a complex cyanotic congenital heart defect. At a mere 5 lbs., 10 oz., this little girl was going to need surgery to save her life, a surgery that is so complex she would

have to leave her native country in order to find a doctor to perform it. Her family immediately began to pull their resources together in a desperate plea for help. They would soon find out that help was closer to home than they had first imagined.

Annabella's grandmother began to search for surgeons across Honduras and on the internet and soon came across the name of Dr. Aldo Castaneda. She sent all of Annabella's records to Dr. Castaneda and in the meantime contacted her friend in Florida to see what help she might receive in the United States. Fortunately, her American friend knew of an organization called Variety Children's Lifeline. Knowing Annabella's case fit the profile for Lifeline's program, she sent Annabella's information to the Lifeline office for review.

Little did either of them know that Lifeline had a very close connection with Dr. Castaneda. Dr. Castaneda is an invaluable foreign resource for Lifeline as his Asociacion del Corazon in Guatemala is a Lifeline sister hospital and a vital link for many Central and South American Lifeline children. This hospital hosts many Lifeline sponsored missions as well as Castaneda's own Lifeline sponsored cardiac surgeries. Variety Children's Lifeline contacted Castaneda and asked for his help.

Dr. Castaneda is an esteemed surgeon, not only in Central America but all over the world. Dr. Castaneda assured the family he would perform the surgery and soon after Annabella was accepted into the Lifeline program. Now Annabella is getting the care she needs.

Annabella successfully underwent her first surgery with Dr. Castaneda at the end of August and will have her final surgery in 4-6 months. Annabella's mother told Lifeline, "Thanks to you and to the "fundacion Aldo Castaneda," Annabella is alive and smiling." ♥

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.

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Lifeline wishes to thank American Airlines for their support through the Miles for Kids in Need program, which provides air travel for children requiring surgery.

We ask that the Variety members show favor to American Airlines when they travel.

Upcoming Medical Missions

HOSPITALS	2003/2004 DATES	COUNTRY
Doernbecher Children's (Portland)	September 2003 January 2004	Panama
Mercy Hospital (Des Moines)	February 2004	Yucatan, Mexico
Penn State Hershey	November 2003 April 2004	Ecuador
Duke University	January & April 2003 January 2004	Nicaragua
Association Del Corazon (Dr. Castaneda)	Ongoing	Guatemala
University of California (San Diego)	March 2003 February 2004	Chile
Children's Hospital of Michigan (Detroit)	May & November 2003	Dominican Republic
Mercy Hospital (San Diego)	August 2003 October 2003 February 2004 October 2004	Xalapa, Veracruz Tijuana, Mexico Urupan & Michoacan Pachuca & Hidalgo
Chain of Hope/Lifeline (London)	August 2003	Mozambique
Brooklyn Medical Center (New York)	January 2004	Haiti
Save a Child's Heart (Wolfson's Medical Center)	Ongoing	Israel

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HOSPITAL/UNIVERSITY

Duke University Medical Center (*Raleigh*)

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Brooklyn Medical Center

Penn State Hershey Medical Center

North Shore University Hospital, N.Y. (*Cornell*)

University of California San Diego

Mercy Medical Center (*Des Moines*)

Doernbecher's Children's Hospital (*Portland*)

Imperial College of Science, London

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Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Barbados

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Children's Hospital of Michigan (*Detroit*)

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COUNTRY

Nicaragua

Beijing, Tibet

Haiti

Ecuador

Colombia & Caribbean, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guyana

Chile

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