

India (Schneider Children's Hospital, NY)

On June 15th, Lifeline held an Appreciation Luncheon for the Schneider Children's team after conducting 2 pediatric cardiac missions to India. The announcement was made that Dr. Devyani Chowdhury and her husband, anesthesiologist, Dr. Ramesh Kodavatiganti, along with their 3 children, would be returning to New Delhi to live and to work at St. Stephen's Hospital overseeing the Lifeline India Hub that will service India, Nepal, Tibet, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Singapore and Thailand.

Dr. Mathew Varghese, Director of St. Stephen's Hospital in New Delhi, met with Salah Hassanein while in Las Vegas for the Variety International Convention and finalized the agreement for St. Stephen's to serve as the Lifeline Hub in India.

India

Lifeline donated a generator to the Kabliji Hospital and Rural Health Center and Kabliji School outside of New Delhi.

Sri Lanka

Lifeline and Water Missions International have agreed to support the salary of a trained maintenance man in Sri Lanka to provide the needed maintenance on the water treatment systems and coordinate the final transition of the systems to the communities.

Chile & Nepal

(Children's Hospital of Philadelphia)

Mission leader, Dr. Heakyung Kim, pediatric rehabilitative medicine specialist, treats children with neurological disorders, cerebral palsy, brain injuries, pediatric strokes, encephalitis, brain tumors, spinal cord injuries, multiple sclerosis and spina bifida. Lifeline has suspended the Nepal mission temporarily due to political unrest, but Lifeline conducted an exploratory mission to Santiago, Chile, at the end of July 2006. The full Lifeline mission will return to Teleton Hospital in Santiago in January 2007 to treat children with varying neurological disorders and to train the local medical teams in this medical discipline.

San Diego

In 2006, Lifeline partnered with the "San Diego Eye Mobile for Children" in providing eye exams and glasses for 50 low-income young children in San Diego County. This agreement was renewed for 2007.

University of Massachusetts

Memorial Children's Medical Center

Lifeline and Variety of New England continue to sponsor treatment and consultations for over 250 children each year at the Pediatric Feeding Disorder Clinic.

OTHER LIFELINE NEWS

Las Vegas Lifeline Dinner

"Friends of Lifeline" sponsorship raised \$20,500 at the Variety International 2006 Convention in Las Vegas. The Lifeline dinner raised \$220,000 in Lifeline pledges, including Australian Lifeliners. In addition, Grahame Mapp agreed to sponsor the Sir James Carreras Award for 10 years for a total of \$100,000 and Brad Sugars agreed to contribute \$100,000 to the Lifeline/Chain of Hope Educational and Training Program for doctors from their country of origin.

Anesthesia Machines

Lifeline received a donation of 20 used anesthesia machines that are in excellent condition and are each valued at \$40,000. In partnership with the Plásticos Foundation who will place 10 of the machines, Lifeline will place 10 machines and provide the crating and shipping for all 20. Sites have been identified in countries where Lifeline and Plásticos have ongoing missions. So far, Lifeline has shipped anesthesia machines to Ecuador, Laos, India, Guatemala and Ukraine.

Lifeline Australia

Update from Penny Docherty, Chairman

Variety Children's Lifeline Australia (VCLA) is currently in discussions with an organization called Mahboba in Afghanistan to fund a medical care facility and doctor for a large orphanage there.

On a separate note, VCLA has funded a surgical intervention in Bali to remove a tumor from a young boy's eye and will also fund the prosthesis and second operation to insert the new eye. Our medical team for our ongoing program, These Feet are Made for Walking, is currently in Vietnam and their work is progressing brilliantly. More doctors are joining the team and this program may move into other areas of Vietnam and/or surrounding countries. We have received \$20,000 from Clarks Shoes plus numerous additional donations from the podiatric association members for this program.



Lifeline Australia funded eye surgery and prosthetic for Mahajir from Bali.

MISSION STATEMENT

Variety Children's Lifeline

provides medical and surgical assistance to underprivileged children in developing countries, primarily in pediatric cardiac surgery. Multidisciplinary voluntary missions and/or partnerships with local hospitals are the key to our goal for these countries to achieve independence in their ability to provide appropriate medical care to their children. Variety Children's Lifeline brings children requiring highly technical care to appropriate facilities in the United States or elsewhere.

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CORE HOSPITAL / UNIVERSITY	CORRESPONDENT COUNTRY / HOSPITAL
Asociacion Del Corazon Infantil	Guatemala, S.A.
Baptist Medical Center	Ogbomoso, Nigeria
Boston Children's Hospital	Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, Ghana, West Africa
Brooklyn Medical Center	General Hospital Port au Prince, Haiti
Children's Hospital of Michigan (Detroit)	Clinica Corazones Unidos, Dominican Republic
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	Teleton Hospital, Santiago, Chile
Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (Co-sponsored with SEAPC)	Peoples Hospital, Lhasa, Tibet
Corazon A Corazon Hospital	Anzhen Hospital, Beijing, China
Doernbecher Children's Hospital (Portland)	Bucaramanga, Colombia
The E. Wolfson Medical Center, Israel Save a Child's Heart (Co-Sponsored with Variety, Israel)	Hospital del Ninó, Panama
Hoag Hospital, Newport Beach, CA (Plásticos Foundation)	Jordan, Ethiopia, China, Iraq, Egypt, Somalia, Palestinian Authority, Nigeria, Congo, Eritrea, Zanzibar, Russia, Ghana, Sri Lanka, Kenya
Imperial College of Science, London (Co-sponsored with Chain of Hope, London)	Ecuador & Guatemala
Pacific Clinical Research Foundation	Egypt, Panama, Mozambique, Jamaica, Morocco, Mauritius
Pacific Coast Pediatrics	Dnepropetrovsk Regional Clinical Hospital, Ukraine
Mercy Hospital (San Diego)	Sierra Leone & The Gambia
Mercy Medical Center (Des Moines)	Tijuana, Mexico
North Shore University Hospital, NY (Cornell)	Hospital O'Horan, Yucatan, Mexico
Penn State Hershey Medical Center	Instituto Del Corazon, Colombia
Penn State Hershey Medical Center	Caribbean, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guyana
Schneider Children's Hospital, NY	Hospital Pediatrico, Ecuador
St. Stephen's Hospital	Hospital Gineco-Obstetrico & Children's Hospital, Guayaquil, Ecuador
UMass Memorial Children's Medical Center	New Delhi, India
University of California, San Diego	New Delhi, India
University of California, San Diego	Worcester, Massachusetts
University of California, San Diego	Hospital Roberto del Rio, Santiago, Chile
University of California, San Diego	Maria Auxiliadora Hospital, Lima, Peru
University of California, San Diego	Hospital del Nino, La Paz, Bolivia
University of California, San Diego	Institute of Neurosurgery, Kiev, Ukraine
University of California, San Diego	Angkor Hospital for Children, Siem Reap, Cambodia



Cambodia mission photo by Daniel Rothenberg

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Editorial from Salah M. Hassanein

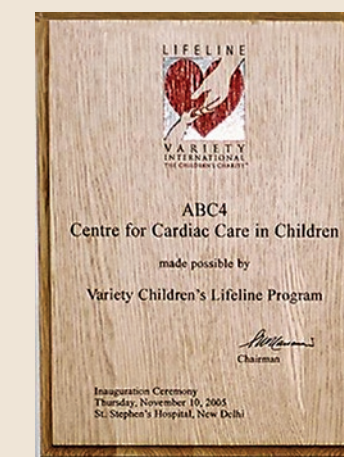
Dear Lifeliners and friends of Lifeline,

As you can see from our mission report, we have been busy. 2007 marks the 25th anniversary of our Lifeline program and we have grown substantially every year of our existence.

I would like to take this opportunity to report the latest news from our new pediatric cardiac hub in India. Under the leadership of Dr. Devyani Chowdhury, pediatric cardiologist, St. Stephen's Hospital in New Delhi has become a very productive Lifeline hub welcoming destitute families whose children need cardiac care. St. Stephen's, with Lifeline's support, will not turn any child away needing cardiac treatment. Dr. Chowdhury, along with her husband, Dr. Ramesh Kodavatiganti, anesthesiologist, are dedicated to our Lifeline program and we are very proud to have them on our team. In August and September, 12 children received necessary cardiac care through this program, including an 8 month old baby that came with her parents from Vietnam after hearing of our program.

Separately, we are working jointly with Chain of Hope (UK), under the leadership of Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub, to establish a doctor training program for the creation of Lifeline/Chain of Hope doctors who will be trained by 5 eminent pediatric cardiac surgeons, including Sir Magdi Yacoub. The goal of this training program is to establish experienced, knowledgeable and dedicated doctors from developing countries who, after qualifying, will use their skills to perform cardiac surgeries on children in their native land, thus making year-round advanced cardiac care available.

Lifeline is currently in discussions to create a relief organization for the immediate placement of water treatment systems in the event of a disaster. The involvement of Lifeline in the relief rendered in Sri Lanka and Indonesia, as well as Louisiana and Mississippi, was not within Lifeline's day to day operations. Consequently, arrangements are being initiated to create a separate unit with the specific purpose of rendering immediate assistance in future disaster areas with ready-made systems on hand, as soon as called upon. Simultaneously, Lifeline is assembling a core group of volunteers who will be ready to respond to the urgent medical needs triggered by such a disaster. More on this in the near future.



Dedication plaque at Lifeline's hub hospital, St. Stephen's, New Delhi, India.

Please take the time to read our full mission report, you will not be disappointed.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of our friends for their support, without which we could not have accomplished what we did.

Very sincerely yours,
Salah M. Hassanein
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Chairman



2 year old, Santosh, after surgery at the Lifeline hub hospital in New Delhi, India.

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Israel (Save a Child's Heart)

Lifeline, in conjunction with Variety Israel, sponsors surgeries through the "Save a Child's Heart" (SACH) program at E. Wolfson's Medical Center in Israel. This project takes care of children from several countries including Iraq, Palestinian Authority, Jordan, Kenya, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Egypt, Zanzibar, Russia, Somalia and Eritrea. The agreement will continue for 2006/2007. Lifeline recently met with SACH cardiac intensivist, Dr. Sion Houry, and SACH has agreed to operate on children suffering from cardiac abnormalities referred from Lifeline pediatric clinical missions in The Gambia and Sierra Leone. 🍀

Lifeline Partner - Chain of Hope, U.K.

The Lifeline and Chain of Hope agreement provides for joint pediatric cardiac missions under the leadership of Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub. Lifeline has agreed to co-sponsor up to 5 joint missions per year for a 2 year period. For 2005/2006, Lifeline contributed £15,000 per mission to Chain of Hope for missions to Mozambique, Jamaica (twice), Panama and Egypt. 🍀

Peru (University of California, San Diego)

The third Lifeline pediatric neurosurgical mission to Lima, led by Dr. Michael Levy, will return to Lima in November 2006. Lifeline has agreed to provide the hospital with an anesthesia machine and to support additional specialized training of a surgeon at UCSD under Dr. Michael Levy. Maria Auxiliadora Hospital in Peru has agreed to serve as a Lifeline Hub to treat children from neighboring countries. 🍀



13 year old, Bikombo, from Zanzibar received cardiac surgery in Israel.



Mohamed received cardiac surgery during Chain of Hope / Lifeline mission to Egypt.

UPCOMING MISSIONS

COUNTRY	HOSPITAL	DISCIPLINE	DATES
Yucatan	Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines	Caths/Screenings	October 2006
Santiago, Chile	Sunrise Children's Hospital, Las Vegas	Cardiac	October 16-19, 2006
Ghana	Boston Children's Hospital	Exploratory - Cardiac	October 20-28, 2006
Guatemala	Plasticos / Hoag Hospital	Plastic Surgeries	October 13-22, 2006
Ecuador	Penn State Children's Hospital	Cardiac	Nov. 13-21, 2006
Ecuador	Penn State Children's Hospital	Neonatal	Nov. 13-21, 2006
The Gambia	Pacific Ocean Pediatrics	Medical Clinic	Nov. 24 - Dec. 3, 2006
Haiti	Brooklyn Hospital	Neonatal	Dec. 2006 (tentative)
Lima, Peru	University of California, San Diego	Neurosurgical	December 2006
Chile, Santiago	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	Rehabilitative Medicine	January 2007
Dominican Republic	Children's Hospital of Detroit	Cardiac	January 2007
Bolivia, La Paz	University of California, San Diego	Neurosurgical	January 2007
Panama	Doernbecher Children's Hosp., Portland	Cardiac	February 2007
Ecuador	Penn State Children's Hospital	Cardiac	March 2007
Ecuador	Penn State Children's Hospital	Neonatal	March 2007
Sierra Leone	Pacific Ocean Pediatrics	Medical Clinic	March 2007
Ukraine, Kiev	University of California, San Diego	Neurosurgical	May 2007
Ukraine, Dnepropetrovsk	Pacific Clinical Research Foundation	Craniofacial	May 2007

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Dominican Republic (Children's Hospital of Detroit)

This Lifeline pediatric cardiac mission has had a total of 3 mission trips with great success. Results: a total of 39 surgeries, 57 catheterizations with no mortalities. The mission will return in January of 2007. In addition to Lifeline's specific mission to the Dominican Republic, we also supported the organization "Heart Care International" with their 2006 pediatric cardiac mission to the Dominican Republic, led by Montefiore Hospital's Chief of Surgery, Dr. Samuel Weinstein. 🍀



Dr. Daniel Turner and patient on Lifeline Mission to Dominican Republic.

Bolivia, La Paz (University of California, San Diego)

The first Lifeline pediatric neurosurgical mission to La Paz was in December 2005 and the return mission is set for December 2006. Lifeline purchased surgical micro-instruments and a neuroendoscopy set for the Hospital del Nino in La Paz. 16 child evaluations were conducted and 6 child surgeries were completed on our first mission. 🍀

Ecuador (Penn State Children's Hospital)

The Lifeline mission team, led by Dr. John Myers, continues to travel twice a year to Ecuador to perform pediatric cardiac surgeries. Lifeline is purchasing a refurbished heart-lung machine for this mission which will enable the mission team to have two fully functional operating rooms and provide pediatric cardiac surgeries to many more children. Lifeline also sends a neonatal mission from Penn State Children's Hospital, led by Keith Marks, alongside the pediatric cardiac team. Our next joint cardiac / neonatal mission is scheduled for November 8-21, 2006. 🍀

Ecuador & Guatemala

Lifeline has partnered with the Plasticos Foundation of Newport Beach, CA, for 3 pediatric craniofacial and reconstructive plastic surgical missions to Ecuador (2) and Guatemala. These missions are led by Dr. Larry Nichter, Chairman of the Department of Plastic Surgery at Hoag Hospital. The first reconstructive plastic surgical mission to Macas, Ecuador, was successfully completed in August. The Guatemala mission left on October 13 and we do not have a full report as of this writing. 🍀



Child with mother after surgery in Ecuador.

Mexico, Yucatan (Mercy Medical Hospital, Des Moines)

Lifeline sponsors the surgeries for 30 Yucatan children each year screened for surgery by the Mercy mission teams that travel twice a year to the Yucatan. The most recent screening mission went in October 2006. Under the leadership of Dr. Thomas Becker, Lifeline also sponsors child catheterizations in Merida, Mexico. 🍀

Mexico, Tijuana (Mercy Outreach Surgical Team - "MOST")

Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego partners with Lifeline for 2 surgical missions with the focus on pediatric plastic, general and eye surgeries. Lifeline supported 2 missions this year, July and September 2006. Since 2004, MOST has treated nearly 400 children in Tijuana for hernias, vision problems, cleft lips and palates and other conditions. 🍀

Colombia, Bucaramanga

Lifeline's agreement with Corazon A Corazon sponsors pediatric cardiac surgeries for 25 needy children per year. In December, Corazon A Corazon celebrates its 25th year anniversary of treating thousands of children. Lifeline is proud to be associated with such a successful program. 🍀

Ukraine, Kiev (University of California, San Diego)

In May 2006, Dr. Michael Levy led a Lifeline Neurosurgical Mission to the Institute of Neurosurgery in Kiev. The team completed 7 pediatric neurosurgeries. Lifeline purchased micro-instruments, a bipolar coagulation unit and a neuroendoscopy

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set for the hospital. Lifeline has also agreed to purchase a microscope, a pneumatic drill and provide an anesthesia machine, all of which will permit the Kiev team to advance their skills to operate independently. The Hospital Chief has agreed to receive children needing surgery from neighboring countries including Moldova, Estonia and Latvia. The Lifeline mission team will return in May 2007. 🍀

Ukraine, Dnepropetrovsk

Dr. Jeff Moses led this successful inaugural craniofacial mission in May 2006. Mission results: 4 orphanages visited where children were screened for craniofacial surgery and 4 professional Symposium Lectures given at the Dnepropetrovsk Hospital. Over 50 children were evaluated, 17 of whom received specialized and advanced surgical procedures. The mission returned September 14 - 24, 2006. Results: 42 children treated for craniofacial and growth deformities and 17 surgical procedures performed on 9 infants. Lifeline received letters of gratitude from the Deputy Major of Dneprodzherinsk and the Mechikov Medical Hospital Administrator and Chief. Lifeline donated an anesthesia machine to Mechikov Hospital which will further the ability for their medical team to treat children on their own. 🍀



Lifeline craniofacial surgeons in Ukraine.

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Africa - Sierra Leone and The Gambia

Lifeline has agreed to sponsor 50% of each of these 2 new missions in partnership with pediatrician, Dr. Robert Hamilton of Pacific Ocean Pediatrics in Santa Monica, CA. The focus of these missions is to operate a 2 week clinic in remote villages, providing child evaluations, immunizations, infant care and simple out-patient surgical procedures. Mission dates are set for November 24 - December 3, 2006, to The Gambia, a west African country (one of the smallest and poorest on the continent), and in March 2007 to the Republic of Sierra Leone, also in West Africa (Sierra Leone has the lowest average income in the world). 🍀

Ghana, West Africa (Boston Children's Hospital)

Pediatric cardiac surgeon, Dr. Francis Fynn-Thompson, is leading the initial exploratory mission to Accra, Ghana, on October 20 - 28 to the National Cardiothoracic Centre at the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital. The team has had early success receiving contributions of 8 cardiac monitors with cables, oxygen saturation monitors, an EKG machine, a defibrillator, and medication pumps. A local Rotary Club will be meeting with the team in Ghana to help get the supplies through customs. A full pediatric cardiac mission will return to Ghana in January 2007. 🍀

Nigeria, Lagos

In May, Phase One of the "Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS" project with the organization, "Drugs for Aids and HIV Patients" (DAHP), was officially launched and Lifeline had an NBC video team present to record the initial testing phase. 3,733 people were tested and 2% of those have tested positive for HIV/AIDS. By the end of August, 5,000 additional test kits were received and at the end of September 2006, 1,000 more people were screened. On August 23, 2006, the second Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission training was held with representatives from 12 Nigerian hospitals attending. This project will continue to screen and identify women who are pregnant and test positive for HIV/AIDS, treat these women, provide the C-Section delivery and the appropriate therapy for the mother and child in order to prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS from the mother to the child. 🍀

Cambodia, Siem Reap (University of California, San Diego)

July 27 - August 8, 2006, marked Lifeline's first pediatric cardiac mission to the Angkor Hospital for Children in Siem Reap. Lifeline's team included: Dr. Jolene Kriett, lead surgeon; Dr. Michael Madani, surgeon and assistant surgeon; Dr. Paul Grossfeld, cardiologist and mission leader; Mrs. Susan Grossfeld, patient coordinator, as well as two anesthesiologists, a respiratory therapist, an echo technician and three nurses. 35 echocardiograms and cardiac evaluations were performed during this mission and 15 children received critical heart surgery. 🍀



Lifeline mission coordinator, Susan Grossfeld, in Cambodia with Nguon after surgery.