

GIFT OF LIFE



A Rotary project to save the lives of children suffering from heart ailments

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For Rotarians & friends

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HEART SURGERIES ARRANGED DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2007:

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT ELECT
RTN DONG KURN LEE VISITS CHILDREN
UNDERGOING HEART SURGERY UNDER ROTARY
"GIFT OF LIFE" PROJET AT NATIONAL HEART
INSTITUTE, NEW DELHI ON 31 AUGUST 2007**



Gift of Life & National Heart Institute welcoming RIPE



Words of welcome by Dr OP Yadava, CEO, National Heart Institute - PRID Rtn Sushil Gupta, Chief Coordinator AC Peter, Rtn Prakash Khanna, Doctors & GOL team look on



RIPE Rtn D K Lee addressing the Doctors and GOL Team



A side view of audience of GOL team : PP Rtn G S Iyer, R'ne Meena Iyer, Rotary Club Secretary Rtn Sourab Jain etc listening with rapt attention





Handing over memento to RIPE Rtn D K Lee



RIPE Rtn D K Lee with Mohd. Younus from Pakistan



RIPE Rtn D K Lee with Amir Bhatt from Jammu & Kashmir



RIPE Rtn D K Lee Privanka from Kashmir



RIPE Rtn D K Lee with Soumini Sathyan from Kerala



RIPE Rtn D K Lee with Simpi, 13 years from J & K

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DEFENCE MINISTER OF INDIA MR A K ANTONY MEETS CHILDREN WHO CAME TO DELHI FOR HEART SURGERY UNDER ROTARY "GIFT OF LIFE" PROJECT AT HIS OFFICIAL RESIDENCE IN NEW DELHI ON 01 SEPTEMBER 2007

DETAILS OF CHILDREN WHOM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT ELECT RTN D K LEE & INDIAN DEFENCE MINISTER MR A K ANTONY MET ON 31 AUG 2007 & 01 SEPT 2007 RESPECTIVELY

Mohd. Younus S/o Mr Gulam Abbas
12 years, Male, suffering from ASD
Muzafar Garh, Punjab, Pakistan

Daily wage labourer with monthly income Rs. 2,500. (INR). Mohd. Younus has 5 brothers and one sister. He is studying in class 5. Diagnosed 10 months back and referred to cardiology hospital, Multan. As they could not afford surgery cost, they approached Rotary Club of Lahore who in turn referred to Gift of Life, New Delhi for help.

Amir Bahtt S/o Mr Mohd. Ayub Bhatt
7 years, Male, suffering from ASD
Qualia Mohalla, Bhararwah, District Doda, J&K

Father works as a daily wage laborer. His monthly income is Rs.2000/-. Amir is studying in class I. He was suffering from upper respiratory tract infection from early childhood. His heart problem was diagnosed when he was 3 years old. Upon echo it was diagnosed that the child has a hole in heart. The local SHO approached Rotary Club Udhampur as media had already highlighted the Gift of Life project. **He was operated on 21st August, 2007.**

Simpi D/o Shyam Lal
13 years, Female, suffering from Tetralogy of Fallot
Village : Kundarorian, Katra, Jammu & Kashmir

Father is working as driver in Shrine Board. His monthly income is Rs.2,000/-. Simpi has one younger brother, one younger sister and one elder sister. She does not attend school. In early childhood she fainted and became bluish. After investigation it was found that she was suffering from heart problem and diagnosed when she was 5 years of age. She was advised surgery. But the family could not afford the cost of surgery. The child's uncle had some known person in Rotary. The case was referred to National Heart Institute by Gift of Life. **She was operated on 2nd September 2007**

Dr OP Yadava, CEO, National Heart Institute, Mr R Srivatsan, Coordinator GOL, NHI, Rtn Sushil Gupta, PRID & advisor Gift of Life, Rtn. A.C. Peter, Chief Co-ordinator Gift of Life, PP Rtn GS Iyer and other team members of GOL and Rotarians along with children and their parents visited Defence Minister's official residence at New Delhi on 1 September 2007



Defence Minister of India receiving Rotary Club of Lahore (Pakistan) flag from Mohd. Younus



Defence Minister of India meeting the Gift of Life children



Defence Minister of India distributing sweets to "Gift of Life" children

Soumini Sathyan

12 years, Female, suffering from ASD
Pulpara House, Payyavu P.O. Kallloor, Kerala

She was born on 19th December in 1994 of poor parents in a remote village of Idukki District. Her father deserted her and her mother when Soumini was hardly two months old. The poor mother fought against all odds in spite of her health failing her; and worked as a house maid to look after Soumini. When Soumini turned 10 years of age; her mother was quite unable to carry on any further and she was brought to the Mother and Child Foundation, a Registered Voluntary Organization taking care of destitute mothers and children. She was admitted on 13.06.2005, and started her schooling again. (She is currently studying in Grade VI and has an excellent academic record.). Meanwhile, it was noticed that Sowmini suffered frequent bouts of breathlessness and short attacks of nausea. Shortly, she was diagnosed as suffering from congenital heart disease. Rotary Club of Thodupuzha referred the case to GOL New Delhi. Soumini, her mother and a male escort nurse came to Delhi on 18 Aug 2007 and was admitted in National Heart Institute. **She underwent heart surgery on 21st August, 2007.**

Priyanka D/o Ramesh Kumar
7 years, Female, suffering from Tetralogy of Fallot
Bhalang, District Udhampur, J & K

Father is working at a tea stall. Income is roughly Rs.1,500 per month. Priyanka goes to school and is in Class II. Child used to become bluish and was diagnosed Tetralogy of Fallot. As they could not afford surgery, they approached the local Chief Medical Officer who referred them to Rotary. The case was referred to National Heart Institute by Gift of Life. **She was operated on 2nd September.**

**"AND HE WHO KEEPS A SOUL ALIVE,
HE IS AS IF HE HAS GIVEN LIFE
TO ALL MANKIND"**

Ravi Sharma : 20 year, Male, Mitral Valve replacment, Mansar, Batote, J & K

When he was 15 years in school, he had chest pain. They went to a local doctor and was diagnosed as having heart problem. He was referred to AIIMS in New Delhi. His echo revealed that he needed mitral valve replacement. They went back to their state. The local head master of their village referred the case to Rotary. He came to National Heart Institute through Gift of Life. He has four brothers. He is 3rd one. At present he is not working. **Surgery was done on 28 Aug 2007**



Water.. water .. everywhere, not a drop ...



RIPE Rtn D K Lee, PRID Rtn Sushil Gupta etc lighting the lamp during the inaugural ceremony of seminar on “water concerns for India” at New Delhi organised by Rotary India Water Conservation Trust on 31 September 2007

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(We thank for your letter, support and encouraging words. You have, thereby, become part of GOL)

Thanks for sharing the important news. Such projects make a Rotarian feel proud and reaffirms his belief that yes, Rotary can make a difference if the members are committed.

Rtn. sunil Saraf, Asst. Governor, R.I. Dist 3240, Assam India <saraf_sunil@rediffmail.com>

Dear Rtn Arackel,
Hearty Congrats for all your great Service. We in R I Dist 3190 pray for the successful operation of all the 7 children.

Regds, **U B Bhat**, DGE 2008/09, R I Dist.3190, Bangalore <ub_bhat@hotmail.com>

Respected Mr. Peter.

It is such a wonder full news to know from you that Muhammad Younis is coming for a heart surgery through Gift of life to Delhi. Pray to God for his complete recovery and back to normal life again. Thank you Mr. Peter and God bless you all the time.

With best regards, **Bankim Saha**, Chicago <bankimsaha@sbcglobal.net>

Dear Peter,
Thank you & GOD BLESS you and the team of dedicated Rotarians & Medical Team to make it possible to save the lives of those who may NOT have lived !! Every drop of SERVICE makes a better & a HAPPY world with UNDERSTANDING & GOODWILL. I do take this opportunity to pray that GIFT OF LIFE does catch the attention of many many more fortunate philanthropic people to make a bigger difference towards HAPPINESS ! I copy this email to Rotarians of Clubs in RID 3290 who have been doing an omen's job in this part of the world too. GOD BLESS them. I request them to pursue the Bulletin attached.

Warmest Rotary wishes (``••~) Always `•,~(``••~) Keep (``••~),• Smiling! `•,• **PP BINOD KHAITAN** <binodkay@yahoo.com> Rotary Club of Central Calcutta <www.rccentralcal.org> RI District 3290

Dear Rudy,
As chairperson of GOLA (Gift of Life-Amman) Committee in Jordan, I greatly appreciate your briefing A.C.Peter of India about what your Committee is doing for the children of Jordan and Iraq in relieving their cardiac ailments. A copy of the bulletin issued by GOLA would serve the information.

Thanks and regards, **Samir Seikaly**
DG 2003-2004, RID 2450 <rotary@nets.jo>

Dear Sir,

I am so happy to learn that Rotary Club has organized treatment for a Pakistani national, I will pray for the fast recovery of Mr Mohd Younis. I am sure this step will strengthen the bonds between the people of two countries.

Regards, **Qamar Agha**, Independent Journalist, Visiting Professor Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
qamar_gha@yahoo.com

Dear Mr.. Peter,

Thank you for sharing such an inspiring story regarding Rotary Peace Project which transcends limitations of nationality and politics. It is inspiring to learn about the heart surgery being provided to the two Pakistani nationals. I congratulate and admire the Rotarians of India and Pakistan for their admirable commitment to peace. These efforts not only help the needy but create an atmosphere of trust and understanding between the people of our two countries.

Cheers and best wishes.

With kind regards, **Brig Rao Abid Hamid**
<raoabid95@hotmail.com>

Good morning AC,

It is very warming to read of service projects as you outline below. Thank you AC and congratulations to all who have made it possible. The power of Rotary is much greater than we imagine when good people with the values and principles of our organization use them for the betterment of mankind.

Best wishes and continued success.

Louis Piconi, Trustee, The Rotary Foundation 2007-11
RI Vice President 2000-01, Member, Rotary Club of Bethel-St. Clair, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, D7300 Lpiconi@aol.com

Peter,

Thank you for that. That is the type of story that is inspiring, humbling, and makes you proud to be a Rotarian. I will forward it to Zone Coordinators in Europe and ask that they pass it on to their Districts and Clubs.

Kindest Regards from Scotland, **Bob Tomlinson**.
BTLenzie@aol.com

Dear Sir,

You are doing excellent job. Wish you all the best.

Thanks and regards
Rtn. Nitin Dafria <ndafria@yahoo.com>

Dear Peter,

Thanks for the copy of the bulletin , which has come out very nicely.

Warm rgds, **Sushil Gupta** <sushil.gupta@yahoo.co.in>

Dear Mr Peter,
It is nice to receive your mail and I am glad that your Rotary Club is doing a very noble work of gifting life to Pakistani Children. Keep it up.

Lt Gen Surender Verma <surnim@hotmail.com>

Dear Peter,
Congrats for your wonderful effort. Please convey the same to your entire team members. May God bless you all.

Regards.

Kanhaiya prasad Sinha

IPDG <kanhaiyaprasadsinha@rediffmail.com>

Brilliant and well done.

Regards **Shirley** <shirleyd@phomella.co.za>

Allen & Letty,
We have to incorporate the attached Gift of Life bulletin from India into our website and our newsletter. Peter is a "get the job done" kind of person. We need to keep more closely in touch with him. He is a good outreach person and well organized. Thanks for what you are doing for the children.

Robbie Donno, Gift of Life International, Inc.
golman@msn.com

dear peter sir,

Thanks for the information update. Hope you are fine.
Looking forward to meeting once you are in Kerala

Fr. Joseph M.K

Rajagiri College <emkay2001@rediffmail.com>

Dear Rotarian Peter:

Thank you very much for your wonderful work. You are giving tremendous service. You deserve highest confer of Rotary, in left. I will share with my fellow club members and the leader of the District.

Kudos to you

Sk. Abdul Hadi

<sahadi@bttb.net.bd>

Member, "Gift of Life" as Coordinator for Bangladesh

Dear Peter,

Excellent project. It goes without saying that you and your team believe in GIVING thus fully subscribing to the principle of SHARING and CARING -very dear to all true and dedicated Rotarians. God bless you all. Keep it up.

With warm personal regards,

PDG **Ranjan Dhingra** <r.dhingra@laraon.com>

Thank u PETER for the pictures and the details of GIFT OF LIFE work. It is very noble and for welfare of humanity. Keep it up. Our good wishes are with you and goodwill with all Rotarians in this noble cause.

GOD BLESS, **Col Harbhajan Singh** <hari14rr@yahoo.com>

Thank you Rtn. Peter for the information. I am circulating the information provided by you to the Clubs, and shall also be sending the prints to all the clubs since many of the clubs are not accessible on the email. In our District we have started a blog also so that the Rotarians can log on and check the information about the DG's programs. It is www.rotary3080.blogspot.com.

With best personal regards,

Rtn. PP Charanjit Singh, DISTRICT CHAIR, PUBLIC RELATIONS 2007-08, <info@corepr.com>

Dear Rtn AC Peter,

Thank you very much for your mail and your best wishes. We appreciate your suggested 'Gift of Life Project' and certainly intend to take it up. We will spread the word through our bulletin and meetings. Thanking you once again,

With best regards,

Vandana Sinha <rotarydss@yahoo.com>

Dear Peter,

Thank you to share this wonderful gifts for who needs. We would like to support it. Please do not hesitate to tell us as we can.

Besat regards

Yours in Rotary

Joseph Chang RID3470 PDG

jawsafe1946@hotmail.com

Dear Sir,

I request you on the behalf of my club, please send us information about the operations under "Gift of Life" project so that our club can visit the hospital & other help required.

Regards,

Yours in Rotary

Rtn.S.Sorabh Jain

Secretary

Rotary Club of Delhi NCR

Dear Peter:

I'm glad to grant this great "Gift of Life" project. I'll mail back to you once I've collected the required authorization.

Jen-Te Chen(Ortho),

DG of D3470

jdchen24@ms28.hinet.net

Gift of Life

A Rotary project to arrange 'free heart operations'
for children suffering from heart diseases

Delhi National Capital Region

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**A MESSAGE OF PEACE
THROUGH
ROTARY "GIFT OF LIFE" HEART SURGERIES**

03 September 2007

Rtn. PAG Engr. Col (R) Sajid Baseer Shaikh

**Chairman, Gift of Life, Pakistan
Rotary Club of Lahore**



It is a moment of great pleasure and honour for me to offer my sincerest gratitude on behalf of DG Aziz Memon, DGN Usman Masud, DGN Saeed Shamsi, members of Rotary Club of Lahore, and on my own behalf to the distinguished Rotarians - Chairman Rtn. Ravishankar Bhooplapur, Advisor PRID Rtn. Sushil Gupta, and Chief Coordinator A. C Peter, running Gift of Life, India, New Delhi for offering gratis heart surgery to Pakistani boy Muhammad Younis son of a labourer. The gift of new lease of Life to Younis will add to the large list of so many Pakistani children who are the beneficiaries of this compassionate programme having their hearts carved with the message of love and their families have become the permanent ambassadors of peace, goodwill, and understanding between the two countries.

Indo-Pak Rotarians are to be lauded who reach across borders to pool their resources and put in their unified efforts with open hearts and open minds for such international service project to provide relief to the poor and the destitute families of Pakistan. Such endeavours will definite aid many other welcome gestures floated by the two countries in opening up block vistas for setting up a new relationship.

Rotary's greatest gift is to share fellowship and service with someone who has a different caste, religion, culture, language, etc.

We thank Mr R Srivatsan/Dr OP Yadava and his team from National Heart Institute, Rotary Club of Delhi East End, Rotary Dist 3510 Taiwan. We the members of Rotary Club of Lahore are deeply indebted with thanks from the core of our hearts and salute to all who are involved in God's benevolence work.

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT ELECT

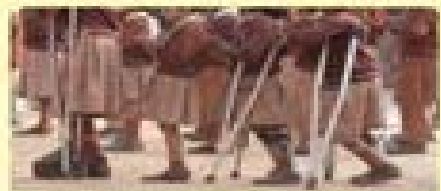


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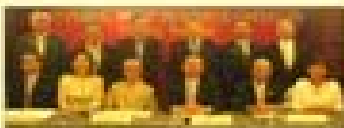
A Rotary peace project to arrange free heart surgery for poor children suffering from congenital heart diseases in India and beyond borders

If you like to sponsor a child or refer a child for surgery, please contact:

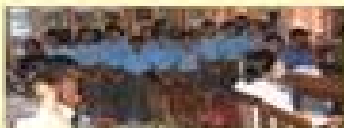
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