



Saving the World, One Heart at a Time...

Save a Child's Heart is about children.

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Save a Child's Heart is about saving children's lives, one heart at a time.

Save a Child's Heart (SACH) is an Israel-based international humanitarian project, whose mission is to improve the quality of pediatric cardiac care for children from developing countries who suffer from heart disease and to create centers of competence in these countries. To date we have provided care to over **3,000 children** from Africa, South America, Europe, Asia and throughout the Middle East.

Many of our children come from areas ravaged by war and nature such as Iraq, Haiti, Sri Lanka and the Palestinian Authority.

For the vast majority of our patients, every penny of their medical costs are covered by SACH and its partners, from the moment a child comes under our care until they have fully recovered - even if they require a lifetime of check-ups.

SACH is completely dedicated to the idea that every child deserves the best medical treatment available, regardless of the child's nationality, religion, race, gender or financial situation.

What We Do

- Provide **lifesaving cardiac surgery** and other critical procedures for children from developing countries at the Wolfson Medical Center in Holon, Israel
- Provide a comprehensive **training program in Israel** for doctors and nurses from these countries
- Lead **surgical and teaching missions** to partner countries in the developing world
- Hold **pre-operative and follow-up cardiology clinics** in Israel and abroad



Abel, Age 7 - Tanzania



Sun Yao, Age 6 - China

Shadi, Age 2 - Gaza



(L) Christian, Age 10 - Ghana
(R) Christina, Age 12 - Moldova

FOR ALL THE WORLD

Since 1995, Save a Child's Heart (SACH) has treated over 3,000 children suffering from cardiac illnesses. During our first year, we treated 48 individuals. **In 2012, more than 280 children were saved by our doctors.**

We have given care to children in need from **44 countries**: Approximately 50% of the children are from the Palestinian Authority, Jordan, Iraq and Morocco; more than 30% are from Africa; and the remaining are from Asia, Eastern Europe and the Americas.

About Our Logo

Shortly after Save a Child's Heart began, 4-year old Katya arrived from Moldova with very serious heart defects. She was near death and her body was deep blue, due to a lack of oxygen. Some five months and four highly complicated operations later, Katya was cured and ready to return to a normal life. Before she left, she drew a picture of a hand holding a little girl with a heart. When asked to explain, she told her doctor:



"I had a dream. There were many colors over my bed, and then a very big hand came in the middle of the night. We flew to a far-off country and they gave me a new heart, and I could run and dance."

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Teaching From the Heart-Comprehensive Training in Israel

The ultimate goal of Save a Child's Heart (SACH) is to create centers of competence in developing countries so that children can be treated independently in their own communities. At the Wolfson Medical Center in Israel, SACH brings medical personnel from partner sites around the globe for in-depth post-graduate training in all facets of pediatric cardiac care.

Since its inception in 1995, SACH has trained 77 physicians and nurses from a host of countries including: China, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Moldova, Nigeria, the Palestinian Authority, Romania, Russia, Tanzania and Vietnam.

This is how SACH is able to expand its impact exponentially, as the doctors who receive this training return to their home countries better equipped to treat children.





Treatment and Teaching Abroad

The SACH medical team travels to partner sites throughout the developing world to perform surgery, conduct cardiology clinics that evaluate pre and post-operative patients together with local cardiologists and give local medical personnel onsite training in pediatric cardiac care.

To date, SACH has conducted **15 teaching missions** abroad treating more than **180 children**.

SACH has provided **onsite training to hundreds** of medical personnel in Ethiopia, China, Mauritania, Moldova and Ukraine and conducted more than **60 cardiology clinics**, examining over 7500 children in Angola, China, Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Jordan (Iraqi children), Mauritania, Moldova, Nigeria, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Tanzania, Ukraine and Zanzibar.

While the surgeries are restricted to those countries whose medical infrastructure can support the necessary surgical conditions, SACH is consistently working to bring awareness about the importance of improving facilities even in places where they do not exist.

In addition to pre-operative examinations, SACH's cardiology clinics also provide essential follow-up care for children who were previously treated by SACH. In order to provide this continued support, Coumadin clinics have been set up in partner sites for children who have undergone valve replacement and require a drug called Coumadin for the rest of their lives in order to regulate their blood thickness.



"The training I am receiving from Save a Child's Heart will do nothing less than enable me to go home to Africa and save children's lives."

--Dr. Godwin Godfry, Tanzania



From Every Corner of the Globe



Six year old Woodley was set to be admitted to the Wolfson Medical Center in January, 2010 for evaluation and treatment. Shortly before Woodley was scheduled to

arrive, an enormous earthquake struck his native **Haiti**, and the young boy was stranded. An Israeli medical team was among the first to arrive in the ravaged country and set up cutting-edge medical facilities. Informed of Woodley's situation, the medical team located him and his aunt, and they were flown to Israel. In February, 2010 Woodley underwent successful surgery. Three months after arriving in Israel, a fully recovered, smiling and confident Woodley boarded a plane with his aunt and returned home to Haiti.



Gaeda'a is the 1000th Palestinian child to receive lifesaving heart surgery from SACH's doctors. Gaeda'a was diagnosed with a heart condition just one month after

she was born. After several attempts to treat her at other medical centers in the Middle East, Gaeda'a was referred to SACH. In July, 2009, she traveled to the Wolfson Medical Center to be evaluated and undergo surgery. Approximately two weeks after arriving in Israel, Gaeda'a was deemed healthy enough to return home to her family.



Baoxin is a delightful eighteen-month old orphan from **Beijing**. He was admitted to the Wolfson Medical Center in March, 2010, for evaluation and treatment. Three months

after arriving in Israel, Baoxin had successfully recovered from his surgery and returned home.



14-year old **Victoria** arrived for treatment at the Wolfson Medical Center from **Russia** in February, 2004. A month after arriving, she underwent successful surgery performed

by the SACH cardiac-surgery team. By April of that year, Victoria had fully recovered and was able to return home with her mother to Russia. Today, she is 20 years old.



Hussein is an outgoing and lovable five year old **Iraqi** boy. He was evaluated during the SACH Medical Mission to Jordan in October, 2007. In February, 2008, Hussein

arrived at the Wolfson Medical Center for surgery. A few weeks later, the SACH team implanted a pacemaker in his young heart. Hussein captivated the entire staff of the Children's Ward at the Wolfson Medical Center with the glint in his eye. He was able to return home to Iraq in April, 2008.



Hiba is a beautiful and magical little girl who was admitted to the Wolfson Medical Center in May, 2010 for evaluation and treatment. She is the first child from

Morocco to be treated in Israel by SACH. Hiba is truly a princess in the making. She loves posing for pictures, having animated conversations, and eating bite-sized chocolates. Following successful surgery, Hiba returned home to **Morocco** where she plans on showing off her new found health and energy through a lot of dancing.



Maria is the 3000th child to receive lifesaving heart treatment from SACH's doctors. She saw it as a birthday gift, as she had her surgery just a week before her

10th birthday. Three months after her arrival in Israel, in November 2012, Maria was healthy and ready to go back to **Angola**. Her dream, now that she has new found energy, is to travel the world with her family.