



## **ROTARIANS COME TOGETHER TO FORM GIFT OF LIFE DISTRICT 7020**

Gift of life International (GOLI) is a Rotary based program, created to support and coordinate the efforts of Pediatric Cardiac Surgical Programs throughout the world.

This program works to increase the capacity of existing programs, initiate new programs, develop partnerships with other NGO's with this common goal, and help to tell the collective story.

Our goal is to support a Pediatric Cardiac Surgical Program that will treat all Children in the Caribbean, "Our Hearts are in the Caribbean".

### **GIFT OF LIFE PROGRAM IN JAMAICA**

- ◆ GOLI has evaluated the cardiac surgical program at Bustamante Hospital for Children (BHC), and finds the location, and support services, to be suitable for a GOL Center.
- ◆ Rotary Clubs in the Caribbean, and USA have come together to support this effort through the donation of medical supplies and equipment, as well as fundraising.
- ◆ A Rotary District 7020 GOL Board has been formed with 13 of the Caribbean Islands.
- ◆ Key relationships with Ministry of Health, BHC Administration and Medical Staff, Rotary Clubs, NGO's, GOL, and International Teaching Medical Teams have been forged. (known as stakeholders)
- ◆ A Memo of Understanding has been developed with all the stakeholders.



## **THE NEED**

- ◆ Jamaica alone, has an annual incidence of Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) that will generate the need for nearly 200 surgeries per year.
- ◆ With the entire Caribbean added, a program that can care for 400 surgeries per year will be required. This also requires a full time Catheterization Lab for Diagnostic and Interventional Procedures.
- ◆ The location of BHC, in Kingston Jamaica, lends its self as a Pediatric Cardiac Heart Surgery Center of excellence, that would have the ability to impact and care for much of the children in the Caribbean who suffer from (CHD).

## **HEART SURGERY PROGRAM AT BHC**

**Goals been established with the stakeholders including:**

- ◆ Four International Teaching Missions annually.
- ◆ Implementation of Nursing Training Program.
- ◆ Training of additional Cardiologist, Anesthesiologist, Perfusionist, and Biomedical Engineer.
- ◆ The construction of a new wing to facilitate a new ICU, Cath Lab, Operating Theatre, and equipment storage.

## **BECOME A PARTNER**

**Rotary Clubs are working together to build a new facility,  
and need continued support.**

- ◆ Partner with Rotary District 7020 to help fund surgeries through the Gift of Life Program.
- ◆ Fund the training of a new Physician or Nurse.
- ◆ Fund the Purchase and/or shipping of Surgical and Cath Lab equipment.
- ◆ Fund an International Surgical Team Visit.