Dear Friends of Heart Care International:

With great joy we share the accomplishments of the Heart Care International team during its second mission to Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas in Mexico which took place from April 15 to April 27.

Once more, the Heart Care International team, along with medical professionals from the Hospital de Altas Especialidades Pediatricas, screened 50 children and performed 20 successful open-heart surgeries on children that ranging in age from 4 months old to 10 years old. All treated children have thrived after their successful heart procedures and are happily enjoying their new, healthy life!

This is a team effort that involves medical supply manufacturers, medical volunteers, Mexican government authorities, local medical professionals, and Mexican and American individual donors.

Again, we thank our wonderful Mexican partners and friends: the DIF-Chiapas (State government entity), the local non-profit “Todo Por El Corazón de un Niño”, the Mexican Custom entities SAT and COFEPRIS, the government of Tuxtla Gutierrez and the hospital’s administration whose support was decisive in ensuring a successful outcome for all children treated during this mission.

We are also deeply thankful to our generous corporate sponsors who, to a great extent, enabled this trip by providing much needed medical supplies: Americares, Abbot Point of Care, MAP International, Medtronic, Medwish, Sorin, Terumo, W.L. Gore, Zoll.

Finally, a special thank you to all our medical volunteers who give up their personal vacation time to travel with Heart Care International. These individuals are the heart and soul of this operation and we are incredibly grateful for their generosity of time and talent. There is still much to do in terms of children to treat and knowledge to share, so Heart Care International will be back in Chiapas in September 2016.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

Most sincerely,

The Heart Care International Board of Directors

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Meet the Children

Patients treated during the Heart Care International mission came from all over the State of Chiapas and across the southern Mexican border. Many live in the mountainous regions that border with Guatemala, some from towns around the capital city of Tuxtla Gutierrez and even one in Honduras. After waiting for years to have a much needed heart program in Chiapas, this past April amazing young children have been given the gift of a happy, healthy life.

Aremy - 2 yrs old
Josue - 7 yrs old
Maria - 9 yrs old
Evelyn - 2 yrs old
Angel - 2 yrs old
Romina - 7 yrs old
Hector - 2 yrs old
Zoe - 6 yrs old
Nicolas - 3 yrs old
Jaslin – 6 months

Christian – 4 months

Aura – 10 yrs old

Jesus – 4 yrs old

Gema – 3 yrs old

Pilar – 6 yrs old

Axel – 1 yr old

Mariana – 4 yrs old

Jose – 8 months old

Ketzali – 1.5 yrs old

Joshua – 1 yr
A huge THANK YOU
from the children and their families

Thanks to your support and help enabling the April 2016 Heart Care International's medical mission, these families’ years of constant worrying and desperate waiting have finally come to a very happy end. The children and, especially their families, are immensely grateful to you for making their dream come true.
To the incredible medical teams that made this mission possible, THANK YOU!

The success of the cardiovascular mission in Chiapas was achieved thanks to the commitment and tireless work of both medical teams. The Heart Care International team and the Chiapas medical staff, worked side-by-side and shared medical knowledge in the cardiology offices, the operating rooms and the intensive care unit. They created a cohesive team that administered the highest level of patient care to each and every patient treated.
To our extraordinary partners: DIF-Chiapas, Todo por el Corazón de un Niño Foundation, the University of Alabama, the Government of Tuxtla Gutierrez, and the Hospital de Altas Especialidades Pediátricas

THANK YOU!

Our partners offer critical aid to the Heart Care International mission before, during and after the team arrives in Chiapas. Local transportation and logistics for the HCI team and supplies, customs paperwork, lodging and guidance to patients’ families, support with Heart Care International team members are some of the needs covered by our amazing partners.
A Special THANK YOU to our
Incredibly Generous In-Kind Sponsors

The generosity of our wonderful in-kind medical supply sponsors enables the HCI team to temporarily overcome the numerous needs faced by the hospitals that we visit, and offer top quality, free surgical treatment to disadvantaged children with congenital heart diseases. Heart Care International is extremely grateful to these critical sponsors:

Thanks to our sponsors, partners and volunteers, twenty children of Chiapas now have a bright and healthy future.