"Children’s HeartLink has helped us make our heart program what it is today. Our patient outcomes have improved dramatically, and we now train others in our region.”

Dr. Mahesh Kappanayil, pediatric cardiologist at Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, a Children’s HeartLink Center of Excellence in Kochi, India
Dear Friends,

Thanks to your commitment and support, we’re reaching more children! We served over 135,000 children last year. This is the first time we’ve surpassed this 100,000 threshold. Your support helps give these children the opportunity to lead longer, healthier lives, restoring the vigor and promise all children deserve. Your generosity has been crucial to our growth and evolution as an organization. Thank you!

We ended another great year and move into a milestone year. Children’s HeartLink is embarking on its 50th year, a great achievement for any small nonprofit organization. This landmark has been achieved through the collective efforts of many—medical volunteers, partner hospitals, board members, staff, corporate funders and individual donors. We want to acknowledge the many heroes in this effort who have paved the way to our success. We would not be where we are today without their vision, persistence, hard work and leadership.

In our first 47 years, we reached just over one million children with heart disease. We are making strategic investments now so we can reach one million more children with heart disease in the next 10 years. This past year we used board-designated strategic initiative reserves to support our expansion and growth to address the needs of children with heart disease in the countries where we work. These funds will help us begin the work needed to standardize and scale our program model, optimizing the best strategies that have shaped our existing model. These funds have also been used to help us develop systems to measure and report our impact. We are getting “growth ready” so we can achieve our ambitious plan.

Together, with your help and the help of our medical volunteers, we are creating a better future for more children with heart disease. The need is great, with only one in 10 children getting access to the care they deserve. This is why we are growing to increase our reach, to have greater impact in the years ahead. We have an aggressive plan to train more in-country medical teams. These teams in turn will be able to treat more children with heart disease.

We are at an exciting and important juncture. There are far too many children who still don’t receive the care they need to survive and thrive. We are motivated every day by the stories we hear about them and their families. Thank you again for your partnership as we prepare to meet these challenges and plan for the future!

With gratitude,

Jackie Boucher, President
Our Vision
Children around the world have access to high-quality heart care.

Our Mission
To save the lives of children with heart disease, we partner with organizations to train medical teams, provide education and transform health care in underserved parts of the world.

The Need
Congenital heart disease is the most common birth defect. One in 100 children is born with heart disease. Only one in 10 has access to care.
A Repaired Heart Gives Hari the Vigor to Achieve His Dreams

The lasting impact of Children’s HeartLink’s work is demonstrated through stories shared by the medical professionals we train and the patients they treat.

From a young age, Hari Anil Maya from Chithara, a village in southern India, was not able to run and play with his friends. Eventually his lack of energy prevented him from attending school. He rarely left his house and could not walk up more than five steps before stopping to catch his breath. Hari had been diagnosed with a complex heart defect for which surgical treatment was considered too risky. Confined to his home, Hari became interested in technology. By searching the internet and social media, he taught himself many things. By the ninth grade he built his own circuit board and later built himself a simple 3D printer. 3D printing technologies turned out to be lifesaving for Hari.

Hari’s prospects changed in his late teens, when Dr. Mahesh Kappanayil convinced his team from Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, a Children’s HeartLink Center of Excellence, that this surgery was really possible. He believed that 3D printing—Hari’s passion—could be used to understand Hari’s heart defect and treat his illness. Hari had successful corrective heart surgery, and a 3D replica of Hari’s heart was part of this success. “We work in what’s sometimes called a low-resource environment. But despite the limitations, we are able to provide excellent care at Amrita.”

Children’s HeartLink has fostered our dreams of growing by using our own strengths and investing in skills that lead to quality improvement,” says Dr. Mahesh.

Now Hari is a robust and energetic young man, a university student intent on a future career where he can contribute to advances in medicine. He also helps Dr. Mahesh by printing 3D models in the hospital lab to assist in cardiac surgeries. “I want to give back. It was technology that helped to save my life. I want to somehow use my abilities to create new technologies that could help people like me,” says Hari.
What Your Gifts Make Possible

Treating kids with heart disease is the right thing to do.
Empowering local providers is the smart way to do it.

Children’s HeartLink leads long-term partnerships between the world’s leading teaching hospitals and hospitals in countries just embarking on their goals to treat children with heart disease. Our investment in these partnerships has yielded thousands of local medical professionals that are now more equipped to care for children with heart disease.

Highlights from Year

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40% of the world’s population lives in the countries where Children’s HeartLink works: Brazil, China, India, Malaysia and Vietnam.

Thank you for your generous support!
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Our Financial Health

Statements of Financial Position (June 30, 2018 and 2017)

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*Change in net assets reflects use of board-designated strategic initiative reserves to support our expansion and growth.

Expenses by Activity

- **79% Program Expenses**
  - 15% Fundraising
  - 6% Management

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