Dear Friends,

At 50 years, Children’s HeartLink is not only going strong, but we’re stronger than ever, thanks to every one of you. Thanks to you, the number of children we serve has doubled in just 4 years! Together, every year we are saving and improving the lives of more children born with heart disease around the world.

Since 1969, when children were flown from Vietnam to Minneapolis for lifesaving heart surgery, we’ve been committed to treating young heart patients and giving them a chance to survive and thrive. Our approach to serving children has changed over the years to expand our reach and lasting impact, but our commitment has never wavered. For 50 years we’ve been the champion of children with congenital heart disease in underserved parts of the world.

Our lifesaving work is possible only because of you. This past year we served over 171,000 children and trained over 4,000 local medical professionals in the countries where we work.

Our Founder Dr. Joe Kiser, who died this past year, believed in the value and dignity of every single life, especially the life of a sick child. For a half-century, he inspired the people around him to help change the trajectory of these young lives. A gifted surgeon, Dr. Kiser also excelled at building relationships both close to home and around the world.

The power of the partnerships built by Dr. Kiser and others who led this organization over the past 50 years has been key to our success and longevity. We have always counted on our generous and compassionate partners, and with your continued support, we will expand to reach more of the children who still lack access to care. Our plans to double our reach by 2030 are ambitious but necessary and urgent. Every 5 minutes 10 children are born with a heart defect, and nine of those 10 children don’t have access to the care they need.

With your help, together we will continue to make real and lasting change for these children and empower the medical teams who serve them in Brazil, China, India, Malaysia and Vietnam. Thank you for helping us give more children the strongest possible start in life.

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.
Sofia

In 1981 Sofia Mourtzopoulou celebrated her sixth birthday at a hospital in Minneapolis, without her parents, while she waited for heart surgery. Her parents couldn’t afford to travel to the US with her, but they were desperate for their little girl to have the surgery she needed to save her life, which wasn’t available in her Greek city at that time.

Sofia is one of 643 children that Children’s HeartLink brought to Minnesota for heart surgery in our early years, before we began training in-country providers to treat children in need.

Her recovery after surgery went so well so that she was able to go to school as soon as she returned home to Thessaloniki, into the relieved and happy arms of her parents and younger sister.

“I live happily,” says Sofia, now 44. “I have a normal life, with my husband and a 9-year-old son. I was able to study law, and now I am a civil lawyer. I see my cardiologist every two years and otherwise have no health issues. I will be forever grateful to my surgeon Dr. Joe Kiser, to my Minnesota host mother Mrs. Besse Maragos and to Children’s HeartLink.”

Phuc

If she had been born a few years earlier, Phuc (FOOK, on the right) would not have received the heart surgery that saved her life. Her medical team in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, had training from a Children’s HeartLink partnership that made it possible for the team to deliver high-quality care for little Phuc’s complex heart condition when she was 2 years old.

Now she is an active, loving school girl who likes English class, drawing and playing with her friends. None of this seemed possible before her lifesaving surgery.

“I hope that Phuc will grow up to be a helpful, good person,” says her mother. “That she will have a good heart, caring and sharing with everyone.” Her mother was so grateful that Phuc survived that she gave her little girl the name of the doctor who helped save her life, Dr. Vu Minh Phuc. Because of the expertise of doctors and other heart specialists trained by Children’s HeartLink, young Phuc is leading a full life and enriching the lives of the people who love her.
You Helped Us Reach More Children

Treating children 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 the Year

5
Centers of Excellence

12
Partners in Training

7
Promising Partner Assessments

4,304
Local Providers Trained

1,270
Volunteer Training Days

$747,662
Medical Volunteers’ Donated Time

171,000+
Children Served

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, 2019 and 2018)

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