



# GIFT OF LIFE



A Rotary project to save the lives of children suffering from heart ailments

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## HEART SURGERIES ARRANGED DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2007:

### NEWSPAPERS COVER ROTARY'S "GIFT OF LIFE" PROJECT PROMIENENTLY ACROSS INDIA



Newspaper write ups on Sijo and Anagha ( see page 2)

“ Sohan has been operated successfully on 14 May 2007. Now the kid has again become pinkish. Before surgery he was totally bluish. .It was a challenge for GOL as this boy was already refused for surgery by a Bangalore based hospital. The brother of this boy is handicapped. Now family is really delighted. This child is ready to lead a normal life...”

- Coordinator GOL Dr Nischal Pandey

(The child was referred by Rotary Club of Dimapur through GOL Coordinator, North East Rtn Kiron Joshi)

### GIFT OF LIFE REACHES THE “UNREACHED”. GOL GIVES LIFE TO CHILD FROM DIMAPUR, NAGALAND, FAR NORTH EAST INDIA



Sohan Karmaker, son of Mr Jogeender and Mrs Deep from Nagaland after successful surgery at Fortis, Delhi on 14 May 07

(see letter from Rtn Kiron Joshi at page 3)



Anagha, 1 1/2 year old female child, after successful heart surgery at National Heart Institute on 2nd May 2007 under Rotary's Gift of Life project programme.

**FAMILY OF ROTARY**  
**"MATTER OF HEART"**

Mr Anurag & Gunjan Jain, son in law and daughter of PRID Rtn Sushil Gupta, graciously sponsored the cost of surgery of Sijo, Anagha, Varsha, Ayushi, Rizwan and Avneet. Total 10 children will be operated from funds made available to GOL by PRID Rtn Sushil Gupta and his family.

"Those Rotary dreamers who pursued an "impossible dream" and made it happen were not starry-eyed visionaries, but practical and persistent people of action. Rather than worrying about what they might not be able to accomplish, they concentrated on a goal that could be made a reality, **even in the face of fierce opposition.** And they kept following their dream **because they cared.**"

- Rtn James I Lacy, President, Rotary International  
 1998-99 (page 43, Rotary News, July 2006)



Sijo, 2 1/2 year old male child, after successful heart surgery at National Heart Institute, New Delhi on 1st May 2007 under Rotary's Gift of Life project programme

**Master Sandeep Azad, referred by DG Indore, was admitted at Delhi Heart & Lung Institute, Delhi on 18.05.07. He was suffering from ventricular septal defect with moderate pulmonary stenosis. He was successfully operated on 29 May 2007. (Photo to follow in the next edition)**

GTATITUDE

Gift of life team and children/their parents who benefited from the project remain grateful to Rotary Foundation, Dist 7250 (Rtn Ravishanker Bhooplapur) Advisor Rtn Sushil Gupta, Dist 3010, Hospitals, RC Delhi East End etc for the 1<sup>st</sup> Matching Grant which has been successfully concluded.

Our gratitude to Dist 3510 – Taiwan (Rtn Jackson Hsieh, RID (N) and his team), TRF, Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest and Rotary Club of Delhi East End and D3010 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Matching Grant which is under implementation.

A LETTER FROM RTN KIRON JOSHI AFTER SUCCESSFUL SURGERY OF SOHAN KARMAKER S/O JOGINDER MRMAKER ON 14 MAY, REFERED BY ROTARY CLUB OF DIMAPUR, NAGALAND

Dear Rtn Peter,

I came to learn that the one year old boy - Sohan - was successfully operated upon yesterday. The President of RC Dimapur (who sent the child) told me that he had a telephonic talk with the father of the child wherein he literally burst into tears. He was thanking his stars and some good deeds in the past, because of which his son was getting such sophisticated treatment in such world class hospital. I believe he even stated that a person of his status who is so used to queuing up in Govt. hospitals for hours just to see the Doctor did not have to do anything as GOL are taking care of even the minute detail. On top of that he still cannot come to terms with the fact that everything is coming to him free. It's an eye opener for him that in this country there are people who have strong concern for poor and needy like him.

Personally, I feel that Sohan was very unfortunate to be born with the heart ailment - but at the same time he was definitely born with some lucky stars to be blessed with the selfless compassion of all the kind hearted souls of 'Gift of Life'. And I'm proud to be a part of it.

Regards, Kiron Joshi  
Rotary Club of Shillong (Meghalaya)



Kajal 9 year old referred by Rotary Club Delhi NCR after successful heart surgery at NHI, Delhi on 22 May 2007. Kajal's father Mr Vinod Kumar staying at Chalera village in Noida works with a Dry cleaning shop.

#### ROTARY'S PHOTO CONTEST



**First place: Dave Fowler, Rotary Club of Ogallala, Neb., USA**

Dr. Richard Siegel, from Hawaii, USA, heads into an operating room in Shenyang, China, to repair a baby's cleft lip. Siegel was part of a team of 32 medical volunteers who joined Alliance for Smiles, a nonprofit organization formed by members of the Rotary Club of San Francisco. "He cares so deeply for the children on whom he operates," says Fowler. "Many times during the mission, I saw him hold children like this, talk to them, and comfort them."

## Gift of Life

A Rotary project to arrange 'free heart operations' for children suffering from heart diseases

### Delhi National Capital Region

MG No 59022 : Total surgeries completed – 29 Nos  
(Supported by RID 7250 New York)

MG No 61884 : Project in progress  
(Supported by RID 3510 Taiwan)

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