



2014 Annual Report

“What impressed me about Children’s HeartLink is the way it is helping transform health care in underserved parts of the world—in India, Vietnam, China, Brazil, Malaysia and Ukraine.”

J. Brian Atwood, Chair of Children’s HeartLink’s International Advisory Board





Dear Friends and Supporters,

It has been a wonderful year for Children's HeartLink, thanks to your generous support. We have a new partnership with a hospital in Kunming, China. There have been accolades for our partner sites' work in quality improvement from two prestigious medical journals, *British Medical Journal* and *Pediatrics*. We are training more pediatric cardiac specialists around the world, who are diagnosing and treating more children with heart disease.

None of this would be possible without the tremendous support we receive from you—our donors, friends and volunteers. Thank you!

In the year since I joined this organization, I have been amazed by the reach and lasting impact of our work, and I am continually inspired by the dedication and leadership of all of our partners. When I meet our partners for the first time I become even more excited about Children's HeartLink's work, both the thoughtful approach and meticulous execution.

Our work would not be possible without the generosity and dedication of medical volunteers from some of the finest institutions in the world. They donate their precious personal time to travel great distances to train and mentor their peers, sharing their expertise with pediatric cardiac specialists in underserved regions. Their dedication is matched by the commitment of the local medical professionals at these sites who are eager to improve their skills and pediatric cardiac programs so they can best care for the sick children in their midst.

Your generosity also supports the talented, hard-working Children's HeartLink staff. I couldn't ask for a stronger team. It's astonishing to me how much we are able to accomplish with a small, dedicated staff of 12 and a budget of \$2.2 million.

I joined this organization during its 45th year, and I am excited to lead it as we approach our 50th anniversary. Children's HeartLink has done a world of good over the years, and we are in a great position to do much more. We *must* do more, because there is tremendous need. Thank you for your commitment to this important work, which helps us reach children today and for generations to come.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer L. Soderholm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "S".

Jennifer L. Soderholm
President, Children's HeartLink

Our Mission

Children's HeartLink trains doctors and nurses in underserved parts of the world to diagnose and treat children with heart disease. Our training model is helping transform health care in these regions. Founded in 1969, Children's HeartLink currently supports partner hospitals and programs in Brazil, China, India, Malaysia, Ukraine and Vietnam.

The Need

Congenital heart disease is the most common birth defect. One in 120 children are born with a heart defect, and 90 percent of these children live where there is inadequate medical care.



“Parents in India want the same thing parents everywhere want for their children: relief from suffering and the promise of a long and healthy life.”

R. Krishna Kumar, M.D., pediatric cardiologist at AIMS, Children's HeartLink partner site in Kochi, India

How We Work

Children's HeartLink works with dedicated teams of medical volunteers who provide clinical and organizational expertise, training and mentoring to meet the specific needs of our 10 hospital partner sites around the globe. Children's HeartLink medical volunteer teams come from some of the finest institutions in the world.

Our Medical Volunteer Teams Come From

- Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi, India
- Birmingham Children's Hospital, UK
- Boston Children's Hospital
- Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota
- Gleneagles Hospital, KK Women's and Children's Hospital, and National University Hospital, Singapore
- The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto
- Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford
- Mayo Clinic
- New York-Presbyterian Hospital
- Seattle Children's Hospital
- University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital

Our Hospital Partner Sites

- Hospital da Criança e Maternidade, São José do Rio Preto, Brazil
- First Affiliated Hospital of Kunming Medical University, Kunming, China
- First Hospital of Lanzhou University, Lanzhou, China
- West China Hospital of Sichuan University, Chengdu, China
- Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi, India
- Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh, India
- Institut Jantung Negara (National Heart Institute), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Ukrainian Children's Cardiac Center, Kyiv, Ukraine
- Nhi Dong 1 (Children's Hospital 1), Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

What Your Gifts Make Possible

We train pediatric cardiac specialists in six countries worldwide.

5,323

health care professionals have received clinical training in underserved regions since 2009

91,000

children received surgery at our hospital partner sites in the past decade*

*Since our program shifted to a model centered around training instead of medical missions, over 90,000 children with heart disease have received treatment through our partner programs.

Last Year

\$360,000

in professional time was donated by medical volunteers to train and mentor their peers at our hospital partner sites

1,425

doctors and nurses in underserved regions received training

73,000

patient visits, surgeries and procedures were provided by our partner sites

- We launched the **first Pediatric Cardiology Training Fellowship in China**, at West China Hospital in Chengdu. Specialists trained here will bring high-quality cardiac care to more underserved children.
- Global partner Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS) in Kochi, India, **improved survival in patients receiving open heart operations**, which are now comparable to or better than those in high-income countries.
- Children's HeartLink has **a new partner site in Kunming, China**: First Affiliated Hospital of Kunming Medical University

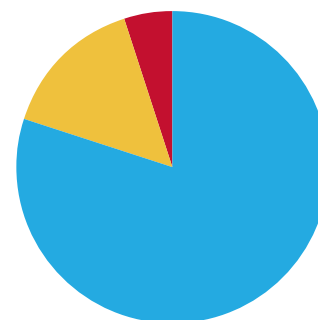
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Our Financial Health

Statements of Financial Position (June 30, 2014 and 2013)

	2014	2013
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,482,497	\$1,534,351
Contributions and Other Receivables	103,289	55,186
Prepaid Expenses	12,366	8,533
Property and Equipment, Net	153,620	162,616
Total Assets	\$1,751,772	\$1,760,686
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$35,472	\$35,405
Accrued Payroll and Benefit Liabilities	6,984	16,715
Deferred Revenue	77,500	150,000
Total Liabilities	\$119,956	\$202,120
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$1,506,685	\$1,295,442
Temporarily Restricted	125,131	263,124
Total Net Assets	\$1,631,816	\$1,558,566
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,751,772	\$1,760,686

Expenses by Activity



80% Program Expenses
14% Fundraising
6% Management

Statements of Activities (June 30, 2014 and 2013)

	2014			2013		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Revenue and Other Support						
Contributions	\$732,845	\$125,000	\$857,845	\$785,747	\$245,000	\$1,030,747
Donated Goods and Services	482,901		482,901	475,843		475,843
Special Events and Activities	928,759		928,759	822,552		822,552
Less Direct Benefits to Donors	(189,253)		(189,253)	(177,468)		(177,468)
Interest and Other Income	4,011		4,011	3,529		3,529
Satisfaction of Restrictions	262,993	(262,993)		376,920	(376,920)	
Total	\$2,222,256	\$(137,993)	\$2,084,263	\$2,287,123	\$(131,920)	\$2,155,203
Expenses						
Program Expense	\$1,605,056		\$1,605,056	\$1,494,852		\$1,494,852
Management and General	121,710		121,710	94,556		94,556
Special Events and Activities	86,148		86,148	106,208		106,208
Fundraising	198,099		198,099	199,890		199,890
Total	\$2,011,013		\$2,011,013	\$1,895,506		\$1,895,506
Change in net assets	211,243	(137,993)	73,250	391,617	(131,920)	259,697
Net assets (beginning of year)	1,295,442	263,124	1,558,566	903,825	395,044	1,298,869
Net assets (end of year)	\$1,506,685	125,131	\$1,631,816	\$1,295,442	\$263,124	\$1,558,566

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