



SAVE A CHILD'S HEART

SAVING THE WORLD ONE HEART AT A TIME

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ABOUT SAVE A CHILD'S HEART

Save a Child's Heart is an Israeli humanitarian organization, working internationally to save the lives of children from countries where access to pediatric cardiac care is limited or nonexistent. Founded in 1995 and based at the Sylvan Adams Children's Hospital, Save a Child's Heart has saved the lives of more than 5,800 children from 62 countries and has brought more than 140 local healthcare professionals to Israel for training so they can treat their own children independently and create centers of excellence in their home countries.

We do this by providing quality, advanced state-of-the-art medical treatment for congenital and acquired heart disease, assisting in promoting professional knowledge and training of teams from target countries, and strengthening the center for excellence in training, treatment and research at the Sylvan Adams Children's Hospital.

Since 1995, Save a Child's Heart has treated over 5,800 children suffering from congenital and rheumatic heart disease. Approximately 50% of the children are from the Palestinian Authority and Gaza, Iraq, and Morocco, more than 40% are from Africa, and the remainder are from Asia, Eastern Europe, and the Americas.

Our core value is Tikkun Olam - doing good to repair the world and believing that every child deserves the best medical care, regardless of race, religion, gender, nationality or financial status.

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PEDIATRIC HEART DISEASE

1 in every 100 children is born with a congenital heart defect (CHD). Approximately 25% of children born with a CHD will need heart surgery or other interventions to survive.

Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) is a preventable form of cardiovascular disease that affects the world's most vulnerable populations. It most often begins in childhood as strep throat and can progress to serious and sometimes fatal heart damage.



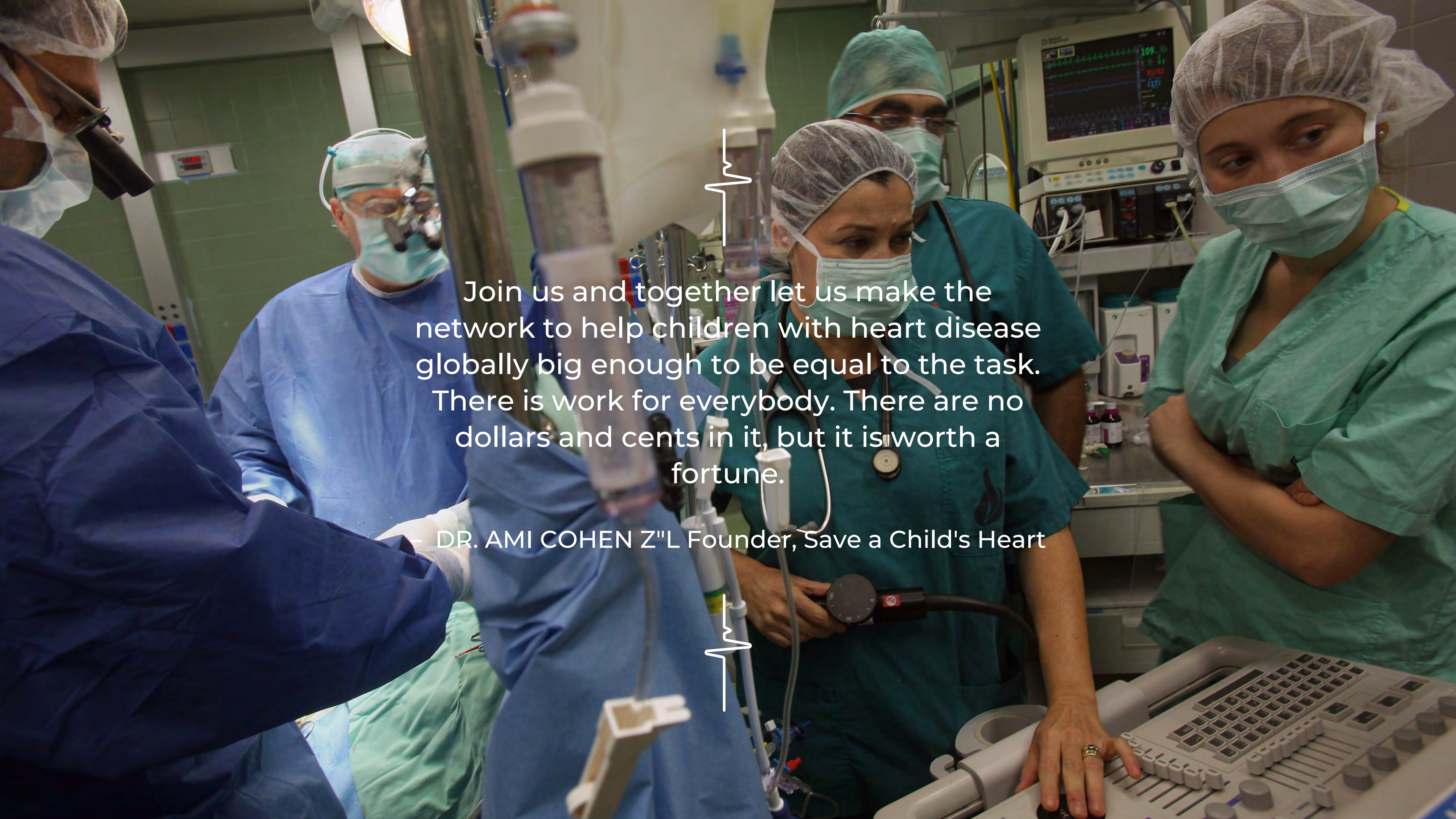
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ACCESS TO CARE

90% of babies born with CHD live in regions where medical care is inadequate or unavailable. Added to the burden of CHD is RHD, which remains a global health problem in many low-income and middle-income countries.

The task is large: There are millions of children around the world in need of access to life-saving care.





Join us and together let us make the network to help children with heart disease globally big enough to be equal to the task. There is work for everybody. There are no dollars and cents in it, but it is worth a fortune.

— DR. AMI COHEN Z"L Founder, Save a Child's Heart



WHAT WE DO

Treating children in Israel

Save a Child's Heart and the medical team at the Sylvan Adams Children's Hospital bring children from all over the world who suffer from life-threatening heart defects to receive free, life-saving care in Israel at the Sylvan Adams Children's Hospital. All aspects of a child's care, including flight, stay, food and medical costs, are covered by the organization. To date, Save a Child's Heart has treated more than 5,800 children.

Medical training program

We train medical personnel from partner sites around the world in all facets of pediatric cardiac care. To date, Save a Child's Heart has trained over 140 medical professionals from a host of countries including, China, Nigeria, Moldova, the Palestinian Authority, Gaza, Romania and Russia, as well as the first-ever Tanzanian and Ethiopian pediatric cardiac surgical teams. Medical team members who complete training return to their home countries better equipped to treat their own children and ready to take on roles as our international partners, referring children for care, providing follow-up and establishing or continuing to work on the development of their own pediatric cardiac facilities.

WHAT WE DO

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Medical, screening and training missions

Save a Child's Heart embarks on several surgical, catheterization and screening missions each year to help screen, follow up with and save more children throughout the world. These missions also provide ongoing educational support to medical professionals previously trained in Israel who have returned to work in their home countries. To date, Save a Child's Heart has embarked on over 100 medical missions around the world.





OUR IMPACT

 **5800+**

Children have received life-saving surgeries and catheterizations through Save a Child's Heart since 1995.

 **140+**

Medical team members from partner countries trained.

 **110+**

Medical, screening and training missions conducted in partner countries.

 **62**

Countries throughout the world from where children who have received care from Save a Child's Heart have come.



**DR. STELLA MONGELLA, SAVE A CHILD'S HEART ALUMNI TRAINEE FROM TANZANIA
COMPLETED SPECIALIZATION IN PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY, 2020**

"My hope is that Tanzanian children will receive the timely cardiac care they need to be able to return the smiles to their faces and to their parents' faces."

PARTNERING WITH PALESTINIANS

Almost half of Save a Child's Heart patients come from neighboring Arab countries, mainly the Palestinian Authority. Palestinian children are referred to the Save a Child's Heart program by more than a dozen cardiologists from throughout Gaza and the West Bank, many of whom have previously trained with Save a Child's Heart.

Children and their families arrive at the free cardiology clinic that Save a Child's Heart has been holding at Wolfson every Tuesday since 1996. Each week, approximately 20-25 Palestinian children are screened. After evaluation, those who need surgery are prepared for it, receive it, and are followed up post-surgery.



SYLVAN ADAMS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND THE SAVE A CHILD'S HEART INTERNATIONAL PEDIATRIC CARDIAC CENTER



Save a Child's Heart is currently in the final stages of completing the Sylvan Adams Children's Hospital and the Save a Child's Heart international Pediatric Cardiac Center at Wolfson Medical Center. This new, 11,000-square-meter medical facility will house all of the infrastructure and equipment needed to perform pediatric heart surgeries and catheterizations, including all pre- and post-operative care, ensuring that Save a Child's Heart will be able to continue with its medical mission and treat even more children. The construction process commenced in January 2017, and the building, now 7 floors, is expected to be fully operational in 2021. The Children's Hospital was initiated by Save a Child's Heart in cooperation with the Edith Wolfson Medical Center and Israel's Ministry of Health and supported by donors in Israel and throughout the world.



International Medical Education & Simulation Center

Save a Child's Heart has also spearheaded the planning of the International Medical Education & Simulation Center on the Hospital's third floor, which will be dedicated to the future of medical training and innovation. The center will serve as a hub for sharing medical knowledge through courses, conferences, seminars and workshops, enriching both theoretical knowledge and practical skills for Israeli and international medical personnel.

THE CHILDREN'S HOME

The Legacy Heritage Children's Home opened in October 2011. The modern, light-filled building is located in Holon, about a 15-minute drive from the Sylvan Adams Children's Hospital. It houses Save a Child's Heart's administrative offices, as well as living quarters for 60 children, mothers, nurses and medical professionals in our training program.

The Children's Home serves as a home away from home for children undergoing life-saving heart procedures.



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INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

In 2018, Save a Child's Heart became the first Israeli organization to receive the United Nation's "Population Award" for outstanding achievements in population and health. Also in 2018, Save a Child's Heart's lead pediatric cardiac surgeon, Dr. Lior Sasson, was awarded the Israel Hero award from the UK's Jewish News.

Other significant milestones include receiving China's National Friendship Medal for our contribution to the development of the country's access to pediatric cardiac care in 2010, and gaining admission to the United Nations family as an accredited NGO in 2011. In the following year, the organization was awarded the 2012 Presidential Award for Volunteerism from Shimon Peres z"l.





As long as children with rheumatic and congenital heart disease

around the world continue to suffer without access to care, we will treat children, train doctors, and raise the level of pediatric heart care worldwide.

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