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INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S HEART FOUNDATION & NOVICK CARDIAC ALLIANCE ANNOUNCE RENEWED COLLABORATION FOR 2020

With the arrival of spring, two world-renown charities team-up internationally to give children born with heart disease a second chance at life.

Memphis (TN) – The International Children's Heart Foundation (ICHF) is proud and honored to announce their renewed collaboration with the Novick Cardiac Alliance (NCA). World acclaimed Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Dr. William Novick, founder of both ICHF and NCA charities, will once again assist navigating ICHF and their traveling medical teams in 2020. This alliance, along with shared resources, have allowed ICHF and NCA to now breach a milestone of performing lifesaving heart surgeries on over 10,000 children worldwide.

For almost three decades, ICHF and their traveling medical teams have served children with congenital heart defects in developing countries around the globe. ICHF's mission is to bring the skills, technology, and knowledge to cure and care for children with Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) in developing nations. ICHF (and NCA) provide this life-saving service to children regardless of country of origin, race, religion or gender. Through our two to four week medical mission trips, we operate on children and educate local healthcare professionals while also building capacity. Our topline goal is to ensure that ICHF's skills are no longer needed after our departure.

ICHF has performed and delivered services to over 35 countries worldwide. With our renewed alliance with NCA teams, ICHF is proud to announce expanding programs in strategic countries for serve children of CHD need. Please check back for our 2020-2021 schedule to include the countries and regions of the Caribbean which include: Cuba, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Haiti; and the countries of Libya, Russia, Ecuador, Lebanon, and the Ukraine and various regions of Africa.

The world-wide pandemic with COVID-19 has seriously disrupted our schedule. We are in close contact with all our sights and have tentatively rescheduled some sites. Dr Novick is once again serving as Medical Director and is adjusting the schedule as possible.

ICHF's 2020 trip schedule includes the following site locations and dates below. Because of the COVID-19 viral pandemic, many of these trips have been temporarily delayed. We will continue to add to or adjust this schedule throughout the year as quarantine restrictions lift and countries once again allow for foreign medical teams to travel inside their borders.

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| January 12- February 8th | Benghazi, Libya (made 39 children operated on) |
| February 9-February 22nd | Kemerovo, Russia (made 13 children operated on) |
| February 22nd-March 21st | Tripoli, Libya (made 34 children operated on) |
| March 11-March18th | Havana, Cuba (Supplies and Equipment Delivered) |
| March 21st-April 4th | Cuenca, Ecuador (reschedule July 12th-25th) |
| April 4th-April 11th | Havana, Cuba (reschedule, TBD) |
| March 22nd-April 5th | Voronezh, Russia (reschedule, TBD) |

April 5th- April 18th

Al Rachaya, Lebanon (reschedule, TBD)

April 5th-May 3rd

Benghazi, Libya (rescheduled for May 31st-June 27th)

April 25th-May 2nd

Kyiv, Ukraine (rescheduled June 7th-4th)

July 15-25

Dominican Republic