We save children’s lives by transforming pediatric heart care in underserved parts of the world.

• We build local-level capacity for pediatric cardiac care through long-term partnerships and robust monitoring. • We optimize patient care using education and a train-the-trainer model. • We advocate for better access to care with governments and stakeholders. • We sustain access to quality care through Centers of Excellence.
About Children's HeartLink

One in 100 children is born with heart disease. Only one in 10 has access to care. Children's HeartLink is working to change that. Congenital heart defects are the most common birth defect and the birth defect that causes the most infant deaths. In most regions of the world, parents have nowhere to turn for appropriate medical care when their child is born with a heart defect, an abnormality of the heart that is also called congenital heart disease.

Since 1969 Children’s HeartLink has been dedicated to caring for children with heart disease. On an annual basis over 122,000 children are served at our partner hospitals around the world, and that number is growing every year. Thousands of medical professionals in underserved regions are now more equipped to care for children with heart disease.

Children HeartLink’s work on NCDs

Treating children with heart disease is the right thing to do. Training local providers is the smart way to do it. Training
and mentoring are the best way to leave a lasting impact in parts of the world where there are so many children with heart disease and so few specialists in pediatric heart care. Worldwide, the need for more specialists is great.

We lead training partnerships with medical volunteer teams from top teaching and research institutions. These volunteer teams commit to multi-year partnerships to train and empower their peers in the delivery of high-quality, team-based care.

When these local hospitals and programs consistently deliver high-quality, complex care, they become a Children’s HeartLink Center of Excellence. Centers of Excellence commit to training other pediatric cardiac specialists from low-resource environments. This is the heart of our train-the-trainer delivery model. This is how we treat the most children the fastest.

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