



NEWS RELEASE

Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club Donates to Gift of Life International

Award will help disadvantaged children receive much needed treatment for heart disease

(Millsboro) (April 7, 2014) — At the recent Spring Fling Gala held by Rotary District 7500, Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club President, Harry Hiltner, presented a check for \$500 to Rob Raylman, Executive Director of Gift of Life International, an organization offering treatment to disadvantaged children suffering from heart disease. Funds for the donation were part of the \$9,000 proceeds raised at Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club's popular golf tournament to aid local and other Rotary charities. This year's tournament will



Ray Raylman, Executive Director of Gift of Life (left) receives check from Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club President, Harry Hiltner

be held on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at The Peninsula Golf Course. The Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club meets weekly at 7:30 am on Tuesdays for breakfast at the Ocean Grill II on Long Neck Road. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome.

Gift of Life International is a Rotarian-based organization that over the past four decades has helped more than 16,000 children from emerging countries receive treatment for their heart disease which otherwise would go untreated. There are over 70 Gift of Life programs throughout the world serving children from 67 different countries. The majority of these programs are based in Rotary Clubs or Rotary Districts on five continents.

identify children in need of heart surgery and then work to have them treated in the United States by one of our affiliated hospitals. This method of helping children remains an important focus of Gift of Life programs in that its volunteers are able to see the impact they can have on that one life, motivating and inspiring others to continue to support its programs.

The beginning of Gift of Life was to identify and help one child at a time. The program would rely upon Rotary Clubs and Districts throughout the world to

Through the expansion of Gift of Life efforts into the development of sustainable pediatric cardiac surgery and aftercare programs, the program is now helping over 1,000 children receive treatment every year. The established programs in Uganda, El Salvador, Jamaica, Haiti and the Philippines are focused on sustaining reliable pediatric cardiac programs in these countries for years to come.

About Rotary

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clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit [Rotary](#).

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