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We truly appreciate the many individuals, organizations, and businesses that have contributed to our fund-raising efforts for the Gift of Life program. Without their help it would not be possible to impact the lives of children so greatly. Thank you!

others who have united with us in this quest. *Please join us in making a difference!* Consider making a donation or providing an item for our annual Gift of Life auction benefiting the Gift of Life program in central Indiana.

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GIFT OF LIFE AUCTION  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018

# *Make a Difference for the Life of a Child*

*Rotary Club of Greenfield*

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## **Gift of Life Auction**

*A program of Rotary International District 6560*

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*Children dance in celebration and thankfulness at the one-year reunion of their life-saving surgeries.*

*Training missions to countries like Uganda have taught heart surgery skills and enabled medical teams in those countries to respond to medical needs for children in country.*





*While serving his country in Afghanistan, Greenfield Rotarian Terry Snow met Qudrat and his family. When he learned of their medical needs, he began the process to qualify Qudrat as a Gift of Life child.*

**The Gift of Life program** was originally designed to help children who require corrective heart surgery secure another lease on life through heart surgery at a participating Gift of Life hospital in the United States. The program has reached throughout the world, saving the lives of children for whom there is little hope of medical treatment.

The Gift of Life (GOL) concept was initiated in 1974 at a Rotary Club in Manhasset, New York, when they responded to a request for help from the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda. A five-year-old girl traveled 5,000 miles from Uganda to New York, where she underwent successful open-heart surgery to close a hole between the two lower chambers of her small heart. *(Now, nearly 40 years later, this young girl is a Rotarian and promotes the Gift of Life program whenever the opportunity arises.)*

The concept has spread around the

GOL offers not only life, but hope and understanding as people from different nations work together to help children and share the stories of their experience.

Rotarians of District 6560 in central Indiana have embraced the idea of giving children with no hope for medical treatment in their own country, a chance to live. They began their own Gift of Life program in 1998. Central Indiana Rotarians currently work with the Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis and have brought children from Russia, Iraq, Kosovo, Haiti, Jamaica, Mongolia, Afghanistan, Burkina Faso and beyond to Indiana for

Rotary world. Many Rotary districts in the United States, as well as in other countries, now have active Gift of Life programs. The GOL program has even expanded beyond Rotarians to other organizations and individuals.

heart surgery. These children have returned home after successful surgery full of life, with hope for the future, and a love and understanding of the people who cared enough to help.

The program has expanded to include surgery for children with non-heart related ailments. Additionally, medical teams are also travelling to other countries to perform surgeries and teach the surgical techniques and care to doctors and nurses in those countries.

The Rotarians of Greenfield, Indiana, are leaders among District 6560 in the Gift of Life cause. We are dedicated to raising the money needed to save the lives of as many children as possible. Children are alive because of the generosity of Greenfield Rotarians and



*Above left: GOL Auction Chair Tony Campbell enjoys meeting a post-surgery child from Burkina Faso at a Rotary meeting. Above: In mid-2008 Josiah Ntoko Tongo from Dakar, Senegal, became the 100th child to receive a heart operation through District 6560's Gift of Life program. Children like Josiah are screened by medical doctors to determine their condition as well as the possibility that life-saving surgery will be successful. The central Indiana Rotary district has now helped fund hundreds of surgeries.*