



SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER

We are excited to announce that in 2022 we are actively planning to resume life-saving missions in Latin America after a 2-year pandemic pause. We thank you for the vital support you provided during this period. While the pandemic brought challenges to our work, our teams in Latin America continued life-saving treatment to children suffering from heart defects. We are organizing missions to Mexico, Costa Rica & Paraguay in the coming months.

Updates from the field

Dilan Alexander Vargas is just five years old, with a heart defect where some but not all the lung blood vessels (pulmonary veins) are attached to the wrong place in the heart (Partial anomalous pulmonary venous return or PAPVR). With your support, he is being treated at the Hospital Acosta Nu in Paraguay by a gifted medical staff under the leadership of Dr. Nancy Garay, Chief of the hospital's Pediatric Cardiac Department.





The case of infant Julián Bedoya Brítez was presented at an international clinical meeting in March 2022 with doctors from the Hospital Gregorio Marañón in Spain. Julian's diagnosis was aortic atresia and interrupted aortic arch, a rare heart defect occurring when the aorta does not develop normally while the baby is in the womb. It comprises about 1% of all congenital heart defects. The team in Spain provided guidance to the team in Paraguay who were successful in treating the baby without complication. Julian is now thriving and his mother is grateful to the team in Paraguay and Surgeons of Hope.



Dr. Nancy Garay (Paraguay) and Dr. Juan Miguel Gil (Spain)

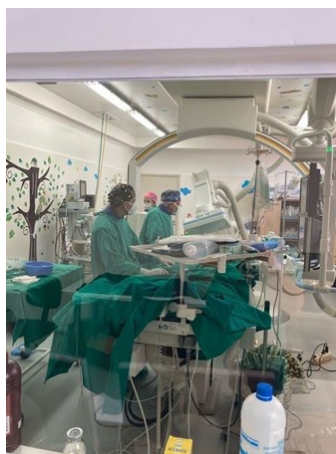
We enhanced our capacity-bridging activities by implementing bi-weekly medical conferences between our

teams in Paraguay and Spain. Cases were discussed in detail to ensure that patients would receive the appropriate course of treatment and surgery if needed.

BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR



The children pictured above have received lifesaving treatment in Paraguay thanks to the donation of equipment from Hospital Gregorio Marañón in Spain as well as through the partnership between SOH & Medshare in Fall 2021. Since the arrival of the equipment, the team in Paraguay has been able to use that equipment to treat dozens of children ranging from 7 days to 23 years of age particularly as it relates to catheterizations.



Welcome, Missions and Operations Director

The Board of Directors of Surgeons of Hope Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Carolina Hernandez Churchill as Missions and Operations Director. Mrs. Churchill joins SOH after more than 20 years of non-profit management experience both in international and domestic programs. Her experience includes overseeing diverse programs in human, animal and environmental health, as well as education. All of these endeavors and their required talents are expected to support her role at SOH.



"Carolina is an effective, energetic and highly motivated person and we are very excited to take SOH to the next era with her collaboration." Eduardo da Cruz, M.D., Co-Chair, Surgeons of Hope Foundation.

Board Updates

Wine Tasting Fundraiser

On December 7 2021, Michael Katz graciously hosted a fundraising wine tasting event to benefit Surgeons of Hope. The event featured world renowned Château Lafite wines and raised over 20K.

Transitions

Congratulations to Nathalie LeBos in assuming the position of Board Treasurer. In this role, Nathalie will oversee the foundation's budget, expense management and overall fiduciary responsibilities.

Congratulations to Richard Duron on being named Co-Chair of the Board. Richard has provided invaluable support to SOH since joining the Board.

Acknowledgements

We would like to acknowledge the immense contributions of our outgoing board members. Board service is one of the most significant volunteer roles of all and Surgeons of Hope has been fortunate to have had a high-caliber group of individuals at its helm. Their contributions to SOH and the children we serve have been extraordinary. They were judicious stewards of our organization and tirelessly gave their time and resources. They are true heart heroes.

Paul H. Phaneuf; H. Michael Ushay, MD, PhD; Michael Katz

A special thank you to **Judith O'Neill, Esq & Michel Longchamp** who were long standing members of Surgeons of Hope. Their dedication and commitment have made a lasting impact on hundreds of children.