Give a Life

Fundación Cardioinfantil – Instituto de Cardiología
Bogotá, Colombia
FCI's HISTORY

Private non-profit organization

FCI was founded to diagnose and treat underprivileged children with cardiovascular diseases.

In 1993 the Institute of Cardiology was created to be able to treat CV patients during their complete life cycle. During these years, FCI-IC has acquired high standards of technological and scientific development, that place it amongst the best institutions for the treatment of high complexity pathologies.
53 medical specialties: emphasis in cardiovascular medicine, neurosciences, orthopedics, transplants and pediatrics.

80,000 mt² with high standard infrastructure and state of the art technology.
Medical team

Clinical Management Transparency:

Clinical results presentation compared and audited with international research references and indexed publications. Continued medical education (national and international)
An unending task

Social responsibility has been, and always will be, the FCI's reason for being. The initial dream of Dr. Reinaldo Cabrera, founder emeritus of the Hospital Center, has maintained its essence in altruistic work for the benefit of the health of the country's pediatric population, which is reflected in the Institution's different social programs.
“Give a Life” – “Regale una Vida”

The social program «Give a Life» was born thanks to Dr. Reinaldo Cabrera P. (R.I.P), who founded the Cardioinfantil to work for the health of all Colombian children with cardiovascular problems.

The program aims to provide access to high quality medical treatments, for underprivileged children who do not have any state or private insurance coverage and are in desperate need of medical care with heart diseases, giving them a second chance in life.
What is the problem?

This program is very important, since approximately 10,000 children are born each year in Colombia with heart conditions, of which 5,000 are underprivileged, and fewer than half can access high quality medical treatment.
What’s happening?

In many regions of Colombia there are no hospitals and/or clinics that can provide a comprehensive treatment for children to identify and correct heart problems.
How does the “Give a Life” program work?

For this reason, people from the multidisciplinary team of the Fundación Cardioinfantil (FCI) – made up of pediatricians and cardiologists, nurses, social workers, and other professionals – carry out diagnosis brigades for children without resources, traveling throughout the country to diagnose unprivileged children with cardiovascular problems.
Every year an average of 14 brigades of cardiological diagnosis are performed throughout the country.

As a result, around 200 children with heart diseases are identified, afterwards, they are transferred, at no cost, from their hometown to Bogotá, to Fundación Cardioinfantil (FCI) where they receive surgery and any necessary medical attention.
Thanks to the support of institutions and allied companies that have joined our mission, the social program team "Regale una Vida" manages to reach the different districts of Colombia to develop the cardiovascular diagnosis campaigns.

The logistics are coordinated with each of the local partners.
Transfer of the children from the program

Avianca is the sponsor of the “Miles Bank Program” by donating the roundtrip tickets for each of the children and their companion for their transfer to Bogotá D.C. (where the Fundación Cardioinfantil is located).
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Thanks to donations, and the support of regional allies such as the Rotary Club, Damas Rosadas, and private individuals, the lodging and food are offered to the patients and their companion until the child's health is restored.
When the patient arrives at the FCI, for surgery or to receive the treatment to heal his/her heart, medical assessments, other lab tests and presurgical studies are scheduled.
Return to his/her hometown and checkups

When the child’s custodial parent receives the recommendations that must be taken after surgery, the child is ready to return home with his or her family, with a stronger beating heart and a second chance at life!
Results 2017: The FCI is committed to the future of the children

We saved the lives of 198 children with cardiovascular diseases

14 diagnostic brigades carried out | 3,396 children medically evaluated | From 350 municipalities of the 32 departments of Colombia

More than $1.5 million dollars invested in the comprehensive care of 198 patients transferred to Bogotá.

Thanks to our physicians and pediatric cardiologists, together with the team of social workers, in 2017 we were able to made it.
In the last 15 years we have saved the lives of 2,728 low-income children with heart disease, whom we have transferred from different places in Colombia to our Institution to offer them free medical treatment.
Accomplishing our mission to save lives could not be possible without the donations our institution receives every year from companies and individuals who have believed, and continue to believe in what we do.
Thank you for believing in Fundación Cardioinfantil

¡Your contribution will help more children to have a second chance in life and it will support the unstoppable mission of the Fundación Cardioinfantil – IC!
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YOU SAVE A GOOD HEART.
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