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**Year End
Report 2016**



International Medical Workshop Constanza, Romania

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This year started with a our traditional open surgery workshop lead by Prof. Dr. Thomas Boemers, head of the Paediatric Hospital of Cologne Germany. There were 5 extremely complicated cases which were operated on successfully. Two additional cases were so complicated that the equipment in Romania could have posed a risk and therefore we we able to successfully arrange for the Romanian Government to pay for these children to travel to Cologne, Germany surgery in November. The head of the Children's Hospital of Constanta, Romania, Prof. Dr. Constantin Tica, traveled with them and their parents to and from Germany.



International Medical Workshop

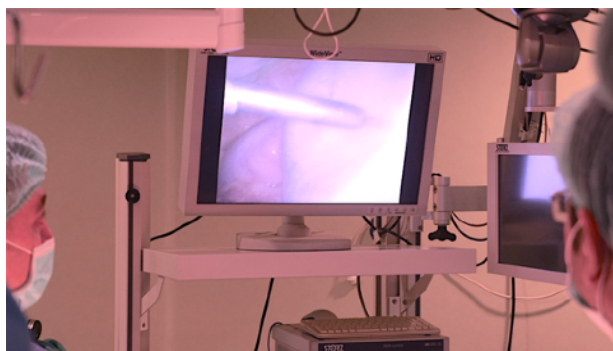
Constanza, Romania 2016



In addition to traditional surgery, this was our 2nd year of introducing Paediatric Laparoscopic Surgery, lead by Dr. Reza Vahdad and Dr. Tobias Klein of Cologne, Germany. Not only were there theoretical and simulation sections of the workshop, as in our first year, but there were also 3 actual surgeries. which were streamed live from the O.R. to the classroom. All surgeries were without complications and the children recovered perfectly, being released from the hospital in two days. An amazing new step forward for the Children's Hospital of Constanța, Romania.



With the help of New Horizon Canada, The Constanța Hospital Paediatric Ward now has a Laparoscopic Tower to perform MIS (minimally invasive surgery)



One of the operations was a young girl who had an abdominal cyst over 1kg.

Traditional surgery would have had to make a large incision to extract it leaving a large scar, a long recovery time, and risk of complications.

Using the Laparoscopic technique, Dr. Reza Vahdad and Dr. Tobias Klein, were able

to create a small incision in the belly button, extract all the liquid from the cyst and then extract the tissue through the belly button. No scar, no infection, easy recovery. They saved this young woman's life. A great success!



Surgery broadcast to the lecture hall via 2-way communication for live questions and responses



HFTN - Romania saves Romanian Families 5.5 million dollars over an eight year period

The press reported:

Given that the cost of 1 child travelling to Germany for a complicated operation totals **100,000 dollars**, this project has demonstrated an amazing cost efficiency and skill set transfer. With 60 children already operated on successfully, the cumulative savings to the families is over **5.5 million dollars**.

The screenshot shows a news article on the Telegraf website. The headline reads: "Operații demonstrative în laparoscopie pediatrică, la Spitalul Județean". Below the headline, it mentions "Echipa din Germania, Keln, și prof. dr. Constantin Tica au operat cu succes copii cu malformații". The article includes a video player showing a group of men in a meeting, with a caption: "Echipa din Germania, Keln, și prof. dr. Constantin Tica". The website navigation bar includes categories like SOCIAL, EVENIMENT, POLITICĂ, ADMINISTRAȚIE, ECONOMIE, SĂNĂTATE, EXTERNE, SPORT, TURISM, ȘTIINȚĂ, TEHNOLOGIE, MODERN, LIFESTYLE, and CULINAR.

Medical Assistance when there's nowhere else to turn

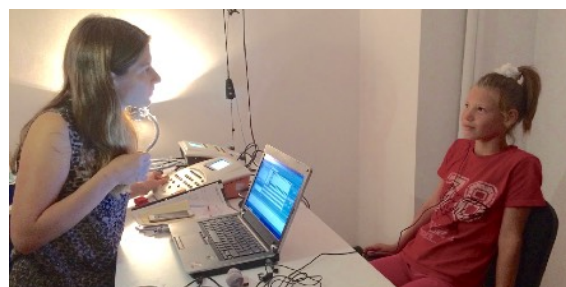
Angelica is a child that has been in our family sponsorship program since her birth 10 years ago in a very poor village of Romania.

It was clear early on that Angelica was completely deaf and we knew that her chances at breaking out of poverty were diminished as a result. We had hoped to provide Angela with a cochlear implant as early as possible however the operation runs at a cost of over 30,000 dollars here in Romania.

We put Angela on a list with the Federal Government who offered a few cases per year the chance to have this surgery for free performed by EU doctors from Western Europe. Years came and went and were starting to realise it may not be possible for Angelica because the limit age is 10 years old and would soon be off the list all together.

We received the phone call in May of this year that she had been accepted. What an exciting day for everyone! Angelica went through all the preparations and medical exams to make sure she was an acceptable candidate and passed with flying colours.

A few days before the surgery was to be done, the hospital where the 5 children scheduled for surgery were located, made an announcement that the operations were now cancelled.



The families at the hospital were in absolute despair, but since the hospital is the final authority for them, they conceded and changed their children out of their pyjamas and prepared to travel back home. Some from across the country. At the same time, the EU doctors performing the operations were on flights coming to Bucharest.

We formed a plan of attack the same day and contacted the Department of Health and then the National Press. The Press showed up at the Ministry buildings and also at the airport to interview everyone involved. Thankfully the same day, the decision was overturned. The doctor who worked with us was given a reprimand and suspended but after our intervention, the Minister of Health, Vlad Voiculescu, made a personal visit to the hospital to ratify the situation, put up the families in Ronald McDonald House for the weekend, then thanked us personally for fighting on behalf of these children. The surgeries were completed on the following Tuesday.

Angelica is doing great and will now enter one year of speech therapy at a special school we have been able to get her into near her village. She has a long road ahead of her to understand the sounds she is hearing, but she's on her way!





Kids Camp

Offering kids from all our projects a chance to experience Summer Camp

For the 8th year running, Caty Roos has headed up the Kid's Camp in Sibiu Romania. This project is for the children in our social projects and is something they look forward to all year. Some of the kids who started off as campers, are now councillors for the new kids in the program. Some of the mothers are now volunteering as well. A wonderful program to encourage team play and personal growth!

50 children from our projects attended our eighth summer kids camp



Mobile Classroom

keeping children in school and teaching adults literacy

The Mobile Classroom Project is now in its 7th year of operation. This project offers after school programs for children of all ages to help keep them at grade level as well as literacy programs for adults. It provides school supplies, educational field trips, and a daily presence of a qualified educator

who truly cares for the families she works with.

In most of Romania, if a child is not at grade level, there is no option for them but to drop out and take their chances without an education. This means service jobs at the lowest pay-scale which are not enough to live on.



Our program helps to keep a group of over 80 children in school so that they have a real chance at a better future!





School Supplies, Socks & Shoes!

practical help for children

Each Fall, there is an expectation for children to arrive to school with a list of supplies which have been pre designed by the local school system. Very much like western schools, this is a standard understanding. The beneficiaries of our program are not always able to afford these things and in fact, don't often have the shoes they need to make the long walk to school. Our Back to School program provides both. The books and writing utensils necessary, and warm shoes for those rainy and snowy days where wet and cold feet can end up in sickness It's a joy for any child to

receive "Back to School" supplies and to have new socks and shoes for the Fall and Winter seasons.



Thanks again to Ron and Susan Kubek for their volunteer work in these projects!



Hampers

bringing joy and provisions for the Winter season



Winter is particularly cold in Transylvania and often difficult for families in need. The cost of staying warm can sometimes replace food portions. That's why it's such a privilege to bring Winter provisions to families in our programs, now for the 14th year running. Over 300 beneficiaries in total and lots of smiles, especially when the children see that besides the staples of flour, oil, rice, and sugar, that there are chocolates and goodies for the holiday season!

