



Save a Child's Heart Newsletter

SACH Kenya Event

December 2008

Dear Friends of SACH,

On November 29, 2008, Save a Child's Heart Kenya, established through the efforts of Rinat Langliv, held an exciting Gala Event at the Holiday Inn Nairobi.

And what an event it was. All two hundred tickets were sold. MC Jeff Koinange Anchorman of Channel K24 in Nairobi did a smashing job leading the evening to an audience including Guest of Honor Deputy Prime Minister Musalia Mudavadi, Ambassador Yacob Keidar from Israel, Ambassador Shigeo Iwatani from Japan and Ambassador Ann M. Grupin'ska from Poland, the son of the president of Kenya, Jimmy Kabaki, Rina and Albert Atias who were the backbone and generators of the successful event and representatives of Safaricom, The Access Group Internet Company, Kobil-Kenol Fuel Company, Solel Boneh(Kenya), Teva Assia (Pharmaceuticals), representatives of USAID as well as many other important business people in the Kenyan community. Also in attendance were also members of Rotary's district 9200 led by Rotarians DG Kanshik Manek and his wife Geeta and of course members of the Medical Profession including Dr. David Silverman, Dr. Naomi Gachara and Dr. Joe Ruturi.



The SACH Art to Heart Photography Exhibition was displayed thanks to the support of

the Israeli embassy in Kenya and touched the hearts of all. Fifteen pieces of original art were auctioned off by Jeff Koinange and Dr. David Silverstein, who is a leader of the Jewish Community as well as a Cardiologist at the Nairobi Hospital. The auctioned paintings and ticket sales combined raised the very honorable sum of \$30,000 to further the cooperation between Kenya and SACH in both training courses and bringing children to SACH Israel for life saving cardiac surgery.

Sammy Kithome, age eight, was presented to the audience by Deputy Prime Minister Mudavadi. Sammy was the first child from Kenya to come to SACH and his surgery was done last January in Israel. Our magical Sammy is still smiling away.

You can read about Sammy as well as Winnie and Hastings [HERE](#)



Needless to say SACH Israel was gallantly represented by Dr. Lior Sasson, Chief of Thoracic and Cardiac Surgery, Wolfson Medical Center, Israel and Simon Fisher Executive Director of SACH. Plans were made to continue bringing local medical staff to Israel for advanced training. Three Kenyan physicians have already been trained. Dr. Lior Sasson, Rinat Langliv and Simon Fisher then went on to visit three hospitals, Kenyatta Government Hospital, Nairobi Hospital and Matar Hospital in order to determine future plans to bring SACH Medical Teams to Kenya to perform the surgeries in Kenya jointly with the doctors who have been trained through the SACH Advanced Training Program.



We thank SACH Kenya for an outstanding event and moving contribution to the

future of children in Kenya who have been born with congenital heart disease and now have the possibility of a happy and healthy future.

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