

FREE HEART SURGERY PROJECT—for needy children



Divya's is a heart rending story of a child afflicted with extreme heart ailment. Three years old, the only child of her parents, Divya had not even walked once so far in her life. Her parents had never thought they would ever see their only child recover as a normal human being. Hailing from a village in Rajasthan, she was one of the patients sponsored by one of the Rotary Clubs to be taken under the free heart surgery project this year.

After three days of the operation, to the extreme joy of her parents and satisfaction of the Dr. Prasad Krishnan who operated her, Divya for the first time in her life could toddle around and was

sovereign that RID 3190 achieved under the leadership of DG Rajendra Rai. This joint project of RID 3190, RL Municipal Hospital and Needy Heart Foundation, is not only giving a fresh lease of life to children irrespective of cast, creed, colour, religion or gender, but also has given a very wide public image to the humanitarian face of Rotary.

The patients came from not only different states of India—Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, etc., but Pakistan as well.

Recently, while marking the occasion of heart surgery of 20th child, under the

conference was well covered in TV media—NDTV, DD, Star plus, Sonoma, etc., and print media including TOI, Deccan Herald, Indian Express, the Hindu, Asian Age, etc.

This program was initiated by the District Governor with the support of local Rotary Clubs—Bangalore Indiranagar, West & Whitefield; International partners Rotary club of Lake City Success and Brodiggins, New York; Municipal Hospital; Needy Heart Foundation and last but not the least, twenty two Rotary Clubs which sponsored the patients. The project has been very successful so far. Thirty five children have been discharged after successful operation. The project is expected to be over by 15th of August.

I would like to express my gratitude to