

Gift of Life



Rotary District 7980
Gift of Life Foundation

Gift of Life Doc Recognized



On June 25, 2008 Rotarian Humberto Rodriguez-Saldaña, MD was named “Rotarian Of The Year” and recognized with a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Monterrey, Mexico which he is a member. He was recognized for his incredible humanitarian commitment to the children of the world by giving the *Gift of Life*.

Dr. Rodriguez is Chairman of Pediatric Cardiovascular Surgery at the Hospital Enfermedades Cardiovasculares IMSS in Monterrey, Mexico. He is a member of the heart transplant team in Monterrey, which is chaired by his father who is also a renowned cardiac surgeon. Humberto was an International Fellow in Congenital Cardiovascular Surgery at Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital Memphis, Tennessee, where he learned from another *Gift of Life* hero, Dr. William (Bill) Novick, founder of International Children’s Heart Foundation. Together they are saving and changing the lives of the world’s kids every day.

During this Rotary year, Humberto performed surgery in Monterrey on kids from Monterrey, Tijuana, Mexicali, Toluca and Chiapas. He lead his Monterrey based volunteer medical team to Comitán, Chiapas where they fixed 11 little broken hearts! In July 2007, International Children’s Heart Foundation appointed Humberto as the lead surgeon for their mission to Santiago, Dominican Republic which was highly successful. On July 25th, Humberto and his Monterrey-based team will fly to Santiago and continue to perform their magic.

As the President of Rotary District 7980 Gift of Life Foundation, I am personally very proud and honored to be a part of the Rotary Club of Monterrey’s Gift of Life program and especially for the friendship we all share. Thank you!

Lynda Hammond
President
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