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La chaîne de l'espoir

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ADAPTATION is the key word

After more than two years that have changed our world, we are emerging with a positive score. The first step was to ensure survival, not just of the children being treated, but of our organization as well. We were deprived of our fundraising events, and forced to face a currency crash, dwindling number of doctors and other medical staff, medication shortages, Covid-19 constraints, and much more. But we succeeded in circumventing each challenge, and the children did obtain treatment and surgical interventions. They survived and so did Heartbeat.

We are faced with an increasing number of children whose survival depends on their families' insufficient financial resources. Another challenge we have to deal with is the shrinking pool of donors, whose own circumstances have reduced their ability to help. Heartbeat has widened its net of reach, inside and outside the country. It was heartening to receive new and renewed support. Some of our traditional donors have maintained their level of support. Many new donors as well as local and international organizations also have come to the rescue of our children.

In the best case scenario, the year ahead seems to hold the same difficulties. Unpredictable challenges are already looming on the horizon. We are already designing new contingency measures and strengthening existing ones. We are calling on all those in the medical field to pitch in, and all our supporters to help in our fundraising efforts. Should each one of our supporters be able to enlist just one additional friend to help our children, we can double the number of those who will be treated. It is now as much in your hands as in ours.



**HEART BEATS
TOUGH TIMES**

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Where does the money COME FROM?*

» Partners & Contributors	\$1,065,000
La Chaine de l'Espoir	400,000
Al Othman Charitable Foundation	300,000
AlWaleed Philanthropies	150,000
Rotary Club Cosmopolitan Beirut	125,000
Let It Beat	90,000
» Events	\$45,000
Sanbar-Abou Jaoude Wedding	45,000
» Individual donors	\$45,000
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TOTAL	\$1,155,000

201

**CHILDREN TREATED
IN 2021**

3935

**CHILDREN TREATED
SINCE 2005**

With Heartbeat funds and partners, in association with the Ministry of Public Health, the National Social Security Fund and the UNHCR*



Where does the money GO?*

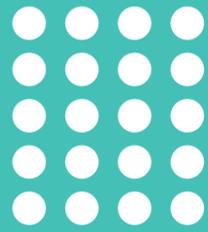
» Medical Support for 201 children (in hospital)	\$975,000
» Medical Support for 1,200 children (outpatient)	\$115,000
» Running Cost of the Association	\$45,000
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TOTAL	\$1,135,000

*All amounts are expressed in US Dollars Bank Value

Heart disease IN CHILDREN

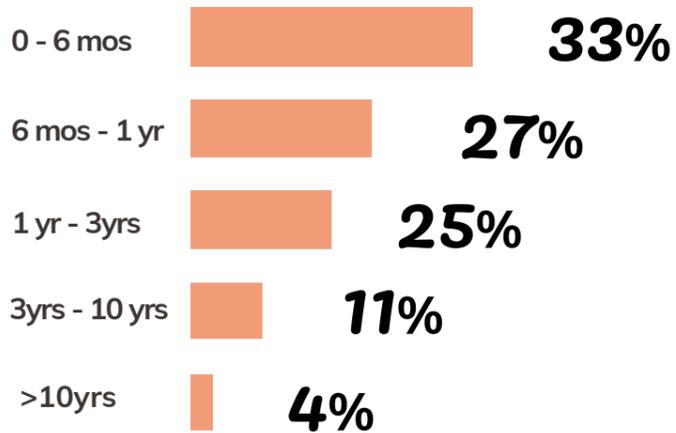


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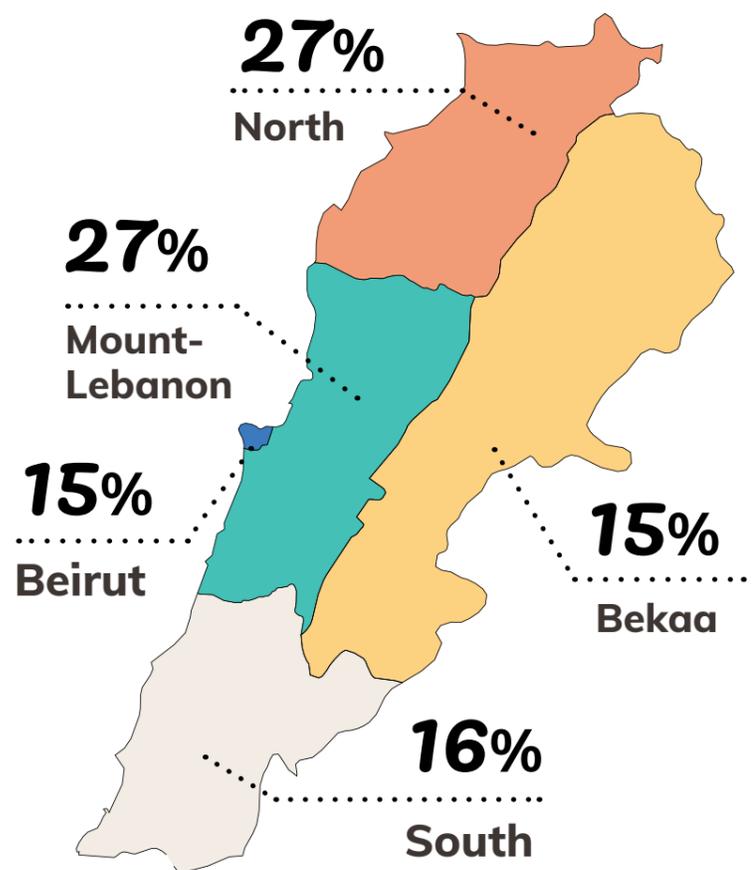


- » Catheterisation **54%**
- » Surgery **44%**
- » Other **2%**

Patient AGE DISTRIBUTION (% OF CHILDREN)



Regional DISTRIBUTION (% OF CHILDREN)



HOSPITALS

MAIN

- » Hotel- Dieu de France
Cardiac Surgery and
Interventional Catheterisation

SUPPORT

- » LAU Medical Center
(Rizk Hospital) Cardiac Surgery
- » Notre-Dame des Secours
Interventional Catheterisation



Heartbeat & AL-OTHMAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION



In the wake of the security and economic crises that are afflicting Lebanon, Heartbeat Association has been noticing an increase in the number of families seeking financial assistance to treat children with congenital heart defects. This has prompted us to search for new sources of funding.

In 2020, the Al-Othman Charitable Foundation - a Kuwaiti charitable organization known for its good reputation, high professionalism, and many contributions in Lebanon - took an initiative to support Heartbeat in establishing a new program for its activities involving the treatment of children with congenital heart disease.

Al-Othman Trust Fund in Kuwait through the president of the foundation met with Heartbeat officials on the initiative of the late Dr Ghassan Chehab. A detailed support plan was immediately drawn up, and was developed very quickly. It was thoroughly monitored by the president of Al-Othman Charitable Foundation, for the well-being of sick children, financially, socially and humanely.

In 2021, this program contributed to saving the lives of 64 children suffering from congenital heart disease, through surgery or catheterization, raising the total number of children to 92 since the beginning of the collaboration.

Al-Othman Charitable Foundation, in its approach and efficiency, has provided a model that we hope other humanitarian associations concerned with the welfare of affected children will emulate. This institution has been working effectively and faithfully to ensure that all requirements are met to achieve the best results in the treatment of children with congenital heart disease.

The partnership with Al-Othman Charitable Foundation, for the benefit of needy children, is a source of pride for our association, and we look forward to more cooperation in the future.

Heartbeat & LA CHAÎNE DE L'ESPOIR

Heartbeat La Chaîne de l'Espoir-Lebanon has always benefited from the support of its sister company La Chaîne de l'Espoir-France (CDE).

However, the nature and extent of this support has changed considerably since the start of the economic crisis in the country in October 2019 and especially after the explosion in the Port of Beirut on August 4, 2020.

The steady increase in the number of needy children exacerbated by the collapse of purchasing power in the country prompted La

Chaîne de l'Espoir to put in place an impressive financial support plan. Initially intended to provide care for 20 children in 2020, the CDE support plan has been extended, making it possible to take care of 90 children in 2021 through both surgeries (53 patients) and interventional catheterization (37 patients) at Hotel-Dieu de France hospital in Beirut.



The support of La Chaîne de l'Espoir, together with that of other associations and humanitarian foundations, constitutes the lifeline that ensures the sustainability of Heartbeat and, consequently and above all, the pursuit of the mission of saving the lives of children with heart defects.



Heartbeat & ALWALEED PHILANTHROPIES



One of Heartbeat's most dedicated sponsors since its inception has been the Al Waleed Bin Talal Humanitarian Foundation.

Under the initiative and direct monitoring of Her Excellency Mrs. Layla Solh Hamade, the support plan has gone crescendo both in the number of children treated every year and in the contribution to the medical-technical development of pediatric cardiology at Hotel-Dieu de France hospital. Al Waleed bin Talal's

Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and Children's Heart Centre are the biggest achievements.

Despite all the economic blows that have hit the country, the Foundation's support for Heartbeat has not wavered; on the contrary, under the perseverance of Mrs. Solh, it has grown and flourished.

For Heartbeat, having the support of the Al Waleed Bin Talal Humanitarian Foundation is the best guarantee of excellence and reliability.



Heartbeat & ROTARY CLUB

The Rotary Club became one of the main supporters of Heartbeat in record time.

On the initiative of active and dynamic members, in particular Mrs. Mimi Hamam as well as Messrs. Habib Saba, George Beyrousti and Adib Monla, to name but a few, the

contribution to Heartbeat of the Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan has benefited from a tremendous boost by the Rotary Club Zurich Circle International thanks to the personal initiative of Mrs. Daniela Beyrousti.

The program, initiated in 2021 and applied starting from the beginning of 2022, has so far saved the lives of 11 children with heart disease.

And further collaborative plans are already on the horizon...





Heartbeat & LET IT BEAT

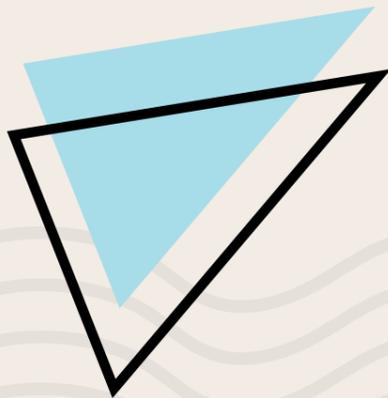
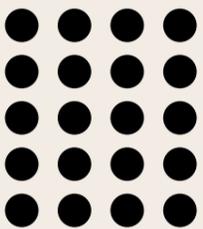
Thanks to the collaboration between Heartbeat and Let It Beat, ten children born with heart disease were treated in 2021. A total of 53 lives have been saved since the establishment of this partnership in 2015.

“Let It Beat” is a Swiss-based foundation recognized for its worldwide achievements in the treatment of underprivileged children with congenital heart disease. It operates in the countries of origin of the children through the establishment of partnerships with qualified local medical teams, and in coordination with Professor Beghetti, head of pediatric cardiology at the Cantonal Hospital of Geneva.



Heartbeat & UNHCR

Since 2012, following the outbreak devastating war in Syria, Heartbeat has been witnessing an increasing number of Syrian refugee children being referred for treatment. A partnership has been established with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to treat these children, saving, to date, the lives of more than 500 children born with heart disease.



UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

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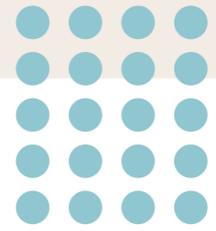
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Maziad & Tracy Sanbar's WEDDING LIST

To honor their big day, Maziad Sanbar and Tracy Abou Jaoudeh decided to dedicate their wedding list to Heartbeat. The wedding guests were invited to celebrate the couple's union by offering help to the less privileged.

Through this kind and noble act, and thanks to the heartwarming generosity of Maziad and Tracy's friends and relatives, a substantial amount has been

donated to help treat and save the lives of many children with congenital heart disease.

From the bottom of every little heart saved, the Heartbeat team would like to thank every person who has contributed to the cause.

Happy wishes to the lovely couple for a long and joyful life together!



Forever IN OUR HEARTS



It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the death of our friend and colleague Professor Ghassan Chehab which occurred suddenly while in France.

Ghassan was a cardiac paediatrician, one of the early

founders of the Heartbeat medical team. He has always stood out for his competence and his compassion towards his patients, the children with heart disease.

He has always been one of Heartbeat's most active members, both medically and socially.

Referring to him in the past tense breaks our hearts and fills us with sadness and grief. He has left an indelible mark on our memory.

Our condolences go to his family, his wife and children and to all those who knew and loved him. May he rest in peace.

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"Hello Ramzi. I wish you a Merry Christmas and hope that next year will be better than this one."

That was the very last time I heard his voice, a voicemail on my phone. December 2021.

From time to time, I open the message, I quietly listen to this voice coming from beyond, but yet so warm, so sincere, that I find myself sometimes replying, quite naturally, as if nothing happened, nothing changed.

And whether in my phone or in my brain, this voice will always remain in the minds of all colleagues, family and friends, but also and above all, deep in the hearts, the ailing hearts, of those children and their parents who will never forget the kindness, love and care mediated through this voice.

I don't know if I can say that we will miss you dear Ghassan, because, quite simply, you are still with us.

Every day that passes, at our staff meetings, in the hospital or elsewhere, everything happens as if you have not left.

Like you weren't here today, and then tomorrow you'll be back... as usual.

*But you won't.
And next year will not be better.
And we do miss you... a lot.*

*- Pr. Ramzi Ashoush,
President, Heartbeat -*

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