

## FACT SHEET

Into the Heartland— Creating a Pediatric Cardiac Care Center of Excellence in Samara, Russia. In 2002 Heart to Heart's flagship program at Children's Hospital No. 1 in St. Petersburg Russia was recognized as *Russia's best infant/pediatric heart program* by the Chief Cardiac Surgeon for the Russian Federation. Heart to Heart is expanding to Samara, Russia to save thousands more babies.

### About SAMARA, RUSSIA

- The city of Samara, is located 600 miles South/Southeast of Moscow, in the Volga Federal District (VFD)—Russia's most populous "super" region with total population of 35M;
- Samara is about 500 years old and the city population is 1.2M;
- Samara is the capital of the Samara Oblast, with Oblast population 3.3M;
- Samara has its own medical university which is linked to the federal educational system;
- Samara has excellent access to all major forms of transportation;
- In 2003 the US State Department rated Samara as one of Russia's top 10 cities for foreign investment.

### About the Samara Regional Cardiology Clinical Dispensary (SRCCD):

- SRCCD has been successfully providing cardiac care to adults for 10+ years;
- In the last 3 years, the cardiac staff of SRCCD has been performing open-heart surgery on children over age three;
- SRCCD's efforts to provide heart care to children *under* three has been financially supported by the Ministry of Public Health through a 3-year funding stream that began in 2001;
- Chief cardiac surgeon, V.V. Goryachev is fluent in English and spent 2 years at Washington University Medical Center in the USA;
- In Fall 2003 Heart to Heart will send its first medical team of 15 cardiac care professionals to demonstrate specific open-heart surgeries as well as train and educate colleagues on combating heart disease among children under three;
- In Fall 2003 Heart to Heart medical volunteers, working side-by-side with their Russian colleagues will perform open-heart surgery on children under the age of three for the first time ever in Samara.

### About FUNDING this great work:

- Heart to Heart will contribute more than \$1,500,000 annually in in-kind and financial support for the development of Samara's pediatric program;
- Heart to Heart is searching for collaborative partners to raise \$300,000 per year for 3-5 years to develop a Pediatric Cardiac Care Center of Excellence at SRCCD in Samara;
- A similar venture in the United States would cost about \$30,000,000.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN HELPING HEART TO HEART RAISE \$300,000 PER YEAR FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS TO DEVELOP THIS PROGRAM—CALL JOSIE EVERETT @ 510 839 4280 OR WRITE TO [JOSIE@HEART-2-HEART.ORG](mailto:JOSIE@HEART-2-HEART.ORG)

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