

## FACT SHEET Heart to Heart Highlights

- Heart to Heart has been providing aid to Russia since 1989;
- In addition to sponsoring more than 35 surgical missions, Heart to Heart has delivered more than \$20,000,000US in medical humanitarian aid to Russian hospitals in St. Petersburg, including vital capital equipment and medical supplies to children's hospitals, maternity wards, and cardiac care centers;
- In 2002 Our flagship program at Children's Hospital No. 1 in St. Petersburg was recognized as *Russia's best infant/pediatric heart program* by the Chief Cardiac Surgeon for the Russian Federation;
- The program at Children's No. 1 is now is self-sustaining and has the capacity to serve ANY child in St. Petersburg and the surrounding region born with a heart defect—more than 350 procedures are conducted annually;
- American and Russian medical professionals associated with Heart to Heart have saved more than 3000 Russian babies and 2000 adults facing life-threatening heart problems;
- Heart to Heart medical volunteers have played an instrumental role by focusing on education and training in order to develop self-sustaining cardiac care programs;
- Heart to Heart's medical work played an instrumental role in reducing the infant mortality rate in St. Petersburg by 50%: St. Petersburg has the lowest infant mortality rate in all of Russia;
- Heart to Heart has been featured on CBS News' *60 Minutes* three times;
- Heart to Heart medical volunteers will be expanding into the heartland of Russia—in Samara, a city located in Russia's most populous region;
- The goals of Heart to Heart's bold Samara initiative include teaching complex open-heart surgeries to physicians in Samara and surrounding region by sending large teams of medical professionals twice a year for 3+ years—providing more than \$1,500,000 in program value per year;
- Heart to Heart's ongoing work in St. Petersburg includes launching a new program in Spring 2004 to create a national model Adult Congenital Program and expanding the geographical scope of our services for adults through our program at Adult Hospital No. 2;
- Heart to Heart has an ongoing effort to lobby the Russian Duma and high-level public health officials to increase funding and equity for access to pediatric cardiac care throughout all of Russia.

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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