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**JOINING HANDS TO HEAL HEARTS**  
New Partnership Helps Save Children of Samara

**OAKLAND, CA—November 2004** Heart to Heart has formed a strategic partnership with philanthropic organization **Russian Gift of Life**, in a joint mission to give children in the heartland of Russia access to modern heart care for the first time.

Together, Heart to Heart and Russian Gift of Life will continue to build a self-sustaining cardiac care center in Samara, where this year alone, dozens of Russian babies with heart disease will get a second chance at life. Support from RGOL will allow Heart to Heart to continually send medical volunteers to Samara, where teaching, demonstration and cardiac surgery will be conducted in this underserved region of 35 million Russians. This partnership will allow Heart to Heart and Russian Gift of Life to develop new medical programs in locations like Samara, while continuing to support established programs in St. Petersburg and Moscow.

Russian Gift of Life was founded fifteen years ago in Sea Cliff, New York and works independently and also in close partnership with the Rotary Gift of Life and Gift of Life International—raising funds and providing volunteer resources to save children's lives around the world through cardiac care and surgery. Over the past fifteen years, Gift of Life and RGOL have saved over 750 Russian children at participating hospitals here in the United States and in Russia.

Contact Russian Gift of Life headquarters at P.O. Box 403, Sea Cliff, and NY, 11579. For more information email [rgol@mail.com](mailto:rgol@mail.com).

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