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PRESS RELEASE

For over **13** years **the Children's Heart foundation Ghana (CHF)** has been raising funds to pay for the surgeries of Ghanaian children who have a congenital heart condition and need open heart surgery. Over the period, we have raised USD 2,128,000.00 which translates to **GHS13,065,920.00** and paid for the surgeries of **266 children!** That is over **266 families** who have not had to be stressed about finding the approx. **GHS30,000 to pay for their child's heart surgery.** That's 209 families whose entire life has improved because their child after surgery can now live a happy and productive life and the family is not saddled with huge medical bills.

The CHILDREN'S HEART FOUNDATION GHANA (CHF Ghana) is a charity committed to providing financial assistance to some of the approximately two hundred Ghanaian families a year who find themselves in the very stressful and difficult position of trying to save the life of their child diagnosed with a congenital heart disorder.

The Trustees of The Children's Heart Foundation Ghana - **Mrs. Jacqui Ahomka Lindsey, Mrs. Surama King, Ms. Folake Ojo, Ms. Dzigbordi Dosoo, Mrs. Grace Krobo-Edusei, and Mrs. Karen Hendrickson;** have all been actively and publicly involved in raising the funds needed to pay for the surgeries on behalf of parents who cannot afford the life-saving surgery.

After successful fund-raising, CHF Ghana is today able to pay for the surgeries of **11 children** at a total of **Four hundred and Twenty-Two Thousand Ghana Cedis (GHS422,000), thanks to our generous corporate and private donors** who have donated to our worthy cause. The parents and children here today at Korle Bu Cardiothoracic Hospital would like to say two things.

- (1) **A huge thank you, to everyone who contributed to CHF Ghana as they can now rest easy knowing their child's surgery has been paid for.**
- (2) **A very big thank you to our sponsors: Ecobank, Newmont, Geodril, Interplast, Barry Callebaut, Hollard Insurance, Ghana International School, CEPE and all who have supported us, The Children's Heart Foundation make this possible**
- (3) **A special thank you, to the Cardiothoracic Centre at the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, all the doctors and nurses, all health workers and the entire staff of the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital**

To parents who find themselves moving back and forth in search of resources to cater for medical procedure for their child with congenital heart condition, worried and afraid that the task is impossible, have no fear. The Children's Heart Foundation Ghana trustees are here for you. Visit our website www.childrensheartfoundaitonghana.org or Facebook page The Children's Heart Foundation Ghana or call **0241 263 374** to get on the waiting list.

The CHF Trustees would also like to **thank all our supporters, volunteers and donors** for their continued support and financial donations to enable CHF Ghana pay for the surgeries of all the children here today.

Thank you.