

The Hearts4Kids Trust is raising funds for its volunteer New Zealand medical team to travel to Fiji to perform life-saving congenital heart surgery on babies and children. With your help these children have the opportunity to lead an active and fulfilling life.

Repairing simple congenital heart defects is an extremely effective medical intervention. Children who would not expect to survive their childhood and who live with crippling fatigue and breathlessness are cured with one operation. They can carry on living life without the need for long term medication or follow-up.

Unfortunately there are 350 children born each year in the Pacific Islands that do not have access to this life saving surgery. These kids have to hope that a charity will support them to travel to NZ or Australia for the surgery (if they are well enough to survive the flight) , or rely on a volunteer team such as Hearts4Kids.

The Hearts4Kids Trust needs \$85,000 to travel to Fiji in September to operate on 15 children over a 5 day period. Just 15% of the equivalent cost if the same children were brought to New Zealand for surgery. All of the funds donated will be used specifically to operate and care for the children in Fiji. Priority will be given to purchase equipment, disposables and drugs and the balance of funds will be used to pay for economy travel and house the medical team. The support and administration of Hearts4Kids Trust is fully pro-bono.

There are a number of ways to donate:

- By direct credit transfer to the Hearts4Kids Trust bank account:
38-9016-0867144-01 (Kiwibank) Account name: HEARTS4KIDS TRUST.
Please reference your name. And email us on info@hearts4kids.org.nz with your contact details. We'd like to thank you and send you a receipt for your donation.
- By credit card through givealittle on <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/hearts4kids>
- By cheque to Hearts4Kids Trust.
Send to us at PO Box 5522, Wellesley Street, Auckland 1010

Please also see our website www.hearts4kids.org.nz for more information.

I appreciate there are many other organisations asking for your generosity. Hearts4Kids is a dedicated team that has the privilege to use our specialist expertise and time to reach some of the poorest children in the world and give them the opportunity to lead active and full lives. But, we need your help to make it happen.

Kindest Regards,



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