

Saving Little Hearts

LOVE WITHOUT BOUNDARIES CARDIAC PROGRAM





What if where you were born determined whether you would survive childhood?

Love Without Boundaries began in 2003 with an international effort to save the life of one orphaned boy in China desperately in need of heart surgery. Since that time, **we have helped over 1,300 children with congenital heart defects receive the essential cardiac care they deserve.**

It is a sad reality that **up to 90% of babies born with heart defects in developing countries do not have access to the healthcare they require.** The location of their birth often dictates their very survival. For many children, poverty is the cruel barrier that prevents them from receiving life-saving medical care. For countless others **in underdeveloped nations, advanced cardiac hospitals and specialty doctors are simply not available.**

Love Without Boundaries is committed to providing equity in care to these vulnerable children through our comprehensive and compassionate cardiac program.

You can help us save more lives by supporting this critical initiative



Quality cardiac care is dependent on continuity of care.

Every child deserves a chance at a healthy and vibrant life. That's why factors like **accessibility**, **strong partnerships with leading hospitals, and our unwavering commitment to comprehensive care** set us apart in the charitable space.

Our heart program stands with underprivileged children and their families every step of the way. We not only help with the details of surgery preparation and travel arrangements but also provide emotional support to families who are often overwhelmed after receiving news of their child's cardiac diagnosis.



COMPREHENSIVE CARE

Our program recognizes the importance of providing pre-op support, such as supplemental nutrition, as well as long-term follow-up care. We emphasize not only physical health but also psychosocial support for children and their families to maintain and manage their health post-surgery.



ACCESSIBILITY

Every child deserves the chance to receive life-saving medical treatments and care, regardless of their socio-economic status. Our dedicated team works tirelessly to find innovative ways to bridge the gap and provide access to vital resources for those who need it most.



PARTNERSHIPS

LWB's cardiac program partners with leading hospitals and highly skilled cardiologists and surgeons. These medical teams have vast experience and success in performing complex pediatric heart surgeries and have a reputation for providing excellent care.

90% of children in developing countries DO NOT have access to life-saving cardiac care



High-quality Care

We can ensure high-quality care through our strategic partnerships with top hospitals in India and China. These hospitals have a proven track record of excellence in pediatric cardiac care and are renowned for their expertise and state-of-the-art facilities.

LWB's partner hospitals have a team of highly skilled doctors, surgeons, and medical professionals who specialize in performing complex heart surgeries for children. These professionals have extensive experience in treating a wide range of cardiac conditions and are committed to providing the best possible care to each child.

Saving Lives Around the World

Through our network of hospitals, we have healed children from **Cambodia, China, Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, Malawi, Mongolia, Nepal, Uganda, and Ukraine.**

OVER 1,300 HEARTS HEALED SINCE 2003!

Our Program Goal

Love Without Boundaries aims to raise \$500,000 each year to fund life-saving heart surgeries for 160 children annually. This funding will cover the cost of surgeries, travel expenses, and other necessary support for the children and their families. LWB has established **partnerships** with state-of-the-art hospitals, including Anhui Children's Hospital and Hefei High Tech Cardiac Hospital in China and Amrita Hospital in India, to provide highquality, low-cost heart surgeries for children in need.

EVERY LIFE SAVED CHANGES THE WORLD FOR THE GOOD





Sustainable Pricing

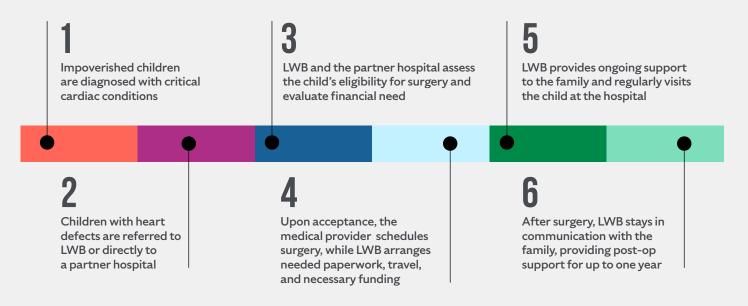
Through partnerships, Love Without Boundaries can provide life-saving heart surgeries at a reduced cost. Most surgeries range from \$2,700 to \$3,700 per surgery, excluding travel expenses. This cost is significantly lower than the average cost of heart surgeries around the world, making surgeries more accessible for children from underprivileged backgrounds.



OUR 50% LOWER THAN THE COST OF CARDIAC SURGERIES IN SIMILAR CHARITABLE PROGRAMS

Our Process

Together, with our medical providers, we walk hand-in-hand with families, transforming lives and spreading love across communities.





We get stuff done!



We have cardiologists review each child's medical file

One of our core values is that "we get stuff done." One big way we do this is by working with specialized travel companies to get the children home as soon as they are fit to fly (because we know home is where kids recover best).

One of the things that sets us apart from other charitable heart programs is our tailored approach. We understand that each child is unique and we adapt our efforts to respond to those specific needs, providing personalized care and support that truly transforms lives.





We provide personalized care



We provide pre-op and post-op nutrition when needed



We frequently send nurses with travel groups

We triage children



We follow up for one year after surgery

Amrita Hospital Partnership

Amrita Hospital offers affordable costs for its services, making it an ideal partner for our cardiac initiative. The reduced cost of surgeries at Amrita Hospital allows LWB to provide life-saving heart surgeries to more children in need, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder access to quality medical care.

These surgeries have made a significant impact on the lives of these children and their families, providing them with the necessary medical care for a brighter future. With compassion as our guide, LWB's team members work directly with each family throughout the process. Once accepted into our program, we are in continual communication with the parents and children every step of the way.

Program Impact + Achievements

b China

While our initial mission in China centered around helping orphaned children, we implemented our China Unity Initiative in 2008 to expand our reach to children from struggling families. Under this plan, **LWB funds surgeries at advanced hospitals, bridging the gap between limited insurance coverage and the high cost of specialized care.** Since 2003, LWB has funded over 1,000 life-saving heart surgeries for Chinese children.



b India

More than 200,000 children are born each year in India with congenital heart defects. Although 70% of these cases are correctable, only 25% of the children receive the care they need. **Through our efforts, we have supported more than 100 Indian children, with heart surgery costs averaging \$3,700.**



🕒 Uganda

When our work in Uganda began in 2017, we quickly became aware of countless children in desperate need of life-saving heart surgeries. **Our strong relationships** with community leaders and healthcare providers, both in-country and overseas, led to the creation of an impactful medical travel program, overseen by an experienced cardiologist and team of local nurses. This has enabled over 80 Ugandan children to receive the surgical care that they otherwise could not access or afford.





Peter's Story of Hope

In the spring of 2021, LWB's India staff learned of Peter, who had been born seven months earlier. Born with a known heart defect, it was later discovered that he had additional medical issues. **Priority was given to his heart defect, which was a rare and serious condition called Tetralogy of Fallot. Baby Peter and his family traveled over nine hours by train** to the hospital in Amrita, where the complex operation took a toll on his fragile body.

Our staff was worried for Peter and his family as he had to be placed on a life-support machine for his heart and later developed a lung infection that required a tracheotomy. After several setbacks, Peter was finally able to return home with his family after a month of post-operative care. He had some ups and downs, but eventually, doctors were able to remove his breathing tube, making eating much easier for Peter. Finally, he was able to put on some much-needed weight. Our staff was recently able to check in with Peter's family for an update. His mother tells us that they take him back to the hospital in Amrita for regular follow-up care. She spoke of how frightened she was before Peter's surgery. During those scary days

when he was so tiny and fragile, she would hold her hand on his chest so she could feel his heartbeat, worried that she might never feel it again.

Peter is doing very well and his parents tell us that his breathing is no longer difficult. LWB staff is grateful for the opportunity to provide Peter with the care he needed.

Peter is among 200,000 children born each year with heart defects in India



Oliver's Story of Hope

Oliver was born with Down syndrome in 2016. Soon after, his little heart began to fail. His lips were blue, and he would frequently have breathing distress and coughing fits. **Hospital after hospital turned Oliver down for heart surgery due to Oliver's Down syndrome diagnosis** and his family's inability to pay.

Oliver's mother confessed that they had been worried that they would have to give up their son to the care of an orphanage, in the hope that he could receive medical treatment there. Thankfully, our staff in China learned of their plight, and our generous community completely covered Oliver's surgery and medical costs.

Cardiac surgeons at Children's Hospital of Fudan University evaluated

Now, Oliver is an active and energetic child

Oliver and felt he had a 95% chance of a full recovery if surgery was done soon. Time was of the essence, as Oliver's heart and lungs were getting weaker each day. Following his operation, Oliver spent nearly a month in the ICU before he could finally be taken off the ventilator. **His mother stayed**

> by his side, never giving up hope that her son would finally have a healthy life.

Now nearly seven years old, Oliver is no longer blue and weak, and he can dance about and even jump. He is a vibrant and happy little boy!

> Oliver attends a preschool in his community for children with special needs, and he is learning to draw and recognize Chinese characters.



Verena's Story of Hope

Little Verena was born prematurely in Uganda and was soon diagnosed with a heart defect. Unfortunately, Verena's heart could not be repaired in Uganda, as it was too complex. Verena's only chance at life would be to leave the country for surgery.

Thankfully, Verena's parents were told about LWB and immediately reached out for help. Verena was the very first child sent by our medical care program to India for cardiac surgery. Verena flew to India, where she received a pulmonary artery banding procedure to relieve her symptoms and give her some time to grow before another more complex surgery.

Verena continued to have some health struggles despite the banding procedure. She frequently had respiratory issues that required hospitalization, and it was clear that she needed a second surgery sooner rather than later. By August 2022, Verena once again flew from Uganda to India for heart surgery.

Once Verena had safely reached Amrita Hospital, the surgeons came up with a plan for her very complex surgery. Verena's operation took ten long hours, and we were all overjoyed that she was able to have a full repair of her heart.

Verena came through her cardiac surgery amazingly well! She spent just a few days in the ICU and was then transferred to the regular ward just in time to celebrate her fourth birthday.

Three months later, back home in Uganda, Verena started going to school for the first time. When she isn't in her school uniform in class, Verena loves to dance and wear pretty dresses. We are overjoyed to see Verena enjoying a healthy life with her loving family, with her whole future now ahead of her.



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Our Mission and Vision

LWB is built on the dedication and generosity of people like you.

Love Without Boundaries is a US-based 501c3 nonprofit organization founded in 2003, **providing healing, education, and refuge to vulnerable children worldwide.**

LWB's vision is to provide compassionate help to impoverished and orphaned children and to show the world that every child, regardless of his or her needs, deserves to experience love and be treated with dignity and care.

We are primarily funded through private donations and have an annual operating budget of \$3.8 million. You Can Count on Us!

More than 88 cents of every generous dollar donated supports our programs.

That's nearly 13 cents more than other leading child welfare charities.



Why Choose LWB?

We believe that even more important than our top-rated charity status is our promise to the children, their families, and our supporters to live out integrity and compassion every single day. Many of our team members have children who have faced complex health issues themselves; so we understand how hard it is to learn your child has been born with a condition that can take their life. LWB is also known as a charity that provides help as quickly as possible. For children with heart defects, every day they wait for care can impact their very survival.

Testimonials

66 Because of your timely assistance, my son was able to receive the necessary medical care without any delays. The progress he has made since then is truly remarkable, and we attribute it to the top-notch treatment he received. The services at the hospital were exceptionally good, and the doctors and nurses were epically professional and very friendly. Israel was able to make so many friends: from senior doctors, nurses, and support staff. **99**

Paul Mwanje - Ugandan heart child parent

The most significant aspect of our partnership is the ability to save lives, providing hope to both children and their families. By collaborating with LWB, we experience a personal sense of fulfillment. The smiles of the saved children and the relief seen in their parents' faces deeply touch our hearts. LWB's community, which generously aids these children, inspires us to make a meaningful impact on the lives of those in need. ??

Dr. Liu - Heart Surgeon, Anhui Children's Hospital - China

I feel by working with LWB I am making a real difference in individual lives and families; I feel my financial support enables LWB to make a powerful impact. I am so impressed with how many volunteers LWB has, and it makes me realize the impact firsthand. My goal has always been to support organizations that reflect my values and belief in making a difference in this chaotic world. The staff at LWB serve as an inspiration to recognize individual needs, transform lives, and create an everlasting impact. 99

Pam B. - LWB donor since 2004

Ways to Support

YOUR GENEROSITY CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN WORLDWIDE!

We believe that everyone can play a meaningful role in making a difference in the lives of children in need born with heart defects. **We offer various opportunities for individuals and organizations to get involved in our mission**.



CASH DONATIONS

By making a cash donation, you can help us save the lives of vulnerable children. We accept debit/credit, PayPal, Apple/Google Pay, and checks. We also accept the transfer of property and stocks



SPONSORSHIP

Monthly sponsors to our cardiac program help us provide essential medical care for orphaned and impoverished children



VOLUNTEER

Whether you have medical expertise, cardiac connections, or simply a passion for helping others, there are many ways to get involved



ADVOCACY

Speak up for vulnerable children born with congenital heart defects and raise awareness of the issues they face. By becoming an advocate, you can help create lasting change

Thank you for your support!

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Love Without Boundaries provides life-changing medical care, runs well-monitored foster homes, operates schools, and supplies quality nutrition to impoverished and orphaned children. Our programs work together to best meet the needs of the children entrusted to our care and are only possible thanks to your support.

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