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What will your legacy be? Here's how you can start building it today with Project HOPE.

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This Baby Girl Escaped Death — Twice

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Medical Center — a hospital that Project HOPE helped to create and continues to support through your generous gifts. The specialists soon realized that Bing's heart disease was far worse than anyone suspected. She was missing one chamber of her heart, among other problems.

She was, in fact, near death.

Meanwhile, halfway around the world, an American couple looking to adopt a baby learned about Bing. The instant they saw her picture, they knew she was the one, despite her health problems or maybe even

because of them. The couple knew that this little girl needed them. Bing would be wanted after all.

But for the moment, there was no time to lose. The surgeons prepped for an operation. It would be complex and difficult — so much so that surgeons from the U.S. were asked to consult remotely via teleconference.

In the end, after hours of intense concentration by these skilled surgeons (and some apprehensive moments), the operation was a success! After a brief recovery, little baby Bing was laughing and smiling again.

"The nurse and baby Bing traveled thousands of miles for surgical care," said Dr. Karen Rheuban, one of the consulting physicians, "and they're proof that miracles do happen."

This is just one example of the good you do through your generous support. It's true — you really are saving lives. **HOPE**



Your support saved Bing's life. Today, she's an energetic little girl who keeps her adoptive parents moving!

News about your gifts to fight disease, cure sickness and save lives

HOPE NEWS

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Every \$1 You Give Will Do \$105 of Good!

Now you can send the medicine that saves lives. We've received millions of dollars of medicine and medical supplies donated to us by pharmaceutical companies and other sources. With your gift to cover the shipping costs, we can send this medicine streaming into poverty zones around the world to fight disease, cure sickness and save lives.

Please give now, won't you?

This Baby Girl Escaped Death — Twice

Your Support Saved Her

The snow fell, and a bitter winter wind blew. On that frigid January day in China, Fu Bing Yang was born ... and shortly after sent to an orphanage, unwanted.

At less than a week old, Bing weighed only 4 pounds. She was sick and weak. She looked — shockingly — like she would die.

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Fearing for this baby's life, the nurses at the orphanage took action. They called in a volunteer,

who took Bing into her own home to care for her and nurture her back to health. Thankfully, it worked. With lots of love and care, Bing grew to 7 pounds in 10 weeks.

Bing returned to the orphanage a healthy baby girl — smiling, cooing and squirming in her crib. But it wasn't to last.

The nurses noticed that Bing had developed a blue tinge to her skin. They knew it was serious. They suspected that Bing had a heart condition.

So, without delay, a nurse took Bing on the 15-hour journey by train to Shanghai Children's



She faced death twice, but thanks to your support, Bing is now a happy baby girl.

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Every \$1 You Give Sends \$105 in Medicine!

YES! I realize that Project HOPE has received donated medicine and medical supplies, and that my gift to ship this precious cargo will save lives. Here's my gift of:

\$25 \$50 \$75

\$_____ to help as much as possible.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

My email address is: _____

Please make your tax-deductible check payable to Project HOPE, and mail it, along with this form, in the envelope provided.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dr. Howe on a humanitarian trip in Eastern Europe — seeing firsthand the work Project HOPE does through your generous support.

Why I'm Living Out of a Suitcase

Dear Friend,

I'm inspired by your generous and continued support. You make it possible for us to save lives around the world.

And there's nothing more uplifting than seeing this work firsthand when I'm in the field. It's one of many parts of my job that I truly love. Even better, it's as if you're right there with me as I meet with patients, doctors and our staff and volunteers.

Just recently, I was able to see our work in Poland, Kosovo and Macedonia while on a humanitarian trip. First, I visited the University Children's Hospital in Krakow, Poland. Our partnership spans 40 years with this wonderful hospital, which devotes a large part of its care to saving the lives of children with cancer.

Next, I met with our dedicated staff and volunteers in Kosovo, the troubled province of the former Yugoslavia. I'm proud to say that HOPE was one of the first to respond in that country's humanitarian crisis 14 years ago.

Today, among many other projects, we distribute lifesaving medicine for people who are still suffering.

Then, I visited with our staff and volunteers in Macedonia, another former part of Yugoslavia. Since 1999, when we first provided a broad range of humanitarian assistance in that country, we've been working there to continue supplying medicine to save lives.

I'm always struck by the varied people and places where Project HOPE is involved. And yet, in all of it, I see one thing — the love for humanity that you demonstrate with each gift you give. Without you, none of this work would be possible. But with your gifts, what we can do to fight disease, cure sickness and save lives around the world is limitless. Thank you for your continued and generous support in our cause to serve mankind!

Sincerely yours,

John P. Howe, III, M.D.
President and CEO

Dilya Suffered With a Deadly Disease

Through It All, She Counted On Your Support

Dilya is a sweet and shy 15-year-old girl living in Uzbekistan. She loves going to school and hanging out with her friends. But when she got tuberculosis (TB), everything changed.

In Uzbekistan and in many countries, there's a severe stigma attached to this disease. People link it with poverty, homelessness and drug abuse. The stigma is so severe that sufferers are shunned, and some have even killed themselves. That's just one challenge this girl was up against.

Another was the long treatment. It can take many months, and patients have to go to the hospital regularly for testing and monitoring. During those visits, Dilya was often overcome with fear and dread. She cried and cried, pleading with the nurses again and again, "Will I ever be cured?"

To help, one of the doctors at the clinic, named Guzal, suggested that Dilya attend a TB-awareness event sponsored by Project HOPE, where people with the disease talk and share their feelings. It opened Dilya's eyes.

She realized that she wasn't alone, and that there were kids just like her in the same boat. And she learned an important truth that many who stigmatize this disease ignore — TB is completely curable.

With a different attitude, Dilya welcomed her treatments and took an active role — often asking the doctors and nurses what they were doing and why. What's more, because of her ordeal, she discovered a new purpose and meaning in her young life. She resolved to become a doctor.

"I always dream of becoming a doctor," Dilya said. "And my



A disease like TB can be deadly, and that's why your support is so vital. You can save a life!

disease has only increased my interest in this profession. I want to be a children's TB specialist and treat children with TB, because ... TB is curable!"

Today, Dilya's treatment is finished. She's completely cured. And, yes, she's enrolled in medical school to become a doctor — soon to embark on a lifetime of helping others. Your generous support played a part in that. Without you, where would Dilya be today? **HOPE**

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UPDATE: Medicine Streaming into Poverty Zones

Millions of dollars in donated medicine and medical supplies — that's certainly life-changing news. And that's how doctors, nurses and health workers in poor countries around the world are feeling. They're receiving these medicines now to fight disease, cure sickness and save lives.

These supplies were donated to Project HOPE by pharmaceutical companies and other sources. Boxes upon boxes of medicine were simply sitting in a warehouse, stacked in neat rows from the floor to the ceiling.

But with generous gifts from you and other supporters to cover the transportation costs, huge shipments of bandages, antibiotics, antiseptics and other supplies are now arriving at hospitals and clinics in poverty-stricken countries.

The health facilities in these countries run on shoestring budgets, often with no funding from their governments, so healthcare workers always lack the medicines and supplies they need. Without these supplies, patients suffer and can die needlessly. But with the donated medicine, sick people recover and



go on to live productive lives.

In fact, these medical supplies are an infusion of healing and renewal for entire communities. Better healthcare helps lead to improved education,

Containers of precious medicine and medical supplies are being shipped to poverty zones around the world because of your generous support. You're saving lives.

greater opportunity and enhanced community development. It's inspiring to see. Where there was sickness and poverty before, now there's greater hope for the future — a future that you're making possible. **HOPE**



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Meet Kendra Dilcher

A Chance Encounter Altered the Course of This Young Lady's Life

A smart, talented student interested in medicine, Kendra first volunteered with Project HOPE on the Continuing Promise Mission in Colombia and Panama. She assisted in surgeries, diagnoses, lab tests, x-rays and more.

But when she met Johnny, a smiling 7-year-old boy with crippling arthritis, she knew she'd found her true purpose in the field of medicine. After spending time with Johnny, helping with his treatment and medication, Kendra got to know him and understand more about his condition. Determined to help, she went above and beyond to get him a wheelchair. And when she gently lowered him into it, he was so happy that tears of joy rolled down his cheeks.



Volunteer Kendra Dilcher on the 2009 Continuing Promise Mission doing what she loves — helping children in need get better.

For the rest of the mission, Kendra continued to work in the pediatrics clinic, helping sick children. There, she realized that changing the life of a child changes the entire family, which in turn changes entire communities for the better.

And with that, a promising career in medicine was launched. Kendra made plans to enter medical school, so that she could devote her life to helping others.

"This experience has given me a tremendous opportunity to learn about people living in unfortunate circumstances," Kendra said, "and to help make a difference in their lives."

You share Kendra's commitment to changing lives through your support of Project HOPE. Your gifts are inspiring hope, and uplifting people in need.