



Healthcare Benevolent Program

PROJECT GOAL

Enable access to lifesaving healthcare services for children living with urgent medical needs across LAC.

DESCRIPTION

The Healthcare Benevolent Program is a project aimed to raise funds to **help children in the countries we serve receive medical care and services that are otherwise not available to them**. Your support will help us provide quality medical services for children and their families who cannot afford treatment.

SUCCESS STORY: AAIDEN

Aaiden was born premature at the Mandeville Regional Hospital in Jamaica, **suffering from loss of vision in both eyes due to detached retinas and cataracts**. Although he underwent an operation to freeze the damaged cells in his eyes, the retinas could not be repaired because the hospital did not have the right equipment. **Aaiden was also born with no hearing in both ears**.

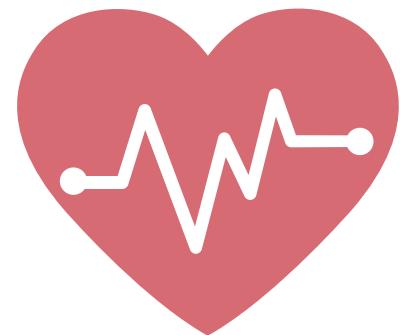
Kerrian, Aaiden's mother, urgently sought for the medical assistance he needed, as the cost of surgery and treatment was beyond her means. **"I know it's a lot of money, but his eyes are the window to the world. He has never seen my face, and that hurts. Please, somebody just help me to give my son a chance."**

Thankfully, generous donors provided the funding necessary for Aaiden's first surgeries and ongoing incidental expenses for his scheduled medical assessments.

Although technically blind, **Aaiden receives support to teach him how to navigate his vision impairment**. He has progressed nicely and continues to develop coping abilities. **He also received two cochlear implants** at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami and can now hear. **He recently started saying his first words, to the delight of his mother, medical team, and FFP**.

Top right: Aaiden after his eye surgery

Bottom right: Aaiden with mother Kerrian





Despite his vision impairment, Aaiden has become an active, happy child. He has learned how to swim, loves dancing and music, and enjoys jumping up and down on his trampoline (which is equipped with a safety enclosure and handrail).

SUCCESS STORY: CAPREE

Capree was first introduced to FFP in June 2015. **She was just seven months old and needed a life-saving heart operation.** In September 2022, the youngster from Jamaica commemorated her fifth “heartiversary” since her nine-hour, open-heart and pacemaker surgery at Boston Children’s Hospital.

Capree's mother, Shonick, reflected on her daughter's journey. **“So many kids have lost their battle with a congenital heart defect but because of you, our wonderful donors and amazing team at Food For The Poor, Capree was given a fighting chance. We can never repay any of you for your contribution.”**



Left: With doctor; Middle: Capree and her mother, Shonick
Right: Capree ready for school

COST

Together with FFTP Inc., our goal is to collectively raise \$430,000 CAD to provide life-saving medical care and expenses for children living in LAC. Help save a child's life.

Thank you for considering this request!