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Jessica Luc, MD

Recipient of the 2023 TSRA/STS Travelling Fellowship

Host Mentor: Dr. Marc Ruel

University of Ottawa Heart Institute

Highlights:

- Great networking and teaching from faculty and residents
- Participation in complex case rounds and patient care
- Scrubbed in a number of operations including minimally invasive CABG, mitral valve repair, valve sparing root replacements, dissections, redos
- Learned lots of tips and tricks on leadership, practice management, and how to set up a successful academic practice

Thank you for the opportunity!



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Sai Prema Fiji Foundation Suva, Fiji April 2023

Anna Olds, MD

University of Southern California I6 Program

TSRA/STS Global Outreach Fellowship Awardee 2023

Sponsor: Dr. Shaun Setty, Long Beach Memorial Hospital

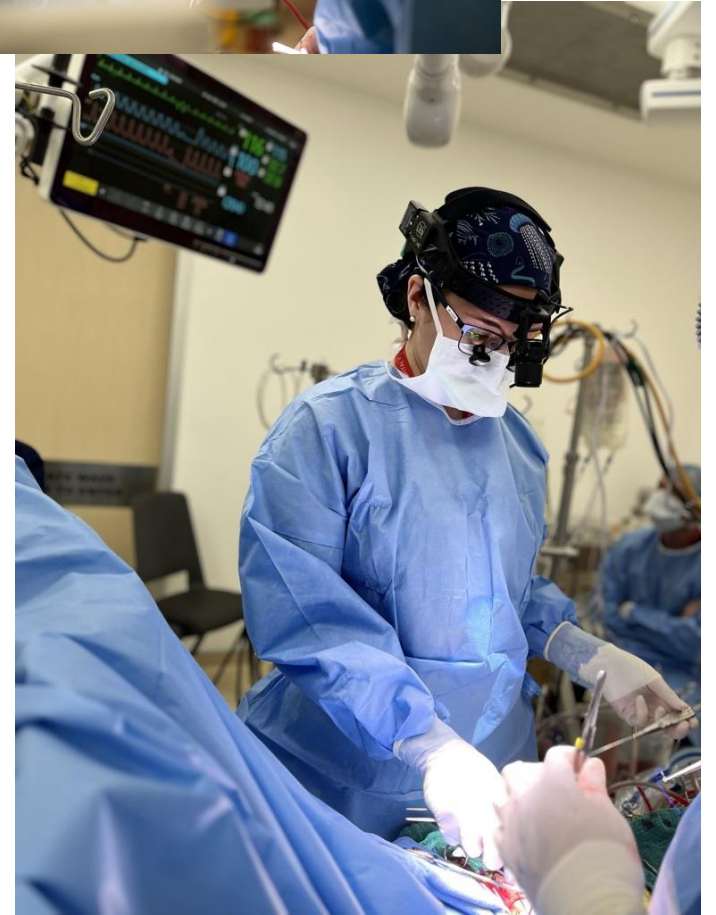


Sai Prema Foundation, Fiji Children's Heart Hospital – built 2022

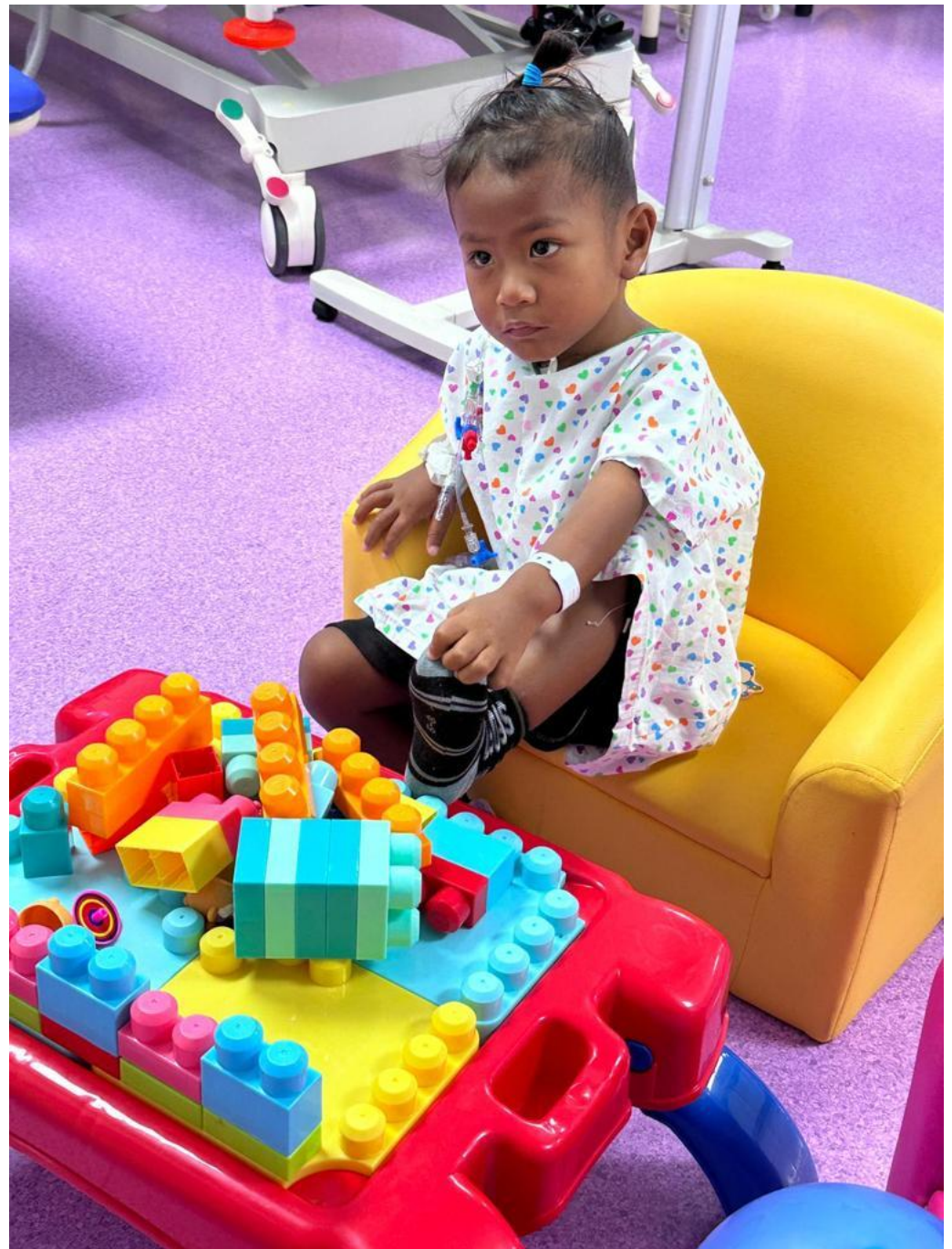
- Teams from around the world come to provide surgical care throughout the year
- Local nurses/doctors are trained for screening/postop care
- ~2500 children born with CHD in the Pacific Islands, 200 in Fiji
- No cardiac surgeon in the Pacific Islands
- As of December 2023:
 - 260 children have received **free** heart surgeries in Fiji
 - 14,143 **free** echo screenings

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New lease of life for baby girl after successful heart surgery

By PAULIASI MATEBOTO

JENNY Barafari cradled her one-year-old daughter Beverlyn James and flew more than 2000km from the Solomon Islands to Fiji to give her baby a new lease of life.

Born premature, doctors in the Solomon Islands detected that Beverlyn had heart issues and suggested she be brought to Fiji for a check-up at the Sai Sanjeevani Children's Heart Hospital.

She did not hold back her tears as she thanked the hospital and the Sai Prema Foundation after Beverlyn emerged from the intensive care unit after a successful three-hour operation.

"We waited for six months to see if there was any improvement but there was none, so the doctors referred us to this hospital," the ecstatic mother said.

Ms Barafari said initially it was hard for her and her husband to consent to the surgery as their daughter was so young and delicate.

"It's a big thing, it's not easy to give your child for surgery but we had to be strong and trust the team at the hospital.

"Now she's done with the operation and is free from any heart issues."

The emotional mother said she had to dig deep to find the courage to stay strong while her daughter was undergoing surgery.

"I had to be strong and have faith and prayed for her wellbeing.

"After three hours the doctors called me and said Beverlyn was in the ICU, I was so happy to see her."

Ms Barafari said they were grateful her daughter could now enjoy life with no complications and be the "bright kid that she is".

She added that the facilities and staff at the Sai Sanjeevani Children's Heart Hospital were top-class and that boosted their confidence and trust.

Beverlyn James was one of seven children operated on by the team at the hospital over the last two days.

Jenny Barafari with her daughter Beverlyn James at the Sai Sanjeevani Children's Heart Hospital yesterday.

Picture: PAULIASI MATEBOTO





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