No child should die of diabetes
Introduction

The vision of Life for a Child is that No child should die of diabetes.

IDF Life for a Child (LFAC) (USA) Inc. was incorporated in Florida in August 2015 as a not-for-profit corporation. The EIN is 47-4901579. It received 501c(3) approval from the IRS as a tax-exempt charity in May 2016.

The Corporation's specific purpose includes, but is not limited to, improving diabetes care for children and youth with diabetes in less-resourced countries, through strengthening diabetes care services in these countries. There is a close working relationship with the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) Life for a Child Program (LFAC) - www.lifeforachild.org.

Most of Life for a Child's support originates from America. Life for a Child receives extensive in-kind support from Eli Lilly, Trividia Healthcare, Johnson & Johnson LifeScan and Becton Dickinson. The largest financial donor is the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust. In addition, hundreds of caring individual donors in the USA pledge their support to Life for a Child.

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**Activities**

1. **Blood glucose monitoring**

   Self monitoring of blood glucose (SMBG) is an essential component of diabetes care in aspects of daily life. It is a vital tool that helps people with diabetes safely use insulin and manage glucose control. When used properly, children and adults with type 1 diabetes are able to manage, and even avoid, dangerous extremes of low and high blood glucose levels. SMBG aids people with diabetes to adjust their insulin dosages and food intake to achieve blood glucose within the target range and thereby reduce or eliminate the risk of diabetes complications.

   In 2016, funds were used to provide meters, strips, and lancets to over 2,045 children and adolescents in Bolivia (160), Maldives (35), Pakistan (1,000+) and Tanzania (850).

   This totaled over 1.3 million blood glucose test strips, as well as many meters and lancets. These supplies were purchased at a very reduced price, with the generous assistance of Trividia Health, FL. The value on the international market of this support would be at least $650,000 (much higher if sold in the US!).

2. **Provision of HbA1c machines**

   Measurement of glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1c) is another essential clinical tool, as it provides information on medium-term glucose control. High HbA1c levels are related to developing long-term complications. Therefore, HbA1c data helps clinicians make appropriate treatment decisions to help guide patients towards better control. The measurement can also provide important motivation for patients. Additionally, average clinic HbA1c levels are being used by Life for a Child in a benchmarking approach so as to identify where care may be able to be improved.

   14 HbA1c machines, made by Siemens Healthineers, were made available by Novo Nordisk. These are now being sent to Uzbekistan, Ecuador, Republic of Congo, and Haiti.

3. **Technical support and expert advice**

   Rwanda is an example of the great impact of the Program. Known numbers of young people with diabetes in the country has risen from 30 in 2005 to over 900 today. Life for a Child’s in-country partner, the Rwandan Diabetes Association, has received expert mentoring from the University of Pittsburgh, and also Board Member Dr. Deborah Edidin during this time. Four landmark papers have been published on this tremendous work.

   The engagement of Board Member Emma Naughton and her husband Professor James Ron has led to the University of Minnesota being involved in extensive research, in the clinical setting and caregiving dynamics, with a center supported by Life for a Child in Nagpur, Maharashtra, India.

4. **Fundraising**

   IDF Life for a Child actively fundraises for this work. The 2017 Spare a Rose, Save a Child Campaign run around Valentine’s Day raised $22,128.48 thanks to the enthusiastic and dedicated involvement of numerous Diabetes Online Communities. See more here - [www.lifeforachildusa.org/sparearose/](http://www.lifeforachildusa.org/sparearose/)

   Board members also showcased Life for a Child at Rotary International Convention in June.
International highlights of the IDF Life for a Child Program

The program now supports care of **18,653** young people in **41** countries. Aside from providing diabetes supplies, the Program conducts many activities in diabetes education, health professional training, mentoring, clinical research, and advocacy. Some recent highlights include:

- **Training workshops** for health professionals were conducted in Liberia and Tanzania;
- **Education resources** in Hindi in Swahili were added to the Life for a Child online library, which now spans 18 languages;
- **Mentoring** site visits were conducted by pediatric diabetes professionals on 13 occasions;
- **Diabetes camps** for children were held in Democratic Republic of Congo, Guyana, Haiti, and Tanzania;
- **Awareness campaigns** on diabetic ketoacidosis were carried out in Pakistan in the Sindhi and Urdu languages;
- **Papers** have been published in peer-reviewed journals: the use of clay pots in insulin storage when refrigerators are not available, various clinical issues, and the impact of the Program.

### Accounts for the financial year July 2016 - June 2017

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### Images

- **Front** Girl in Republic of Congo
- **1** Group of youth leaders in Tanzania with Dr Kath Price
- **2** Group of children in Sri Lanka
- **3** Young boy in Karachi, Pakistan

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