

Fortis Malar Hospital and Round Table & Ladies Circle India successfully completes 100 free surgeries

New beginning for underprivileged children suffering from cardiac ailments through 'Heart to Heart' initiative

Chennai, 5th July 2018:Fortis Malar Hospital in association with Round Table India - Madras Mylapore Round Table 3 (MMRT 3), Madras Anchorage Round Table 100 (MART 100), Madras Mylapore Ladies Circle 4 (MMLC 4) completed 100 free surgeries to treat children from underprivileged section of the society under their Heart to Heart project. The initiative was started in September 2017 and will continue to treat deserving children with congenital heart disease.

The parents expressed their gratitude to the doctors and the Round Table India members at the event which included Dr Anand, Chairman, MMRT 3, Satish Mehta, Chairman, MART 100 and Prachi Shah, Chairperson, MMLC 4.

Commenting on this, **Dr K R Balakrishnan, Director - Cardiac Sciences, Chief Cardiothoracic & Transplant Surgeon** said, *"The burden related to congenital heart diseases in India is enormous and the treatment of children suffering from heart ailments requires special equipment and expertise, which comes with a heavy price tag. Lack of awareness, funds and hospital facilities are the reasons for majority of such children not surviving. With this initiative, we make sure socio-economic status is never a barrier when it comes to accessing quality healthcare. We have helped 100 underprivileged children who so far were suffering from several heart diseases and our mission is to serve more in future by completely eliminating the lack of paediatric cardiac care accessibility to poor children with the support of Round Table India and Ladies Circle India."*

The initiative aims to enhance the accessibility of cardio healthcare for children belonging to the weaker section of the society. This programme is structured in such a way that it helps the children avail the treatment for all heart defects. Patients from other hospitals and states are also being benefited from this initiative by Round Table India and Ladies Circle India once they register with Fortis Malar Hospital.

Commenting on the initiative, **Chairmen of MMRT3 & MART100 and chairperson of MMLC4** said *"When we started this initiative, we never thought we could help many such children within this small period. Fortis Malar hospital and our generous donors for the cause has made this possible through their various screening camps and providing the necessary support through their expert doctors and high end medical care. We will continue to offer our support and help as many children as possible."*

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About Fortis Malar Hospital:

Fortis Malar Hospital was acquired by Fortis Healthcare (India) Limited in early 2008.

The hospital founded in 1992, is established as one of the largest corporate hospitals in Chennai providing quality super specialty and multi-specialty healthcare services. Fortis Malar Hospitals, with 180 beds, focuses on providing comprehensive medical care in the areas of Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery, Neuro Surgery, Gynaecology, Orthopaedics, Gastroenterology, Neurology, Paediatrics, Diabetics, Nephrology and Internal Medicine. Fortis Malar Hospital has a state of the art Cath Lab and multiple dedicated cardiac operation theatres and intensive coronary care units. Several rare and complex Adult and Paediatric Cardiac surgeries, Orthopaedic and Joint replacements, Neurosurgeries and Plastic reconstruction surgeries have been performed at this hospital. The hospital' Obstetrics and Gynaecology services are among the busiest in the city, successfully performing many complicated deliveries and surgeries. They are supported by a dedicated Neonatology unit.

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