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CHIME

CHIME is more than just a charitable trust - it's a lifeline for children born with congenital heart disease. Established by MIOT International in 2007, CHIME is dedicated to providing life-saving surgeries for children from underprivileged families who cannot afford critical medical treatments. With a focus on congenital heart disease, CHIME has been making a significant impact, offering these children a chance to lead healthier, fuller lives. In collaboration with the MIOT Centre for Children's Cardiac Care, CHIME organises free medical camps throughout Tamil Nadu. These camps not only provide essential medical care but also bring hope to families who may feel overwhelmed by their child's condition. Through these efforts, CHIME reassures parents, offering them the belief that their child's condition is treatable and that financial concerns should not stand in the way of life-saving treatment.



Mrs. Mallika Mohandas Chairman, MIOT International

CHIME stands as a beacon of hope for children from low-income families in dire need of medical treatment. In countries like India, where healthcare resources are scarce within communities, CHIME's intervention represents a vital ray of hope. Our commitment to extending support to families unable to afford essential medical care for their children has sparked profound joy and relief to the entire family, as reflected in their heartwarming smiles. This ripple of positivity resonates deeply within our mission.

I am honoured to acknowledge the generosity of various well-wishers and philanthropists who support CHIME. Your contributions enable us to fulfil our mission of providing surgeries and essential treatment to these deserving children. Together, we are making a tangible difference in their lives, bringing hope and healing where it is needed most. Thank you for being a crucial part of our journey towards creating a healthier and brighter future for these children.

MIOT's Commitment to Saving Little Hearts

Every child has the right to experience the growing, learning, playing, and messy joys of childhood. However, congenital heart disease robs away childhood and the precious moments in some children. For families from low socio-economic backgrounds, accessing life-saving treatment or surgery presents a significant financial challenge. To restore these children's childhoods and transform their lives, MIOT International founded CHIME, a charitable trust dedicated to providing the care they need.

### Free Cardiac Screening Camp

CHIME, in association with the MIOT Centre for Children's Cardiac Care, organises free camps across various districts and villages in Tamil Nadu. These camps aim to reach people who lack access to treatment or information about their child's condition. We identify children with cardiac conditions even before they show symptoms or reach a critical stage and provide them with the necessary care.

In 2024, a cardiac screening camp was conducted from April to September in several districts, including Chennai, Cuddalore, Kanchipuram, Vellore, and Thiruvallur. In total, 528 children were screened during the camp. The response was overwhelming, with families eager to ensure their children's heart health. Among those screened, 56 children were identified with various cardiac conditions. Early detection through this initiative is crucial, as it enables timely medical intervention and management, ultimately improving the health outcomes for these children.

This initiative was a significant step toward improving paediatric cardiac health in the region, showcasing the power of community engagement and medical outreach. The camp's success reinforces the importance of such programs in identifying and addressing health issues early on.





#### **Our Impact**

528 Children were screened Children were diagnosed with cardiac conditions Children were referred for treatment

> Children will be undergoing surgery

Children were treated successfully

#### Master Saathvik's Journey of Healing

Saathvik, a 1-year-and-6-month-old child, hails from Chennai. At the age of three months old, he had severe chest congestion, and his paediatrician diagnosed him with congenital heart issues. He was under medication, and while he initially responded to the treatment, he required early surgery due to congenital mitral valve abnormalities, for which early intervention was recommended.

Saathvik's father, a contract labourer working for daily wages, faced significant emotional and financial challenges as they navigated this difficult journey.

Despite their struggles, Saathvik's family was determined to seek the best medical care for their son. They connected with a team of dedicated paediatric cardiologists of MIOT Hospitals who outlined a treatment plan that involved a complex surgery:

Early Surgery – VSD Closure + Resection of supramitral membrane + Mitral valve repair for correction of the same. The procedure aimed to restore Saathvik's heart function and improve his quality of life.

The surgery was a success. After several days in the hospital, Saathvik began to show remarkable

improvement. His energy levels surged, and he gradually resumed his playful nature. The doctors monitored his recovery closely, and each follow-up visit brought good news. Saathvik's heart was healing, and the family's joy was palpable.

Today, Saathvik is a thriving, active toddler, full of laughter and curiosity. His father, relieved and grateful, shares their story with others to inspire hope and resilience. Saathvik is not just a survivor; he is a symbol of hope for many families facing similar struggles.



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In 17 years, with the support of kind souls, we have raised INR 2,17,33,872 and have saved more than 1300 children.

#### MIOT Centre for Children's Cardiac Care

The MIOT Centre for Children's Cardiac Care offers specialised treatment for heart diseases. boasting advanced technologies such as 3-D and fetal echocardiography, MRI and MR angiography, а catheterisation lab, a paediatric cardiac ICU, and more.

The procedures like catheter interventions for heart defects, neonatal cardiac surgery, minimally invasive cardiac surgery, valve repairs, and corrective surgery for 'blue babies' are performed by our experts.

MIOT's team of specialists have more than 30 years of experience, including paediatricians, paediatric cardiac surgeons, interventional cardiologists, paediatric surgeons, paediatric anaesthetist, intensivists, and nurses specialised in paediatric care.





Dear Well-wishers,

We deeply appreciate your kindness and generosity. Your unwavering support has made a profound difference in the lives of little hearts. Your every little deed of kindness has helped us heal a child and bring back their smile. We are extremely grateful for your support of our Mission. Thank you for believing in our cause. Together, we are creating a world where everyone has access to the cardiac care they need, building a healthier and brighter tomorrow.

With gratitude, CHIME.

## DONATIONS TO CHIME

Online ·



Scan the QR code to make an online donation. Choose from various payment options, including credit cards, debit cards, net banking, or any UPI method, for a secure and convenient transaction.

#### Cheque-

- A) For donations to a specific child, please issue a cheque in favour of: CHIME A/C Child Name and MR No.
- B) To make a general donation to CHIME, please issue a cheque in favour of: CHIME

Direct Fund Transfer -

Beneficiary Name: CHILDRENS HEART INTERNATIONALE MIOT Beneficiary Address: 4 / 112, Mount Poonamallee Road, Manapakkam, Chennai - 89 Beneficiary Bank: HDFC Bank Limited | Account No: 50100021177331 IFSC Code: HDFC0000390 | Pan No: AAATC9356M

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