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JADEJA SCORES CENTURY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GAVASKAR

“Batting-for-Life” to save 100 children with Free Heart Surgeries

Santa Clara – June 25, 2020 – Sunil Gavaskar, Legendary Indian Cricketer and Chairman, Board of Governors, [Heart to Heart Foundation](#) (H2H Foundation), has scored a century in partnership with Asha Jadeja. Jadeja, a veteran Silicon Valley based entrepreneur and philanthropist, has sponsored 100 lifesaving heart surgeries for children in India. These life-giving and life-changing surgeries will be performed by the Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani hospitals in India. “It’s a great partnership to support free heart surgeries for children in India and we are very thankful for the participation of Asha Jadeja,” said Mr. Gavaskar.

The absence of sophisticated pediatric care and financial constraints faced by economically challenged families result in over 250 children dying every day in India due to Congenital Heart Defects (CHD). [H2H Foundation](#) in partnership with the Sai Sanjeevani hospitals in Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Haryana have performed over 12,000 surgeries and catheter interventions since 2012. “It is a great honour to partner with Sunil Gavaskar and H2H Foundation to support free heart surgeries for children in India and I will also request others in the USA to participate in saving more children,” said Ms. Asha Jadeja. Jadeja is the founder of Motwani Jadeja Foundation and is a Silicon Valley based Venture Capitalist, Entrepreneur, Philanthropist, and is championing “exponential change” through technology and education initiatives around the world.

“There are over 37,000 children waiting for a free heart surgery over the next two years. We are targeting to support 5,000 free heart surgeries this year, increasing each year thereafter,” said Mr. Arvind Thiagarajan, Founding Trustee & Director of H2H Foundation. Costs for the surgeries and other programs needed would run into several millions of dollars each year. To help meet this urgent need the H2H Foundation launched the “Freedom from CHD” initiative on India’s Independence Day in 2019. This initiative is designed to spread awareness and increase participation for heart surgeries in India through events and programmes. The initiative started with a 2019 10 city USA tour entitled “[Batting-for-Life](#)” and was followed by online interactive events in 2020 involving Heart to Heart conversations with the cricketing legend Sunil Gavaskar. Join H2H Foundation and Mr. Sunil Gavaskar to participate in helping children and in building a strong and healthy nation!

About Asha Jadeja

Asha Jadeja Motwani is a Silicon Valley-based venture capitalist, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and a champion for “exponential change” in the world. She is an influencer with a humanitarian vision to uplift the downtrodden masses and tackle global inequalities. As a change agent, she supports non-formal/ online education, women’s leadership, and entrepreneurship, and policy change for economic and human development. Asha is the founder of Motwani Jadeja Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that strives to develop a network of entrepreneurs in South Asia trained to think and drive exponential change. The foundation’s priorities include disruptive entrepreneurship, poverty alleviation, gender equality, and sustainable development. A firm believer in self-sustaining social movements supported by local communities, she has successfully launched the Maker Fest initiative in India. She is a speaker at numerous global technology and startup conferences including TIE Delhi-NCR, DLD Munich, and TIE Global Delhi.



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About Heart to Heart Foundation

H2H Foundation is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to saving the lives of children born with congenital heart defects (CHD) by providing free pediatric cardiac surgeries. To learn more or participate please visit www.h2h.foundation.

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