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Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Amidst the tragedy of losing 20 school children in the horror at Sandy Hook School, the Rotary Club of Newtown chose to save the life of a child from Belize who was doomed to die but for a life saving open heart surgery. The Newtown Rotarians raised \$6,000.00 for a child to be brought to Maimonides Hospital in White Plains, NY where the life saving surgery was performed. Out of their grief another child's life was saved.

As a sign of solidarity with the Newtown Rotarians the Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Bridgeport raised \$6,000.00 to save the life of another child who physicians say will die without needed open heart surgery. In solidarity with Newtown Rotarians a second child's life will be saved.

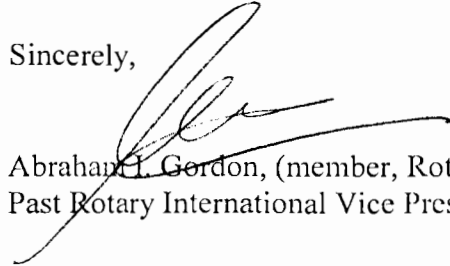
Twenty children's lives were lost at Sandy Hook, but now due to the compassion of the Rotarians at Newtown and Bridgeport, two children's lives will be saved. *The Miracle of Rotary!*

We have 61 Rotary Clubs in District 7980 and it is our hope that our Rotary Clubs can raise funds for an additional 18 open heart surgeries on needy children to show solidarity with the Newtown Rotarians. Our hope is that each of our 61 clubs will donate \$6,000.00. (Smaller amounts can be joined to have 2 or more clubs save a child.) It would be wonderful if our District 7980 could provide Open Heart Surgeries to save the lives of at least 20, or more, children.

We are doing this program with the assistance of Rotarian sponsored *Gift of Life International* which, together with Rotarians in 65 districts worldwide, has already saved over 16,000 lives of doomed children worldwide.

Please consider this request. Please telephone me so that we may discuss this further.

Sincerely,


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