

EAST TIMOR HEARTS FUND

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Message

In lieu of a gift I have donated to East Timor Hearts Fund on your behalf. East Timor Hearts Fund is Australia's only medical aid charity dedicated to providing life-saving heart surgery in Australia for young Timorese.

The donation I made on your behalf will support care for patients who desperately need it.

In East Timor there are many young people with the hearts of 80 year olds, often due to childhood rheumatic fever, a condition largely eradicated in the west but common in the developing world.

Their heart disease is treatable but their prospects are grim, because specialist cardiac care is unavailable in East Timor.

East Timor Hearts Fund arranges treatment in Australia, as well as providing accommodation, transport, food, warm clothing and visits and outings with patient support volunteers. Patients receive follow-up medical monitoring and care after their return to East Timor.

After surgery patients can return to a normal life, including work, study, caring for families and contributing to their communities and country.

Thank you for helping to mend a broken heart.



Paediatric nurse and mother of one Teresinha da Costa had been too sick to work, and faced the prospect of not seeing her infant son grow up. In 2016 she had a complex heart repair procedure in Melbourne, using a high-tech titanium plug. She is now back at work, caring for others.

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