

One step closer to changing lives of 200 underprivileged children

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A team of specialists at Asian Heart Institute will evaluate every response and shortlist 200 underprivileged children for free surgeries. The hospital will be calling for health documents such as an echocardiogram and chest X-ray or other medical investigations as required. Once shortlisted, the patient will be contacted and a date for medical evaluation at the hospital will be allotted. Patients will have to visit Asian Heart Institute for the treatment as per the schedule. Referees can share basic details such as name, age, location, phone number of guardian and a

small brief on the child's condition.

Dr Ramakanta Panda (Chairman, Asian Heart Institute) says, "We are glad to be a part of the campaign *Happy Heart India* — Have a heart to save a heart, which is in partnership with The Times of India. It is my immense joy to open this nomination process to children who are in dire need of it, all over India."

Several different types of heart problems can affect children. These include congenital heart defects, viral infections that affect the heart, and even heart disease acquired later in



childhood due to illnesses or genetic syndromes. The good news is that with advances in medicine and technology, many children with heart disease go on to live active, full lives.

The Asian Heart Institute was recently declared India's number one

specialty cardiac hospital by the Times Health Survey. Dr. Panda himself, has been honoured with the Padma Bhushan in 2010 by the Government of India. The institute's incredible 99.6 per cent success rate in bypass surgery is the platinum standard in cardiac surgery across the world.

To nominate a child, e-mail: happyheartindia.asianheart@ahirc.com

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