



Pediatric Assistance League of St. Kitts & Nevis

# Impact Report

36 Years of Helping Sick Kids 2025



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Sick Children from St. Kitts & Nevis Received Assistance from PALS in 2025

- 7 children required URGENT LIFESAVING TREATMENT OVERSEAS.
- 17 children required LIFE CHANGING OVERSEAS SURGERY.
- 8 children required SPECIALIZED PEDIATRIC CARE OVERSEAS.
- 8 children required testing, monitoring and/or ongoing assistance.
- 9 children required follow ups from previous overseas surgeries.

## PALS PARTNER CHARITIES & TREATING HOSPITALS 2025

WORLD PEDIATRIC	QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL BARBADOS
HEALTH CITY CAYMAN ISLANDS	SHRINER'S CHILDREN HOSPITAL
NICKLAUS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MIAMI	CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL NEW ORLEANS
BUSTAMANTE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN	HEALING THE CHILDREN
ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL	BONES & JOINTS SURGERY CLINIC
HOSPITAL SERENA DEL MAR	TRINIDAD EYE HOSPITAL



PALS is a non profit pediatric charity committed to helping sick children of St. Kitts and Nevis access essentially needed overseas medical care. PALS assists with diagnostics costs, finding an accepting hospital, medical costs, travel, housing, food & logistics.

*Every Dollar Makes a Difference in a Sick Child's Life.*



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# Other PALS Initiatives in 2025

## BRINGING ADVANCED DIAGNOSTIC CARE TO ST KITTS & NEVIS



PALS is committed to improving access to advanced pediatric care to the Federation of St. Kitts & Nevis. In June, PALS hosted our second annual telehealth conference with World Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Lindley Wall with support from St. Kitts Orthopedic Surgeon, Dr. Duane Hendrickson. This virtual clinic was attended by 15 children with mobility issues with upper extremities (finger, hand, arm, elbow, shoulder) and provided our PALS children the opportunity to benefit from specialized diagnostic care without the travel.

In November 2025, PALS sponsored two medical professionals from St. Kitts and Nevis to attend advanced Pediatric Echocardiogram Training in St. Vincent. Dr. Caroline Lawrence and ultrasound technician, Mrs. Ava Spencer joined other regional practitioners for this intensive course led by a team of top pediatric cardiologists and echocardiogram specialists with World Pediatric.

In this new world of innovative medical technology, PALS remains committed to finding solutions for our children to access advanced pediatric care not readily available in the Federation.



## DONATIONS FROM BIG HEARTED VISITORS



In April 2025, PALS was invited to share the non-profit's 'best practices' and experiences with the top sales team from Sun Life Global meeting in St. Kitts at the Park Hyatt for their annual sales incentive trip and conference. Sun Life is a global financial company providing financial planning, life insurance, investments and more. PALS used this opportunity to share some of the challenges and hurdles faced by families of sick children in countries without advanced pediatric speciality care and no medical insurance coverage. Sun Life also very generously donated to PALS, along with many of their team members who kindly made individual donations to support our sick children.



### Sharina: 16 years old, Posterior Spinal Fusion Surgery



In February 2025, 16 year old Sharina from St. Kitts had successful posterior spinal fusion surgery at Shriners Children's Hospital in South Carolina. Sharina's positive spirit was like a ray of sunshine as she worked hard during her therapy and recovery.



### D'Nique: 2 years old, Brain Tumour



Little 2 year old D'Nique from St. Kitts was accepted by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, where she underwent surgery and treatment of a brain tumour for three months.

D'Nique is doing so well but still requires follow up visits and further treatment in the near future.



## Join PALS Today

Become a PALS Member and help to make a difference in a sick child's life. Annual membership categories:

**Friend \$100**

**Member \$350**

**Governor \$750**

**Trustee \$2000**



The Pediatric Assistance League  
of St. Kitts & Nevis presents

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# Spotlight on our PALS Children



## HAZIEK: 10 years old, Barracuda Bite

In September 2024, when Haziiek from St. Kitts was only nine years old, he sustained severe injuries to his left arm from what was first suspected to be a shark bite (but later confirmed a barracuda bite) while swimming in shallow waters at the beach. The extensive damage to his arm required overseas medical treatment. Haziiek was transferred to the Bones & Joints Surgery Clinic in Trinidad where he underwent his first round of surgeries and wound treatment to save his arm.

But this was just the beginning of a long road of treatment for Haziiek. In 2025, Haziiek has bravely endured three months of surgeries and extensive post-care treatment at Shriners' Hospital in St. Louis. Haziiek has been so strong through this difficult process and as an avid basketball fan, he remains hopeful that he will regain full use of his arm in the future.



## J'Cardie: 2 years old, Neurosurgery



Two year old J'Cardie has the brightest smile that makes him such a joy to be around. Even through his neurosurgery and plastic surgeries at the Children's Hospital New Orleans for a complex neurological condition, little J'Cardie was pure sunshine.

Thankfully, his surgeries and six week stay for post surgical treatment were a success and little J'Cardie returned to St. Kitts more active and happier than ever and he requires no further treatment moving forward.



## PRINCE: 10 years old, Blount's Disease



10 year old Prince from St. Kitts was accepted by World Pediatric for treatment at Shriners' Hospital in St. Louis for surgery on his legs due to Blount's Disease, a medical condition found in children that affects the growth plates around the knee. In 2025, Prince spent three long months at Shriners' Hospital for extensive surgeries and physical therapy.

Since he was little, Prince's condition greatly affected his quality of life and limited his ability to run and play with his friends. But the surgery was a success and Prince is currently back in St. Kitts continuing with physical therapy. He will require a minor follow up procedure in 2026 but Prince is expected to recover fully with no further issues moving forward.



## LIAHANNA: 1 year old Nerve Reconstruction Surgery



Little Liahanna was born with arm and shoulder issues as a result of complications during her birth.

The PALS family was so grateful when World Pediatric and Shriners' Hospital for Children in Philadelphia accepted one year old Liahanna to treat her Right Brachial Plexus injury.

In 2025, Liahanna spent five weeks at Shriners' Hospital in Philadelphia for right nerve reconstruction surgery and extensive post surgery physical therapy. Liahanna and her mom also enjoyed staying with a host family during their time in Philadelphia who provided them amazing support and kindness during this difficult time.



# A COMMUNITY GIVING HOPE FOR KIDS

## PALS ANNUAL EVENT RAISES FUNDS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



PALS hosted its annual fundraising event in Nevis for the first time in 2025 at L'Escale Restaurant on March 8, 2025. The PALS Hope for Kids Soiree brought together more than 200 attendees of community leaders, healthcare champions and philanthropic individuals and raised over \$200,000 at the event. The funds raised are used to help sick children of St. Kitts and Nevis access the life changing overseas medical care.



Guest enjoyed a high energy night of silent and live auctions, games such as 'Buy it Now' offers and treasure chest and the smooth musical vibes of Greenhouse Band along with an amazing array of creative food stations.

None of this would have been possible without the evening sponsors including L'Escale Restaurant, RAMS Trading, Sunlinc, Carib Brewery, our generous corporate donors and the many businesses and individuals who donated cash or in kind.

A truly successful night of community and generosity as we work together to make a difference in the lives of sick children in St. Kitts and Nevis.



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE DONORS FOR THEIR GENEROSITY.**

**EVERY DOLLAR MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR SICK CHILDREN**

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