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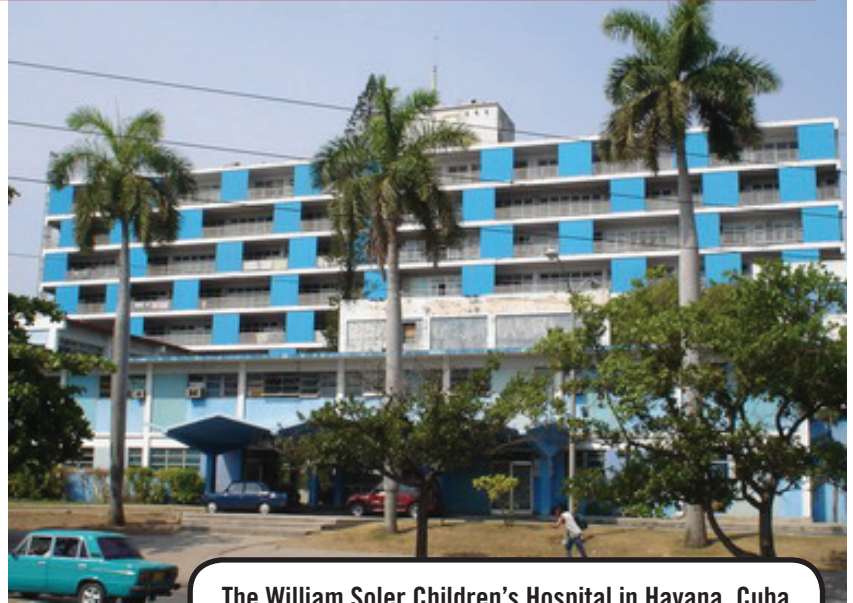
William Soler Children's Hospital

Over the last financial year, the Cuban Children's Fund has purchased a modern hospital's largest and most important piece of equipment - a high temperature incinerator - for the William Soler Children's Hospital in Havana.

Such high temperature incinerators are essential for the destruction of hospital waste to ensure it does not cause contamination or disease in the general community.

At a cost of \$333,538 AUD, the incinerator was purchased in three installments from the Eco Waste Solutions in Ontario, Canada. The Hospital undertook all due diligence in seeking the best 'quality for dollar' quote. Research into the viability and quality of Eco Waste Solutions was undertaken by both the Hospital and also our union friends in Canada before the contract was signed.

Payment is being made in three tranches. The first tranche of 50% was sent to Eco Waste Solutions upon signing the contract between the company and the Hospital. The second tranche of 40% was sent when the incinerator was in the



The William Soler Children's Hospital in Havana, Cuba

container and being shipped to Havana. The third tranche of 10% has not yet been paid, and will be sent to the company when the incinerator is fully installed and operating satisfactorily.

The incinerator is a CleanAire Oxidizer Model CA 50, and runs on a mixture of hydrocarbon gas and natural gas. An installation and a maintenance agreement is included in the contract, and spare parts for four years have also been shipped with the container.

After the final 10% has been paid for the incinerator, the Cuban Children's Fund will have \$3,170 left in the account plus \$1,902 in the Membership account for a total of \$5,072. The Fund receives regular monthly donations of approximately \$400 a month from just 13 donors as well as occasional one-off donations from individuals. We are discussing with Doctor Selman the hospital's next priority. ■

Can Che Help The Kids At William Soler?

Love it or loathe it, the iconic poster image of Che Guevara that has become a symbol of revolution and counter-culture may help continue the good work of the William Soler Children's Hospital.

The visually powerful poster was created by Irish artist Jim Fitzpatrick in 1967. It was based on an image shot by Cuban photographer Alberto Korda.

Early on, both Fitzpatrick and Korda

were happy for their images to be freely reproduced around the world in the pursuit of worthy ideals. However, since Cuba signed the International Copyright Convention in 1997 the legal status of the photo has been widely debated.

Use of the image for commercial purposes was not welcomed by Korda, who in 2000 sued over the use of his image in an vodka advertising campaign.

Korda donated the entire US\$50,000 out-of-court settlement to the Cuban health system.

In November 2008, Fitzpatrick announced that he would be signing over the copyright of his Che poster to the William Soler Children's Hospital to ensure any future proceeds would benefit the Cuban medical system. ■

