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Upcoming Events

February 1 - 8: [Sevenly Cause of the Week](#)

CHF is Sevenly's Cause of the Week! Purchase a shirt, specifically designed for CHF, and 7% of each item sold during the week will go towards funding CHD research! Shop CHF the apparel [here](#).

February: [Change My Heart](#)

Help raise CHD awareness and money for research during Heart Month by holding a Change My Heart (CMH) fundraiser! CMH can be as simple or creative as you'd like to make it. For more information or to get started, email [Tina Larson](#). See examples of CMH fundraisers [here](#).

February: [Popcorn Palace Fundraiser](#)

The CHF Georgia Chapter is holding a Popcorn Palace fundraiser this month! CHF will

AHA & CHF Announce CHD Research Award Recipients

After [expanding their partnership](#) in November 2015 and committing a total of \$22.5 million to Congenital Heart Defect (CHD) research through 2021, the American Heart Association (AHA) and The Children's Heart Foundation (CHF) announced today the first round of recipients of the CHD Research Awards. A total of almost \$800,000 was awarded to seven different research projects from six different states.

"This is an historic moment for The Children's Heart Foundation and the American Heart Association," said William Foley, Executive Director of The Children's Heart Foundation. "The core of our work together is rooted in the CHD Research Awards and, after our organizations committed an additional \$20 million in research funding through 2021, we are proud to announce the first round of grant recipients. This new research will help bring innovative solutions to CHD survival rates and care."

The seven grant recipients are from California, Georgia, Massachusetts, Maryland, Wisconsin and two are from Ohio. Four are women and two have received pre-doctoral grants. Grant recipients are Dr. John Kheir of Boston Children's Hospital; Dr. Chulan Kwon of Johns Hopkins; Dr. John LaDisa of Marquette University; Dr. Lucile Ryckebusch of UC San Diego; Ariel Rydeen of Cincinnati Children's Hospital; Juliet Varghese of Ohio State University; and Dr. Mary Wagner of Emory University.

"We are honored to work with The Children's Heart Foundation to advance research focused on congenital heart defects, the most common type of birth defect in the United States," said Nancy Brown, Chief Executive Officer of the American Heart Association. "This is the first of many steps in helping to understand the cause of these defects and,

receive 50% of each sale made throughout the month. [Click here](#) to shop!

February: [CHD Bow & Bow Tie Fundraiser](#)

"Hart to Heart Bowtique" is selling CHD awareness bows & headbands and bow ties! 50% per item sold will go to CHF to help fund CHD research. Shop [here](#).

See our [February Events email](#) to see more fundraisers and events happening this month!



[The Children's Heart Foundation](#) (CHF) is the nation's leading organization solely committed to funding Congenital Heart Defect (CHD) research.

CHF's mission is to fund the most promising research to advance the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of CHDs. Our goal is to bring health, hope, and happiness to children and families impacted by CHDs.

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hopefully, in creating medical breakthroughs that will reduce the rate at which they occur."

Read the full release [here](#).

Saving Children's Lives,
Thanks To Research!



2015 CHF Research Funding

In 2015, The Children's Heart Foundation funded nearly \$1.1 million of Congenital Heart Defect research. The following new research projects received funding in December:

- **Jane W. Newburger, MD & David C. Bellinger, MD** -Boston Children's Hospital: *"Pilot Study of Executive Function Intervention to Improve Neurodevelopmental Outcomes in Children with CHD"*
- **Nobuyuki Ishibashi, MD** - Children's Research Institute, Washington, DC: *"Prenatal Treatment for Brain Protection in Congenital Heart Disease"*
- **Ming-Sing Si, MD** - Mott Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI: *"Thymus Mesenchymal Stem Cells for Right Ventricle Failure in HLHS"*

Since 1996, CHF has independently funded **67 research projects** with nearly **\$8 million**. In addition, CHF and the American Heart Association have collaboratively funded **seven research projects** with nearly **\$800,000** through the Congenital Heart Defect Research Awards, bringing CHF's total amount funded to over \$8.4 million.

View CHF's funded research [here](#).

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**FEB 1-8
SEVENLY'S
CAUSE OF THE WEEK**

CHF has been chosen to be Sevenly's Cause of the Week February 1st - 8th! During this week, Sevenly will highlight CHF and sell unique Cause Art apparel to raise funds for CHD research. During this week, Sevenly will donate 7% from each item sold to CHF. Check out www.sevenly.org on February 1st to shop and support CHF!

The Children's Heart Foundation is [Sevenly](http://www.sevenly.org) Cause of the Week! Shop CHF's Cause Art apparel [here](#) - 7% from each item sold during the week will be donated to CHF!

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