

“Lucky” Liam!

Our journey began at our 18 week pre-natal check up. After the ultrasound, the doctor brought us to his office. He had a book open to a page that said Hypo Plastic Left Heart Syndrome. My husband and I looked at it and our hearts dropped. This was supposed to be one of the happiest days for us, and we were told that our baby is developing what would be HLHS—a disorder that leaves only the right ventricle of the heart functioning. Out of the 40,000 children born each year with heart defects, 1—2 percent are born with HLHS.

The doctors informed us that the future is unknown for a child with this defect; because the right side of the heart is not meant to do the work for both sides for an entire lifetime.

My first question was, “What can we do now to prevent this from happening?” I was shocked when the doctor said that he had a friend in Boston who was doing in-utero heart surgeries at Children’s Hospital in Boston. I left that appointment with a grain of hope.

We immediately started doing research online about HLHS. Most of the data and stories were not positive—adding to the stress. I finally received a call from Dr. Wayne Tworetzki at Children’s Hospital Boston, that I had qualified for the in-utero surgery. Within 48 hours we were on a plane to Boston.

There were risks to Mom and baby but we thought if there was a chance of giving this baby some kind of help before he was born, we would take it! At 9am the next day, I was being “put out” to undergo the surgery. There was a team of 15 Doctors and Nurses overseeing the surgery—a team for baby and a team for Mom. Although the doctors and nurses worked hard, they had trouble working on the baby’s heart. Ultimately, that surgery was unsuccessful.

At 39 weeks, Liam John Kelley was born on November 16, 2007. I named him Liam, meaning “strong protection”, John after St. John of God, the patron Saint of Heart Patients. He was the most perfect looking and sounding baby—you would never know what was going on in that little heart of his. On his third day of life, the nurse called me and my heart sank. She said the “baby” was not able to breathe on his own and they had to intubate him. The doctors decided to operate. Liam would be 4 days old having his first open heart surgery. The surgery went as well as expected.



Liam soon was awarded the nickname “Lucky Liam”. We were told we could take Liam home after 10 days! He would not be on oxygen at home or have a feeding tube—we hit the lottery.

Liam continued to grow and flourish; only being behind other kids by about a month. When Liam was 3½ months old the doctors decided to schedule Liam’s next surgery, the Glenn procedure, for March 3rd 2008. When we took him to the hospital that day, we knew this was going to be even harder than the first one, because now he was a physical part of our family. The surgery took about 8 hours and was a success. Liam truly was lucky!

That was all a little over 2 years ago. Liam continues to amaze us. Life is still filled with doctors, but it’s a small price to pay for our miracle. “Lucky” is literally the happiest toddler I have ever known. When you look at him and he looks at you with his intense blue eyes and you watch him play, it’s like even at 2½ he knows how blessed he is and that he already lives life to the fullest. He is our “Lucky Liam”. We are anticipating another surgery this year, the Fontan procedure.

After learning about The Children’s Heart Foundation and the amazing mission they accomplish from a friend in Arizona, I have become one of the founding board members and Treasurer of the Arizona Chapter. I am so honored to be volunteering for a foundation that helps change the lives of children born with Congenital Heart Defects—the number ONE birth defect in children born in the United States. ♥



President's Message

by Megan Van Pelt, CHF President



Advocacy



Congenital Heart Futures Act (CHFA)

With the March 2010 enactment of Health Care Reform, the Congenital Heart Futures Act (CHFA) became law! The new law specifies that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) conduct congenital heart defect (CHD) research across the lifespan and that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) create a National Congenital Heart Surveillance System (NCHSS). Even though the CHFA is now law, CHF Advocacy volunteers' work is far from complete. Volunteers returned in full force to Washington, D.C. on April 22nd to lobby for funding of the law. Alongside our partners, the Adult Congenital Heart Association and Mended Little Hearts, CHF conducted meetings with their US Senators and Congress people urging them to appropriate monies so that the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) can initiate research efforts and the CDC can plan the CHD surveillance system.

None of this incredible progress would have been possible without the vision and leadership of Senator Richard Durbin (IL) and Congressman Zachary Space (OH) lead sponsors for CHFA. We are very appreciative of the unwavering support of CHF Advocacy volunteers throughout the country who have spent countless hours meeting with their legislators both in Washington, D.C. and their hometowns conveying the importance of the passage and funding of the CHFA. ♥

Congenital Heart Walks

2010 marks the inauguration of the Congenital Heart Walk! This program, a joint effort between CHF and the Adult Congenital Heart Association (ACHA), will be kicked off this fall with walks in the following cities:

- Gr. Washington D.C. ... 9/12 Fairfax, VA
- Rocky Mountain ... 9/25 Denver, CO
- San Francisco Bay Area ... 10/3 Oakland, CA
- Gr. Tampa Bay ... 10/10... Tampa Bay, FL
- Delaware Valley ... 10/23... Camden, NJ
- Central OH ... 10/24... Columbus, OH
- Gr. Cincinnati ... 11/6 Cincinnati, OH
- Phoenix Metro ... 11/7 Tempe, AZ

All walks will support the missions of CHF and our partner ACHA – to support CHF research and lifelong care. Let's show the nation how a team of inspired individuals can make a huge difference.

If your city is already involved, please go to www.congenitalheartwalk.org and click on 'Register Now' for more information. If your city is not yet participating, please email Anthony@CongenitalHeartWalk.org or EWeiss@ChildrensHeartFoundation.com to get more information on having a walk in your area. ♥

What a year 2010 has been for The Children's Heart Foundation. Spring brought us a new corporate partner with Build-A-Bear; store guests could support CHF by donating money during checkout for the entire month of February. The result was over \$200,000 in donations! Summer quickly followed with Nels Mattson, a CHD survivor, biking 3,700 miles across America to raise awareness and funds for CHF. Nels finished his trek in Rockefeller Plaza with Ann Curry on the Today Show. We are so proud of Nels who proves that CHD kids can thrive. With fall right around the corner, I am excited to announce that CHF has been chosen to be the 2011 beneficiary for Northwestern University's Dance Marathon. Dance Marathon is one of the world's largest student-run philanthropies. As a strong campus tradition, Dance Marathon brings together over 1,400 students, faculty, staff, and administrators in a thirty hour dance-a-thon. Students, serving as either dancers or committee members, participate in fundraising activities all year, culminating in an all-campus celebration the weekend of March 4 – 6, 2011. In addition to DM weekend, special events occur throughout the entire year in both Chicago and other cities through the alumni network. We are thrilled to have been chosen as this year's beneficiary and look forward to all the upcoming activities.



Northwestern University Dance Marathon

Our CHF chapters around the country have been quite busy as well; supporting Bike4CHF, Golf Outings, Heart Walks and Marathon pledging. All these activities have raised funds and spread awareness.

Finally, our Medical Advisory Board is currently busy scoring the research grant proposals we received for the year. After these are reviewed and scored, the proposals will be discussed, assessed, and recommended for approval at the October 23rd Medical Advisory Board Meeting in Chicago.

Our goal of "Savings Children's Lives – One Heart at a Time" would not be possible without the support of our dedicated volunteers, donors, sponsors, and chapters. Thank you for your on-going support; together we continue to make a difference. ♥



The Medical Advisory Board Update



Carl L. Backer, M.D., Chairperson

The annual meeting of The Children's Heart Foundation Medical Advisory Board took place on October 24, 2009 at the Union League Club in Chicago. Present at that meeting were: Drs. Carl L. Backer, Roger Cole, Bettina Cuneo, Nancy Ghanayem, Andrew Griffin, Marla Mendelson, David Sahn, and Catherine Webb. Other attendees were Megan van Pelt, President of the National Children's Heart Foundation; Leo Cole, Past President of the Children's Heart Foundation; Rosemary Wheeler, staff member, Children's Heart Foundation; Sue Donnel-



lan, Editor of The Children's Heart Foundation newsletter; Tammy Thomas, President of the Ohio chapter; Brian Velez, President of the Indiana chapter; and Mick Landhauer, President of the Iowa chapter. We had a vigorous and thorough discussion of the 11 grant proposals which were submitted to the Medical Advisory Board. These proposals were all reviewed and scored by all members of the Medical Advisory Board prior to the meeting. In addition, we discussed the 3 grants that were approved for funding in 2008 and who submitted their one-year evaluation progress reports.

scores in executive functioning, visual-spatial functioning, memory, and attention. Dr. Newburger has performed some preliminary studies on these patients and the initial results have been very interesting. It is our hope that with our seed money from the Children's Heart Foundation that this project could eventually receive NIH funding given its unique patient population and clinical importance. Dr. Newburger will be funded \$89,750 in her first year.

The three grants that had 1-year progress evaluation reports were all assessed as making excellent progress. The Medical Advisory Board recommended approving all of these grants for continuation of their funding in their second year. These grants are listed as follows:

Second Year Funding			
Title of Research Proposal	Principal Investigator	Institution	Funding
Computationally Guided Design of Biodegradable Drug Eluting Stents for the Treatment and Reversal of Vascular Stenoses in Children with Congenital Heart Defects	Marlene Rabinovitch , Professor of Pediatric Cardiology	Stanford University School of Medicine	\$ 100,000
Determining the Natural and "Unnatural" History of Anomalous Aortic Origin of a Coronary Artery with an Interarterial Course (AAOCA): A multi-institutional study	Julie Brothers, M.D. , Assistant Professor	Division of Cardiology, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	\$ 50,000
Cell Based Therapy for Congenital Cardiomyopathy using Endogenous Cardiac Stem Cells	Sunjay Kaushal, M.D., Ph.D. , Assistant Professor of Surgery	Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine	\$100,000
Total			\$250,000

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The highest ranking grant after peer-review was the grant submitted by Jane Newburger, M.D., MPH of Children's Hospital Boston. Dr. Newburger is a well-established investigator at Harvard Medical School and a long-time Children's Heart Foundation Medical Advisory board member. The title of her grant is, "The Relation of Regional Brain Structure to Long-term Development and Behavior in d-TGA Patients." This is a clinical study which will attempt to correlate regional brain structure from MRI imaging with the neurodevelopment of children having had surgery for transposition of the great arteries. These patients are all from the classic Boston circulatory arrest study and there is a wealth of information regarding their cardiac issues and treatment protocols. Dr. Newburger will use the quantitative volumetric data obtained from structural MRIs and white matter organization disruption markers from diffusion tensor MRI and compare this data with control subjects. She will then attempt to correlate the data with performance in neuropsychological testing

I am pleased to announce that there has been a recent, important publication of results from a study that was funded by the Children's Heart Foundation. Dr. Tajinder P. Singh was awarded \$64,000 in 2005 and 2006 by the Children's Heart Foundation. The title of this grant was, "Myocardial flow reserve and sympathetic re-innervation after arterial switch operation." The study has now been partially completed and the interesting results will be reported in the American Journal of Cardiology. The purpose of this study was to assess coronary artery diameter and regional myocardial blood flow (MBF) and flow reserve in children after a neonatal arterial switch operation. According to Dr. Singh's study, coronary artery growth and function appear to be normal in nearly all children following the neonatal arterial switch operation. However, children with anatomic left anterior descending coronary artery abnormalities may be at increased risk of impaired myocardial flow reserve. This is quite valuable information for pediatric cardiac surgeons who are caring for children who have had the arterial switch operation for transposition of the great arteries.

Again, this year the Medical Advisory board members received their grants for evaluation on a CD; no large boxes filled with paper were sent out this year. We have officially "gone green" now for an entire calendar year. Instructions for potential grant writers were sent to all of the major national organizations. The next meeting of the Medical Advisory Board will again be in Chicago in October of 2010. ♥



Chapter Development



Illinois Chapter



Chapters and Developing Chapters all need your support! Volunteers of all ages are needed to help with the various aspects of a Chapter. Feel free to contact the following Chapter or Developing Chapter Presidents for more information.

Chapters

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North Dakota	Shelly Tran	stran@bis.midco.net

Every month, volunteers who are interested in learning more about creating CHF Chapters are invited to call into the Introductory Seminar to hear about CHF's opportunities to get involved. If you are interested in joining a seminar, please email: EWeiss@ChildrensHeartFoundation.org. ♥



Arizona Chapter



In February we had our annual "A Heartfelt Affair" fundraiser which raised over \$27,000 for CHF. Our thanks goes out to the generous artists who donated artwork for our silent auction, local companies that provided amazing prizes for our champagne raffles, chef Eddie Matney for providing fantastic food and entertainment, and the wine vendors who made the event elegant and truly enjoyable. We are in the process of organizing a charity run/walk in conjunction with our local Adult Congenital Heart Association (ACHA). This event will take place on November 7, 2010 at Diablo Stadium. On November 8, 2010, we will be holding a golf outing in the DC Ranch community. We are always looking for volunteers for our events. If you or anyone you know would be interested in helping our AZ chapter please contact Janeen Kokodynski at 480-415-0613 or at janeen.kokodynski@dcranch.com. ♥



In February 20th, more than 700 people spent an evening of exploration and inspiration at Chicago's historic Museum of Science and Industry. It was The Children's Heart Foundation's Family Benefit, **Hearts at Play 2010**. We celebrated with an evening of music, food and fun for all ages. Once again our thanks to our sponsors St. Jude Medical, Oren Pickell Foundation and LifeSource.

A very special thank you goes to Event Co-Chairs Erin Smith, Darlene Buenzow & Jackie Wilson for their dedication, commitment and leadership.



Nels (Bike4CHF), Paige Battcher (Ironman KY), Grace Battcher (Team Grace) join the event.


Our thanks go out to Joanna and Mike Agne and their committee. The "Forever in our Hearts" Luau held on July 16th in memory of their daughter, Isabelle Rose, was a great success. Participants in their island attire enjoyed a lovely evening of music, dancers, raffles and silent auction. This was the 7th "Forever in our Hearts" event.

Planning is underway for the Illinois Chapter's 11th Annual Golf Outing at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest. The presenting sponsor for the September 20th event will once again be The Exchange auto group. Those wishing to join us this year can sign up at ChildrensHeartFoundation.org.

On October 10th a dedicated group of volunteers will run for TEAM CHF in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. If you are already registered and would like to help CHF fund, contact The Children's Heart Foundation.

The IL Chapter, is delighted to announce Prashanth Pathy as the new Chairman of our Young Professional Board. Pras will be creating leadership opportunities for young individuals truly committed to CHF. Utilizing various fund raising programs, Pras and his committee of active participants will be targeting our future leaders who want to "save children's lives, one heart at a time" - while having a good time doing it. Anyone interested may contact Pras at prashanth.pathy@gmail.com. ♥

DID YOU KNOW... The Children's Heart Foundation is proud to partner with Build-A-Bear Workshops throughout the United States for the month of February 2010, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Month. Build a Bear workshop guests had an opportunity to donate to CHF at the end of their purchase throughout February 2010. This partnership will enable CHF to continue to fund the most promising research to advance the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of congenital heart defects. ♥





Ohio Chapter



On May 1st we hosted our third annual “Food for the Heart” dinner with guest chef and fireman, Dennis Primmer. Our Cincinnati area hosted its second meeting on April 28th of the year. On April 10th, Trisha King hosted a bake sale that the Xavier University women’s lacrosse team coordinated. Team member Jenna Giorgione initiated and planned the event, thanks Jenna! It was a huge success! Also, we presented the mission of CHF and fundraising ideas to 12 Ohio high schools at the annual Beta conference in Ohio.

On August 28th we had our 3rd Annual Columbus Crew night. We are organizing a walk/run with the ACHA in Columbus on October 24th. We have many things going on and are excited to help CHF reach new heights in 2010! ♥



Indiana Chapter



CHF IN has participated in University of Notre Dame and Indiana University – South Bend’s College Campus Outreach and Volunteer days. We raised awareness, obtained volunteers and spread CHF’s mission, and goals to anyone who would listen. Many thanks to Jamie, and Sandy Swanson, Brooke and Joe Chaimberlin, and Lake Phillips for their participation.

CHF IN is working on a partnership with the Sonic Drive-Ins to participate in a Charity night. The Sonics will host one evening where 10% of the evenings proceeds will be donated to CHF IN. I would like to thank Mike Perry from Sonic for his help.

Lastly, CHF IN is looking forward to October 4th for the First Indiana Children’s Heart Foundation Golf Outing at the University of Notre Dame. The Warren Golf Course is a beautiful 18 hole course that is a pleasure to play, and admire.

For any information on CHF IN, Please go to our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/Childrens.Heart.Foundation.Indiana.Chapter>. ♥



Pennsylvania Chapter



The Children’s Heart Foundation—Pennsylvania Chapter continues to grow, and we are grateful for all the heart families, medical professionals, businesses and friends who have stepped forward to support our local efforts.

“Hearts on the Second Tee”, took place on July 1st during the AT&T golf tournament in Newtown Square. Board Member Debby Zuccarini hosted this event at her home, which sits on the second tee of Aronimink Golf Course. We would like to thank our corporate sponsors, Trammell Crow, Shannon Outdoor, Granite Run GMC and Peter Zimmerman Architects for their pledges.



Outside of Pittsburgh, the Kahler family hosted the Second Annual “Remember an Angel/Swing for a Survivor” golf outing in memory of their son, Alec James Kahler. This event featured an 18 hole tournament, silent auction and dinner.

On November 13, 2010, guests will gather at the Merion Tribute House in Merion Station, which is just outside Philadelphia, for “Thankful Hearts”. Dr. Julie Brothers of the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia has received grants from CHF for the past two years will be speaking. “Thankful Hearts” will be a formal evening and is our way of showing our gratitude to anyone who has touched the life of a child with a heart defect.

If you live in Pennsylvania, we want to hear from you. Please send an e-mail to patrish@thecheshires.com. You can also join our Facebook group and help us spread the word. ♥



Iowa Chapter



Iowa has been busy this year. Mick Landauer and Amy Ruchotzke participated at Lobby Day in Washington DC. On July 4, Mick, several CHD kids and families met with Nels Matson, as he came through Iowa. The CHD kids signed Nels’ bike and rode with him before sending him on his way to Chicago. On September 1, 2010 we hosted our Third Annual Golf Outing. For more information on the Iowa Chapter, please contact Mick Landauer at tinmanlinoz@msn.com. ♥



Florida Chapter



This year has been a busy one for the Florida Chapter. Sarah Berg, a new member of the Florida Chapter, organized a “Hope for Heart” concert that raised more than \$3,500 and helped increase awareness of CHD in our community. Sarah’s son was born with a heart defect, and Sarah managed to heroically pull off this event despite the fact that her son had a brief hospital stay not long before the evening of the concert.

The Florida Chapter was grateful to be the beneficiary of a unique tennis tournament called ‘Woodie Night.’ Many thanks to Todd Nelson who organized the fundraiser in which all players used old-fashioned wooden rackets!

Orlando-area board member, Ashley Swingle, held her third annual “Carson Alan Swingle Helping Heart Benefit” in St. Cloud, Florida. Texas Hold ‘Em, a silent auction, Chinese auction and other fun activities, plus a serious cause, have attracted more than 100 people in each of the past two years. The Swingles donate 70% of the proceeds to CHF and 30% to fund a scholarship for a nursing student interested in pediatric critical care.

The Florida Chapter is planning for its next annual fundraising walk. This year our walk will be held in conjunction with the Adult Congenital Heart Association on October 10, 2010 at Al Lopez Park in Tampa Bay.

And if that weren’t enough, we actively supported one of our newest and most enthusiastic members, Nels Matson, a congenital heart defect survivor who rode his bike across America to raise money and spread awareness. ♥



Oregon Chapter



The Oregon Chapter has been busy continuing our goal to connect with donors, sponsors, volunteers and most importantly, heart families. We held a small gathering at The Square Deal Wine Company on February 28, where about fifty supporters were treated to a complementary wine tasting. We were joined by G. Michael Silberbach, M.D., Pediatric Cardiology, Oregon Health & Science University and Jason Lines, PA-C, The Children’s Hospital Legacy Emanuel who both spent time with us outlining the importance and the impact of research in their lives. We thank Dan Beekley and Becky Brandt at Square Deal Wine for their support of the event.

Past President, Heather Helmy headed to Washington D.C. for CHF’s Lobby Day. She was accompanied by Chad Heflick, our honorary member from Washington State, who is attending high school, running track and is a CHD survivor.

In June we held our signature event Lion Heart. Lion Heart is a fun event for families, adults, and kids of all ages, geared toward raising awareness and of course, research dollars. We are really pleased to acknowledge our event sponsor, Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon.



On Sunday September 26th, we are planning Children’s Heart Foundation Wine Rides sponsored by The Bike Gallery through the beautiful Willamette Valley wineries.



We are looking forward to the rest of the year where we advance our mission and continue our connections in Oregon! ♥



Upcoming Events



Please join us at the events listed below. For more information, please visit our web site at www.childrensheartfoundation.org

September 18, 2010 – Berea, OH

Children’s Heart Foundation Family Day will take place from 12 – 5 P.m. For more information and specifics please visit www.cuyfair.com.

September 20, 2010 – Lake Forest, IL

CHF-IL will hold its Eleventh Annual Chicago Golf Outing at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, IL on September 20, 2010. For more information contact Todd Ford at: CHFIL@comcast.net.

November 8, 2010 – Scottsdale, AZ

The Second Phoenix Golf Outing held by the Arizona Chapter will be on November 8, 2010 at the DC Ranch Golf Club. For more information contact chfaz@childrensheartfoundation.org.

November 13, 2010 – Merion Station, PA

“Thankful Hearts” is The Children’s Heart Foundation - PA Chapter fall event. For more information, please contact Patty Cheshire at chfpa@childrensheartfoundation.org.



Heartfelt Thanks



♥ **Guest Donations at Build-A-Bear Workshop Locations Across the Country** raised \$231,301 for CHD research in just one month! Many thanks to Build-A-Bear Workshop and their Guests for such impacting generosity.



♥ **Mac Kline** and **TaylorMade** who continue to support CHF with our fundraising efforts.

♥ **Alpine Childrens Charity** continue their efforts to raise awareness and funding for childhood diseases.

♥ **St. Jude Medical:** for their continuous support and their charitable sponsorship of the following events: 2010 Arizona Golf Outing, 2010 Family Benefit, 2010 Heartfelt Affair and Grants Gala 2010

♥ **Michael and Holly Goughnour:** hosted the 4th Annual "Grants Gala" in Memphis, TN to honor the memory of their son, Grant who was born with an undiagnosed CHD.

♥ **Bike4CHF:** Our thanks goes out to Nels Matson, a CHD survivor. Nels pedaled his biked 3,709 miles from Santa Monica to New York City to raise funds and awareness. Nels biked 100 miles a day through the Mojave Desert, the Rocky Mountains, Chicago, and many more exciting places until his last stop was New York where he was featured on the Today Show. Along his route, Nels met and rode alongside CHF supporters of all ages. His goal is to raise \$100,000 for research. Many thanks to Nels' initial sponsors: Hilton Worldwide, Myakka Technologies, Mix1, WSLR, Inc and the Weiss Family. Thanks also goes out to Denise Pizzo who rode along with Nels in the van. To donate to Bike4CHF ride, visit www.Athletes4Heart.com.



♥ **Jennifer Kruse** participated in the 2010 Ford Ironman Coeur d'Alene in honor of her nephew, Sean Thomas O'Leary and on behalf of CHF.

♥ **Paige Battcher** participated in the Ironman Louisville Marathon in August 2010 in honor of her sister, Grace.

♥ **Richard and Jeanette Wayne** selected the CHF as the beneficiary of a fundraising walk in honor of their daughter, Emmaline Wayne. The fundraising walk helped raise funds and spread awareness.

♥ **Laura Hadden** for hosting "Art for Hearts", a silent art auction, and donating the proceeds to CHF.

♥ **The Clark Family** hosted a fundraiser, "Art for the Heart - Maverick Clark Memorial Event", in loving memory of baby Maverick.

♥ **Neha and Matt Meyer** hosted "Jump to your Heart's Delight Fundraiser" raising over \$3,000. A special thanks to **Scott and Kathy Soeder**, of **JumpZone** location in St. Charles, IL and **Chef Tim Meyer**, who donated brownies and heart cookies for the event.



♥ **Punchbowl Software, Inc., Gabrielle Olney, Kinloch Elementary, Jeanne Rettos Logan's, the Kantz Family, Stephanie Tantillo, and Shannan and Tim Wierzbicki.** CHF was beneficiary for their various fundraising events. The Children's Heart Foundation cannot succeed without all the countless contributors, donors, and volunteers.

Thank you to all of our donors and volunteer. Your effort does not go unnoticed and your support in spreading awareness is greatly appreciated! ♥



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About CHF



The Children's Heart Foundation was established in 1996 by Betsy and Steve Peterson to honor the memory of their son, Sam, who died from congenital heart disease at age eight. Today, the Foundation is a national organization with local chapters and a network of volunteers working to eradicate congenital heart disease as America's number one birth defect. To date, CHF has distributed \$3.7 million through 38 research grants. ♥



Our Goal



The goal of The Children's Heart Foundation is to bring health, hope and happiness to children impacted with congenital heart defects, the number one birth defect in the United States. We accomplish this goal by funding the most promising research to advance the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of congenital heart defects in children.

Saving Children's Lives – One Heart at a Time ♥