

Ava's Fortuitous Fortune

My family's understanding of the great need for research into the prevention of congenital heart disease began even before my daughter Ava was born. Ava was diagnosed in utero with complex congenital heart disease (double outlet right ventricle, single atrium, single ventricle, interrupted aortic arch). Like most parents of children with congenital heart disease, we were told that the cause of our child's heart disease was a complete mystery to modern science. We learned that although prevention of this type of congenital heart disease is not yet possible, treatment is.



At the beginning of my third trimester, we were told that after my daughter was born, she would require a series of three open-heart surgeries to live. This early diagnosis did not change our birthing plans, but it was essential information for us to know so that we could ensure that Ava would receive the proper immediate care and survive until surgery. This was just the first in a long series of fortunate (or, perhaps I should say, unfortunate) events.

Ava was born by Caesarean section at 37 weeks gestation, owing to a low heart rate. She weighed 4 pounds, 15 ounces and was transported that very day to a separate hospital and diagnosed with other congenital anomalies that would also require surgical intervention. Her first surgery was over before I was discharged from the maternity ward. We were finally able to hold our daughter for the very first time when she was one month old.

After enduring an aspiration, another open heart surgery, a cardiac arrest followed by CPR, and other complications, Ava finally came home at seven months. She could not sit or lay on her tummy yet and had the head control of a newborn baby. Ava was fortunately, or unfortunately, discharged to us with continu-

ous oxygen and continuous feeding by a tube that delivered formula into her tummy through her abdominal wall.

Later we learned that Ava had sustained permanent damage to her hearing during the final months of this hospitalization. Ava's speaking and comprehension is still quite delayed today. We do know that her hearing is fully corrected with hearing aides, and she is thankfully making steady progress in her speech therapy.

Throughout our entire experience, we have felt very grateful for the effectiveness of all of Ava's treatments and her medical equipment. At the same time we are fully cognizant of the losses and hardships that have been involved with each.

Recently, Ava underwent the third of her three staged heart surgeries. Due to a battle with fluid in the lung cavity, she spent two months in the hospital afterwards. While there celebrating her third birthday, we realized a quarter of her little life had been spent in the hospital. She has been a very resilient little girl through all of this.

Today, we are especially grateful that Ava no longer needs to be on oxygen. She can walk freely and even spin without getting stuck and tangled in her hosing. We can see her face unobstructed for the first time.

Our ordeal with congenital heart disease is, fortunately or unfortunately, not over. Watching my child's and many, many, other's suffering has demonstrated to me, with ultimate clarity, the need to find a way to PREVENT congenital heart disease. This ordeal has brought us a deep appreciation for so many things, including the life and the health that she does enjoy. My daughter, Ava, is a beautiful little doll full of smiles, laughs, songs, hugs and kisses. She is my greatest pride and pleasure.



This I know, my child is a gift. Congenital heart disease is not. ♥

Jennifer LaVere, Ava's mom



President's Message

by Leo Cole, CHF President

MacKinzie Kline, National Spokesperson



Heartfelt Thanks



As the National Spokesperson for the Children's Heart Foundation (CHF) for the past 6 years, Mac has set a personal goal of raising money to help other children who are born with heart defects. In June 2007, Mac reached her goal of raising her first MILLION dollars! Now, she is set on raising her SECOND million by the end of 2008.

♥ **Joanna and Mike Agne and Family** for hosting the 4th Annual "Forever in Our Hearts" Gala. The hard work of the Agne Family and their fantastic committee has helped to make this event a terrific success every year. Please save the date for the 5th Annual "Forever in our Hearts" Gala to take place on November 14, 2008 at The Lodge, in Oakbrook, IL.

♥ **Alpine Children's Charity (ACC)** created by a group of 14 cousins to have 'kids help kids.' Many thanks to all the dedicated children and families for their efforts to raise awareness and funding for childhood diseases.

♥ The Louisiana State Chapter of **Pi Sigma Epsilon** hosted the 2nd Annual Art for the Heart Gala at the Old Governor's Mansion in Baton Rouge, LA to benefit Children's Heart Foundation.

♥ **Medtronic Foundation:** For the grant money for reprinting, distributing and warehousing our Parent Resource Book "It's My Heart". Thanks to Medtronic's generosity over 25,000 copies of our book have been distributed.

♥ **Himal Ajarwal and Amul Shah** for all their hard work in making their first CHF fundraiser "Nights for Charity" a huge success.

♥ To: **Anna Maria and Bill Lane, Carlstadt Public School**, Carlstadt, NJ, **St. Clement School's 1st graders**, Chicago, IL., **St. John of The Cross Parish School 5th and 6th graders**, Western Springs, IL, **Milwaukee School of Languages**, Milwaukee, WI, **Heidelberg Employees**, Kennesaw, GA, **Affiliated Computer Services**, Fort Wayne, IN and **Navistar**, Warrenville, IL. CHF was chosen as their beneficiary for their various fundraising events. We sincerely appreciate their efforts to support research.

And last but not least to all of our contributors and volunteers. We cannot do it without you! ♥



Key and critical role of leadership is the ability to recognize the dreams of those that we lead and inspire them to achieve those visions."*

As I come to the end of my second two-year term as President of the CHF National Board, I hope and feel that I have had some modicum of success in leading and inspiring a very dedicated and talented Board for the advancement of CHF's vision. Bill Foley, CHF's Executive Director and his dedicated staff, have been very successful in creating a vision for the foundation and leading us to reach our goals. I have no reservations about stepping down this June, because we have a new President, Megan Van Pelt. Megan is a great leader with a tremendous amount of energy, skill and passion. She leads and inspires as well as anyone I have known. For the past 10 years, her commitment to the Board is unquestioned. I am very excited to see how the next two years unfold.

We also have several leaders out in the field heading up our chapters: Heather Helmy in Oregon, Marlee Huggins in Florida, Mick Landauer in Iowa and Matt Pierce in Ohio. I want to thank all of our Chapter Presidents, both past and present for their commitment to the vision and their leadership to help achieve CHF's goals year after year.

I want to personally thank everyone who has volunteered, participated at or sponsored an event, or sent a donation. Thank you for being part of The Children's Heart Foundation's success in leading the fight to fund the most promising research to advance the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of congenital heart defects in children. Your continued support is critical to the congenital heart defect researchers, the pediatric cardiologists, the cardiac surgeons and most importantly to the children and their families who are dealing with a chd or multiple chd's. You are all leaders in achieving our vision, your vision. ♥

*Robert A. McDonald, COO, Proctor and Gamble (speaking about the book "The Dream Manager" by Matthew Kelly)

Mac Kline Golf Classic

The Fourth Annual Mac Kline Golf Classic was held April 25, 2008 at The Crossings in Carlsbad, CA. Over \$40,000 was raised to fund congenital heart defect research. The perfect day included a full field of golfers, dinner, and a live and silent auction. Many thanks to Mac and a very dedicated committee for their efforts to help CHF fund life saving CHD research. For more information on Mackinzie or to help in her new goal, please visit www.mackline.com. ♥

Good Search

GoodSearch.com is a search engine that donates half of its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter **The Children's Heart Foundation, Lincolnshire, IL** as the charity you want to support. Just 500 of us searching four times a day will raise about \$7300 in a year without anyone spending a dime! ♥



The Medical Advisory Board Update



Carl L. Backer, M.D., Chairperson

The cycle of grant submission, review, ranking, and final approvals for 2007 has been completed. This cycle began in July of 2007 when 35 new research proposals were submitted to The Children's Heart Foundation. These grants were in turn distributed to the entire Medical Advisory Board (33 physicians and scientists) for review and scoring. The scores of the grants along with detailed primary and secondary reviews were judged by the Medical Advisory Board at an all day meeting on October



13, 2007. Also reviewed were the progress reports of the grants funded in 2006 that were candidates for second year funding. Board members present at this meeting included Joseph Amato, Carl Backer, Roger Cole, Susan Crawford, David Sahn, Robert Stewart, Kent Thornburg, Cathy Webb, and Thomas Weigel. The 35 new research proposals were ranked and this rank order was then submitted to The Children's Heart Foundation Board which met on November 5, 2007. Based on the scoring of the grants and the level of funding available, four research proposals were selected for new funding in 2007 and five grants initially funded in 2006 were selected for second year funding. The following grant proposals have been funded:

First Year Funding			
Title of Research Proposal	Principal Investigator	Institution	Funding
Genetics of Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome	Vidu Garg, MD	University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (Dallas, TX)	\$70,000
Human Factors and Patient Safety During Congenital Heart Surgery	Emile Bacha, MD	Children's Hospital (Boston, MA)	\$39,750
Preconditioning against Periventricular Leukomalacia associated with Neonatal Cardiac Surgery.	Edward Hickey, MD	The Hospital for Sick Children (Toronto, Canada)	\$43,611
Follow-up of the Single Ventricle Reconstruction (SVR) Trial	Pediatric Heart Network	New England Research Institute (Watertown, MA)	\$50,000
Total			\$203,361

Second Year Funding			
Title of Research Proposal	Principal Investigator	Institution	Funding
Dyrk Kinase and Congenital Heart Disease in Down Syndrome	Ching-Pin Chang, M.D., Ph.D.	Stanford University (Stanford, CA)	\$100,000
Congenital Heart Disease Multi-Societal Database Project to Create a Universal Encyclopedia for Definitions of Preoperative Risk Factors and Postoperative Complications Related to Congenital Heart Surgery and Interventions	Jeffrey P. Jacobs, M.D.	All Children's Hospital, (St. Petersburg, FL)	\$50,000
Normal Cardiac Outflow Tract Development Depends on Retinoic Acid Signaling	Margaret L. Kirby, Ph.D.	Duke University Medical Center (Durham, NC)	\$90,711
"Late Functional Status in a Cohort of Survivors with Pulmonary Atresia Intact Ventricular Septum"	Brian W. McCrindle, M.D.	Hospital for Sick Children, (Toronto, Canada)	\$89,190
The Role of Neutrophil-Derived Factors in the Pathogenesis of Cardiac Allograft Vasculopathy	Kenneth O. Schoweng-erdt, M.D	St. Louis University School of Medicine (St. Louis, MO)	\$70,000
Total			\$399,901
Grand Total			\$603,262

Continued on page 5



Save the Date



Family Benefit



lease join us at the activities below. For additional information please visit our web site at www.childrensheartfoundation.org. ♥

June 19, 2008 – Bringing Sunshine to Hearts, The Melt Grill, Center Valley, PA www.ebsteinsanamoly.org

July 12, 2008 – Fifth Annual “Lionheart in Laurelhurst”, Laurelhurst Park, Portland, OR (www.chforegon.org/lionheart)

August 2, 2008 – Seventh Annual For Their Hearts Benefit, Westin Innisbrook Resort, Palm Harbor, FL (www.chfflorida.org)

August 9, 2008 – Second Annual “Grant’s Gala”, MATA Central Station, Memphis, TN (www.grantsgala.com)

August 23, 2008 – CHF Night w/ The MLS Columbus Crew, Columbus, OH (www.chfohio.org)

August 2008 – Third Annual Caden Dudt Memorial Basketball Tournament, Ocean County, NJ

September 8, 2008 – Dr. Robert A. Miller Memorial Golf Outing, TPC Deere Run Golf Club, Silvis, IL (www.chfiowa.org)

September 14, 2008 – CHF / CHIN Heart Strides Walk @ The Cleveland Zoo, Cleveland, OH

September 22, 2008 – Ninth Annual Chicago Golf Outing, Conway Farms Golf Club, Lake Forest, IL

October 25, 2008 – Annual Medical Advisory Board Meeting, Chicago, IL

November 8, 2008 – PULSE Art Festival, Staver Locomotive, Portland, OR (www.chforegon.org/pulse)

November 14, 2008 – Fifth Annual Forever in our Hearts Gala, The Lodge, Oakbrook, IL

November 21, 2008 – “Art for the Heart” hosted by Pi Sigma Epsilon, Louisiana State University (LSU), Baton Rouge, LA

ProFlowers

Brighten Someone’s Day and Benefit CHF At The Same Time! The Children’s Heart Foundation has teamed with ProFlowers, the online fresh flower marketplace, to raise awareness and funding for the leading birth defect in America. Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and special occasions, say thank you to someone or if you just want to brighten someone’s day, visit <http://www.proflowers.com/CHF> and choose from a variety of beautiful arrangements. Ten dollars from each purchase will benefit CHF! ♥

Hearts At Play 2008 CHF-Illinois Family Benefit



he Children’s Heart Foundation hosted its Annual Family Benefit “Hearts At Play” fundraising gala on Saturday, February 2, 2008. Thanks to the 2008 Chicago Family Benefit Committee: Martha Hauber and Darlene Buenzow (co-chairs), Erin Smith, Kathy Moran, Mary Paula Doyle, Jaymi Griesmeyer, Tracey Keenan, Sue Donnellan, Sandy McKeough and Erin Paisley, \$70,000 was raised to help CHF continue to fund the most promising research. Through the committee’s incredible energy, enthusiasm and hard work, this year’s family benefit was another huge success!

Held at the world-renowned Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, more than 750 supporters attended this annual event. As the name implies, “The Family Benefit” is a family event. Everyone enjoyed a dinner buffet and had the museum all to themselves. Adults had the opportunity to bid on silent auction items such as Nintendo Wii units, a plasma TV, iPods, and a trip to a Hawks game in the Oscar Meyer WeinerMobile. However, the main focus of the evening was the children. The same children CHF raises money to help were the ones enjoying the U505 submarine, face painting and balloon making to name a few. Kids attending the event signed posters thanking our sponsors for their support and generosity. These posters were framed and then delivered to our sponsors.



Sue Donnellan (middle) presenting framed poster to LifeSource Sponsor’s reps Roxanne Tatta (left) and Cheryl Tretter (Right)

This year’s event was sponsored by: Four Seasons Heating and Cooling (Gold Sponsor), Severson Environmental Services, Inc. (Silver Sponsor), LifeSource Blood Center and St. Jude Medical (Bronze Sponsors). Our Family Circle Sponsors included the following families: Armstrong, Buenzow, Buettell, Dufresne, Eberle, Donohoe, Foley, George, Griesmeyer, Hauber, Legere-Ricketts, Mazzella, McKeough, Moran, Ortegon, Stein, VanPelt, Wakenight, Ward, Weyman, Joe and Jennifer Capezio, Vincent and Joanne Intriери, Dan and Tracey Keenan, Jane Murphy Keenans’s G&G, Steve, Betsy and Hallie Peterson, Krishna & Franklin Smith and Mark and Jessica Wiktor.

Save the date for next year’s Family Benefit “Hearts at Play”, which will be held February 21st at the Field Museum. Look for more details on our new website. ♥



Advocacy



Introducing The National Congenital Heart Coalition

For years, many professionals in the CHD advocacy field have been thinking along similar lines. Now those thoughts have become a reality with the formation of the National Congenital Heart Coalition (NCHC). Led by the founding organizations, CHF, the Adult Congenital Heart Association (ACHA) and the Congenital Heart Information Network (CHIN), the newly minted NCHC held its first Summit on March 29th coinciding with the American College of Cardiology's 2008 annual meeting in Chicago. The purpose of the NCHC Summit meeting was to discuss potential collaborative work on national projects in the areas of advocacy, awareness, fundraising and screenings. The first joint project will be a National CHD Lobby Day in February 2009. Other joint projects will focus on national awareness, screenings and fundraising. The overall mission of the NCHC is to improve and prolong the lives of CHD survivors as well as prevent Congenital Heart Defects.

MORE ADVOCACY...

RESEARCH BREAKTHROUGHS LEAD TO GROWING NEED FOR ACHD SPECIALISTS

The research that CHF and others have funded over the years has led to significant medical and surgical breakthroughs in the field of Congenital Heart Disease. These breakthroughs have in

turn, led to new phenomena. There are now more adult survivors with CHD than children with CHD. As more children with CHD are surviving into adulthood and adults with CHD are living longer, the percentage of adults with CHD is growing more rapidly than the percentage of CHD children. This welcome change in CHD population has created a significant need for adult congenital cardiology to become a new subspecialty of cardiology. Currently, many adult CHD patients are continually cared for by either their Pediatric Cardiologists or Cardiologists with varying degrees of training in adult CHD. The pertinent question is who is best trained to treat the complexities of our children as they become adult patients with CHD?

CHF was invited to participate in the Adult CHD Training Summit hosted by the Joint Council on Congenital Heart Disease (JCCHD) at the American College Cardiology's Heart House in Washington, DC on January 28th. The purpose of the meeting was to develop plans to establish ACHD as a subspecialty. During the meeting, presentations from representatives of the many professional organizations all supported the creation of a new subspecialty in adult congenital cardiology. The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) will house this subspecialty of internal medicine. In the proposal to the ABIM, there should be a pathway for existing Pediatric Cardiologists so that they may continue to work in conjunction with Cardiologists who care for ACHD patients.

Furthermore, each of the organizations in attendance was asked to send a letter in support of the creation of the adult congenital subspecialty to the ABIM. CHF fully supports the agenda of the ACHD Training Summit, continues to invest in furthering the lives of CHD patients and proudly advocates on behalf of the CHD growing population.

If anyone is interested in volunteering in advocacy, please contact Ellen Weiss, eweiss@ChildrensHeartFoundation.org or 727-772-7699. ♥

Medical Advisory Board..., continued from page 3

I want to thank two members of the Board that are "retiring" after a long tenure of service and contribution to The Children's Heart Foundation: Drs. Jeff Tobin and Madhu Gupta have served on the Board for many years and we greatly appreciate their contributions.

I would like to welcome to the Board a new member, Dr. Gil Wernovsky. He is the Director of Program Development of the Cardiac Center, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the former Medical Director of the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Wernovsky is an Associate Professor in Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He is widely recognized as one of the world experts in critical care



of pediatric cardiology and pediatric cardiac surgical patients. We welcome his expertise and experience to the Medical Advisory Board.

All of the Medical Advisory Board members look forward to the initiation of another cycle of funding proposals. The call for proposals has been sent out, and the review of new proposals will begin in July of 2008. One major change for the Medical Advisory Board has been that in the past each advisory board member has received a large cardboard box containing the grant proposals each of which were 20 to 40 pages in length. A new system we are employing this year will be a paperless system, where each Medical Advisory Board member will receive a CD with all of the grant information on it. We are marching into the 21st century! ♥



Chapter Development Update



VP of Chapter Development, Tom McKeough



2007 was a very exciting year for CHF, adding an Iowa Chapter and an Ohio Chapter. 2008 looks to be just as promising as we have a number of groups already working on raising money for research and developing a core group to establish their own local chapter of The Children's Heart Foundation.

In **Pennsylvania** – Patty Cheshire led a group and organized the second annual "Hopping for Hearts". The event held on Sunday, May 4th was an evening full of fun family events, food and auction. Many thanks to Patty and her committee for all of their hard work in raising over \$22,000. They are in the early stages of planning an event for the fall in the Philadelphia area as well. Should anyone be interested in attending the fall event, please contact the Children's Heart Foundation for more information.

In **Arizona** – Todd Camenisch and his team, along with The Children's Heart Foundation's spokesperson MacKinzie Kline, hosted the 4th Annual "Swing for Their Hearts" golf event at the Omni Tucson National Golf Resort & Spa on Sunday, February 17th. Lunch, dinner, silent auction and a raffle were enjoyed by all. Thanks to Todd Camenisch, Randy Ferrick, Trev Anderson, and Paul Zucarelli's efforts, this year's golf outing raised over \$23,000.

We had a new event this year in Arizona. Janeen and George Kokodynski hosted "A Heartfelt Affair" in loving memory of their son Matthew Andrew Kokodynski. This event, which included wine tasting, raised over \$12,000 for research!

In **California** – Anna Johnson is interested in starting a Northern California Chapter and will be holding a benefit on July 20th 2008 from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm at The Cerrito Speakeasy Theater in El Cerrito, California. This screening of the Muppet Movie is open to the whole family. Please contact the Children's Heart Foundation for further information.

In **Massachusetts** – Courtney Rizzo has begun the process of starting a chapter in the Boston area. She has planned an exploratory meeting on June 21st at Bocelli's Restaurant in Bedford, MA from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in attending this meeting, please contact Courtney via e-mail at cr_rizzo@yahoo.com.

In addition, The Children's Heart Foundation has been contacted by individuals from all over the country expressing various levels of interest. If you have any interest in getting involved with a local fundraiser or possibly starting a local chapter, please contact The Children's Heart Foundation at 847-634-6474 so we can put you in touch with others who have the same interest. ♥



Florida Chapter Update



The Florida chapter has been very busy this quarter, reprising annual events and adding new ones. This year, our annual Change A Heart campaign raised more than \$20,000 and included our annual fundraising at local elementary schools and Wal-Mart Stores, our Second Annual Change A Heart Walk in the park and two new events:

- a private party in Safety Harbor hosted by the Carollo family.
- a Texas Hold 'Em tournament in St. Cloud hosted by the Swingle family

The Carollo family hosted a private party in Safety Harbor. This was a fancy and fun event which included a raffle to win a new car. The Swingle family hosted a Texas Hold 'Em tournament at the Carson Alan Swingle Helping Heart Memorial Benefit in memory of their son Carson, who passed away three years ago. This event not only included the poker tournament but also other casino games as well as a silent auction. We appreciate the support and enthusiasm of both these families, who put their hearts into raising money for CHD research.

The Second Annual Change A Heart Walk was a huge success, raising both money and awareness in our community. Adding to the fun and excitement were members of the United States Coast Guard, a Tampa Bay firefighter (who brought along a retired fire truck for the kids to play on), the Tampa Bay Lightning's mascot ("Thunderbug"), a demonstration by the Pinellas K9 unit, and more.



In other news, our chapter has been accepted as a member of the Community Health Charities (CHC)-FL Affiliate. This will allow us to become involved in workplace giving campaigns and thousands of employees throughout Florida to designate CHF as the recipient of charitable contributions taken out of their regular paychecks.

Next up will be our gala on August 2nd at the Innisbrook Resort in Palm Harbor, and the debut of our third documentary video. Ticket and sponsorship information for the event is at www.chfflorida.org. ♥



Iowa Chapter Update



On June 28th, 2008 the Iowa Chapter of The Children's Heart Foundation will hold its first fundraising event. This FAMILY EVENT, which starts at 2:00 and runs until the cows come home, will be a hog roast at 1419 Wisconsin Avenue, a farm house located on the outskirts of Davenport. All family members are invited as there will be a DJ, clown, tractor and horseback rides for children.

Our first golf tournament will be held on September 8th at TPC Deere Run. This is the same golf course that the PGA's John Deere Classic is held every year. A box lunch will be provided with a sit down dinner after the round of golf. There will be a live and silent auction during dinner.

Anyone interested in either of these events, please contact Mick Landauer @ 563-940-2650 or by e-mail tinman1inoz@msn.com. ♥



Ohio Chapter Update



The Ohio Chapter of the Children's Heart Foundation held its first board of directors meeting on March 15th.

Ohio Chapter Officers are: Matt Pierce – President, Erin Williams – Vice President, Teresa Hakes – Treasurer and Amy Pierce – Secretary

The Board approved the "Congenital Heart Defects Awareness Day" with the Columbus Crew. The date is August 23rd when the Crew takes on Real Salt Lake at 7:30 pm. The game will be followed by a movie at the Crew Stadium for all those attending. If anyone is interested in buying tickets, please see the Ohio Chapter website at www.chfohio.org.

If anyone is interested in working as a volunteer or holding a fundraiser in Ohio for CHF, please contact the Ohio Chapter at (614)-926-4737 or our website at www.chfohio.org for more information and assistance. ♥



Oregon Chapter Update



After a year of building for our future, the Oregon Chapter of the Children's Heart Foundation is at an incredibly exciting place. We will again hold both of the events that have become key activities on Oregon's community calendar – LionHeart and PULSE. Our Board of Directors has welcomed two new board members, Matt Edler and Colleen Cormack, bringing us to a total of 13 amazing and dedicated individuals. They give generously of their time to support the work for The Children's Heart Foundation.

At the heart of the Oregon Chapter are the volunteers who make all that we do possible. It is only because of their incredible dedication and commitment that we have been able to raise over \$250,000 in our first 3 years. These volunteers give from the heart to make a difference for the future of all children born with congenital heart defects. Funding research is how we make a difference for children and families impacted by CHD.

Please join us for the following two fundraisers:

On July 12, 2008 from 11am – 3pm, the 5th Annual "Lionheart in Laurelhurst" at Laurelhurst Park will take place. This is a children's festival in one of Portland's most beautiful parks, celebrating the courage of children with congenital heart defects.

On November 8, 2008 The PULSE Art Festival at Staver Locomotive in Portland will take place. 35 artists, 8 hours, 1 cause. This is an interactive art auction where 35 artists come together to create unbelievable one-of-a-kind works of art. Preview Party starts at 5pm with the main event starting at 7pm. ♥

Chicago Golf Outing



Get a foursome together and save the date of September 22, 2008 for The Children's Heart Foundation's 9th Annual Golf Outing presented by THE EXCHANGE. This golf event will be held at Conway Farms Golf Club, a private club located in Lake Forest, IL and ranked ninth in Illinois by Golf Digest.

The CHF golf outing will include lunch, golf, dinner, player gifts, prizes and both silent and live auctions comprised of golf clubs, country club golf outings, and major league tickets to name a few. In attendance will be MacKinzie "Mac" Kline, our national spokesperson, a 16 year old with a 1.2 handicap.

Registration can be done online at www.childrensheartfoundation.org or call the foundation at 847-634-6474. ♥

2008 Board of Directors

President – Leo Cole
Past President – Sue Rushmore
President Pro Tem – Megan Van Pelt
Secretary – Sue Donnellan
Treasurer – Martha Hauber
VP Chapter Development –
Tom McKeough
VP Legal – Chris Griesmeyer
VP Marketing – Gus Backer
Founder – Betsy Peterson
MAB Liaison – Dr. Tom Weigel
Executive Director – Bill Foley

President's Council

Jaymi Griesmeyer
Heather Helmy
Marlee Huggins
Janet Niepokoj
Meeta Yadava

Medical Advisory Board

Dr. Joseph Amato
Dr. Emile Bacha
Dr. Carl Backer – Chairperson
Dr. D. Woodrow Benson
Dr. Scott M. Bradley
Dr. Frank Cetta
Dr. Roger Cole
Dr. David Cooper
Dr. Timothy Cordes
Dr. John Costello
Dr. Susan Crawford
Dr. Barbara Deal
Dr. Nancy Ghanayem
Dr. Andrew Griffin
Dr. Richard Hopkins
Dr. Jim Huhta
Dr. Jeffrey Jacobs
Dr. John Lamberti
Dr. Constantine Mavroudis
Dr. Marla Mendelson
Dr. Jane Wimpfheimer Newburger
Dr. David Overman
Dr. David Sahn
Dr. Alan Saroff
Dr. Robert Stewart
Dr. Norman Talner
Dr. Kent Thornburg
Dr. Martin Tristani - Firouzi
Dr. Catherine L. Webb
Dr. Thomas Weigel
Dr. Gil Wernovsky
Dr. Vincent Zales

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 million through 33 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 ♥



The Children's Heart Foundation

P.O. Box 244
Lincolnshire, IL 60069
(847) 634-6474 • Fax: (847) 634-4988
www.childrensheartfoundation.org

Non-Profit Org.
US Postage
PAID
Lincolnshire, IL
Permit #45