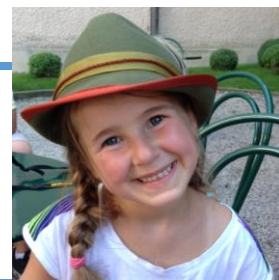




Heartfest2015

Helping children with congenital heart defects



There are approximately 35 different types of CHDs.

Approximately 40,000 babies are born each year in the United States with a CHD.

1 out of every 125 children are born with a CHD.

Hi! My name is Elizabeth. I am 5 years old & I was born with a condition called Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS). What that means is that I was born without the left half of my heart. To date I have had three open heart surgeries to "fix it". Thanks to some very talented surgeons & doctors, they were able to "replumb" my heart so that the right side does all the work. The last of the three surgeries was in August 2013. Today, I am doing great! I started kindergarten, I am in my 3rd year of dance, 2nd season of soccer & love playing with my big sisters, big brother, & all my friends.

Congenital heart defects are the most common birth defect. Even so, research to help kids like me is grossly underfunded, especially in these tough economic times when private and federal funding is less accessible.

My parents have some good friends who have a son with the same special heart as I, so they started the Mend a Heart Foundation in Chicago to raise money to help children with heart defects. The Mend a Heart Foundation's mission is to financially support research projects and initiatives that extend or enrich the lives of kids like me

Why I'm writing

I'm writing because my parents, Heidi and Chris Todd, are sponsoring a fundraiser, **Heartfest2015**, here in Pittsburgh. The goal is to raise funds for Mend a Heart. This is the 4th year for **Heartfest**. It will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2015, at the Valley Brook Country Club in Peters Township. There are tons of auctions and fun games we use to get donations from our guests. That's where you come in, we need **tons** of merchandise, gift cards, & monetary donations in order to make this the most successful event to date.

What's in it for you

Not only is your gift tax deductible, but this is a great opportunity for you to promote your business. We expect over 200 attendees this year. Most of them are from the South Hills and love to shop, eat, drink, and entertain in this area. Your company name will appear in an event program and in some promotional materials for the event.

I hope I can count on you for a silent auction donation or a monetary contribution!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Todd

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