



## The Children's Heart Foundation™ E-newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

#### April: CHF's 20th Birthday!

To celebrate our 20th birthday, we're having a fundraising campaign with the goal of raising \$40,000 to represent the 40,000 babies born with a CHD each year. Donate [here](#).

#### April 9: Trivia Night for Hearts

St. Louis, MO

Join the CHF Missouri Chapter for their annual Trivia Night! Get ready for a night of door prizes, silent auction bidding, cash prizes, challenging rounds, and lots of heart. Purchase tickets [here](#).

#### April 9: Hops for Hearts

Columbus, OH

Join the CHF Ohio Chapter for their 2nd annual Hops for Hearts event. There will be food, drinks, and more! Register for the event [here](#).

#### April 9: Jacksonville Congenital

### April Marks CHF's 20th Birthday!

April marks The Children's Heart Foundation's (CHF) 20th birthday! CHF was founded 20 years ago, in 1996, by Betsy and Steve Peterson, after losing their son, Sam, to a CHD at the age of 8

(read more of their story [here](#)). With the support of family and friends, Betsy and Steve bravely responded to their loss by creating The Children's Heart Foundation.

Join us this month as we celebrate 20 years of funding the most promising research to advance the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of CHDs. Since 1996, CHF has independently funded 67 research projects with nearly \$8 million. In addition, CHF and the American Heart Association have [collaboratively funded](#) 7 projects with nearly \$800,000, bringing CHF's total funding to \$8.4 million.

To celebrate our birthday, we will be holding a month-long fundraising campaign with a goal of raising \$40,000 - representing the 40,000 babies born each year with a CHD. The money raised will go towards CHF's mission of funding the most promising CHD research. Make a donation [here](#).

CHF would like to thank everyone who has supported us throughout the last 20 years for making our mission possible. We are grateful for all of our donors, volunteers, and sponsors; past and present. Here's to many more years of advancements made through research!

## Heart Walk

Jacksonville, FL

The Jacksonville CHW will take place at Arena Plaza at the University of North Florida.

## April 16: Gainesville Congenital Heart Walk

Gainesville, FL

The Gainesville CHW will take place at Flavet Field - University of Florida.

## April 23: Michigan Chapter's Birthday Party for CHF

Troy, MI

Join the Michigan Chapter as they celebrate CHF's 20th birthday at the Troy Community Center. RSVP to the event [here](#).

## April 23: Boston Congenital Heart Walk

Boston, MA

The Boston CHW will take place at Boston Common.

## April 23: Central Texas Congenital Heart Walk

Cedar Creek, TX

The Central Texas CHW will take place in Cedar Creek this year.

## April 30: Greater Atlanta Congenital Heart Walk

Marietta, GA

The Greater Atlanta CHW will take place at the North GA State Fairgrounds.

## April 30: Dallas-Forth Worth Congenital Heart Walk

Mansfield, TX

The first-ever DFW walk will take place at Katherine Rose Memorial Park.

## April 30: Washington D.C. Metro Congenital Heart Walk

Wheaton, MD

The Washington D.C. Metro CHW will take place at Wheaton Regional Park.



You can also help us celebrate our birthday by shopping in our [online store](#) - we have created a section of #CHFTurns20 logoed items! Check it out [here](#).

## Colby Red and CHF Extend Partnership

Colby Groom was born with a congenital heart defect (CHD). Before his 10th birthday, Colby underwent two open-heart surgeries. Even at a young age, Colby knew he wanted to help other kids like him. With the help of his father, Daryl Groom, a world recognized winemaker, the [Colby Red Wine](#) brand was born.

Last year Colby Red Wine and CHF announced that they were joining forces to fight CHDs! Throughout the yearlong partnership, Colby, now age 18, worked with CHF as a national spokesperson, shared his story and enlisted support online and at various CHF events across the country. Colby also presented CHF a check for \$20,000 to be used toward the most promising CHD research!

Watch the video of Colby and his father, Daryl, presenting the check to CHF [here](#).

To further their commitment for much-needed CHD research and awareness, Colby Red Wine and CHF have decided to expand their partnership. Colby Red Wine has committed a minimum of \$20,000 in cash and in-kind donations directly to CHF during this calendar year. Read more [here](#).

**May 1: Greater Los Angeles**

Congenital Heart Walk

Los Angeles, CA

The LA walk will take place at Griffith Park.



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.

**Donate Now!**



## Dr. Romano - "Shattering The Glass Ceiling"

Dr. Jennifer Romano, a pediatric heart surgeon at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, was recently featured on the news for "shattering the glass ceiling" of pediatric heart surgery. Female heart surgeons are rare, but pediatric female surgeons are even more so. She is one of "maybe 10 female pediatric heart surgeons in the country".

Dr. Romano is the Chair of The Children's Heart Foundation's Medical Advisory Board and a longtime supporter of CHF. Thank you, Dr. Romano, for all that you do for CHD patients. Watch the video about Dr. Romano here: <http://goo.gl/JcpEoJ>

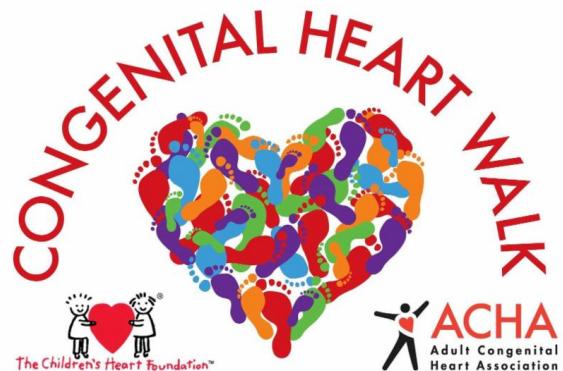


**It's Congenital Heart Walk Season!**

The 2016 Congenital Heart Walk season kicks off this month! The Congenital Heart Walk (CHW) is a joint effort between The Children's Heart Foundation and

the Adult Congenital Heart Association (ACHA) that began in 2010 and has since raised nearly \$7 million (funds raised are split 50/50 between CHF and ACHA). These two organizations are uniting to fight CHDs.

The Congenital Heart Walk will be coming to more than 25 cities across the country this year! To find a walk near you, visit the Congenital Heart Walk [website](#).



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