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## Upcoming Events

### February 4: [Sweet Hearts Ball](#)

Philadelphia, PA

Join the CHF Pennsylvania Chapter for the 3rd annual Sweet Hearts Ball. The event features cocktails, dinner, dancing, and auctions. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

Deadline to purchase tickets is January 27th.

### February 4: [Vinolympics](#)

Portland, OR

Join the CHF Oregon Chapter for their 6th annual Vinolympics! This event is a fun, casual, 'wine-tasting meets carnival' event. Bring a team, earn fun gifts, and take part in the bigger and better Group Games! Must have a team to play. [Click here](#) to register.

## CHF Funded over \$1.2 million of CHD Research in 2016!

We want to thank you for being part of making 2016 such a successful year for The Children's Heart Foundation. Because of your generosity and timeless efforts, CHF is proud to announce that we funded more than **\$1.2 million** of Congenital Heart Defect (CHD) research in 2016!

This is the largest amount of research CHF has ever funded in a single year and the first time we have funded research outside of North America!



The Children's Heart Foundation (CHF) was founded in 1996 and 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.

**Donate Now!**



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CHF Independent  
Funding

**\$670,558**

CHF Portion of  
AHA/CHF Funding

**\$536,609**



Thanks to your generosity on #GivingTuesday, end of year contributions, and new fundraisers, we were able to fund 5 new projects instead of 4! The following new projects were independently funded by CHF:

- **Connie Bezzina and Bonnie J Mulder** - Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam, The Netherlands: *"Dissecting the Genetic Basis of Transposition of the Great Arteries"*
- **Sunjay Kaushal, MD, PhD** - University of Maryland Medical Center: *"Stem Cell Therapy for Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome Patients"*
- **Michael Ronemus** - Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, ColdSprings, NY: *"High-resolution genomic DNA copy number analysis of 125 congenital heart disease family trios from the Pediatric Cardiac Genomics Consortium"*
- **Karl Degenhardt, MD, PhD** - Children's Hospital of Philadelphia: *"Environmental and Genetic interactions in Congenital Heart Disease"*
- **America Academy of Pediatrics** Research Fellowship Grant

Since 1996, CHF has now independently funded **72 research projects** with nearly **\$8.7 million** across the U.S., Canada, and Europe! In addition, CHF and the American Heart Association have collaboratively funded **14 projects** with nearly **\$1.8 million** through the CHD Research Awards, bringing CHF's total funding to over **\$9.6 million**.

Without you, we would not be able to continue to fund the most promising research to advance the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of CHDs. Our hope is that these advancements will help children live longer, healthier lives, and eventually eradicate CHDs altogether.

## Change My Heart

February, National Heart Awareness Month, is right around the corner! Looking for a way to raise money for CHD research and spread CHD awareness? Participate in CHF's Change My Heart program!

Change My Heart (CMH) is a fun and easy way to raise money for CHD research in your school or classroom, at work, or in stores or restaurants in your community!

Your CMH fundraiser can be as easy or creative as you want to make it! Simply place a collection container in your school or at a local business and let it fill up for a week or a month, or plan fun activities to go along with the fundraiser.

If you are interested in learning more about Change My Heart or would like to participate, please contact [Tina Larson](#).

To see how others have participated, [click here](#).



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