



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

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### Upcoming Events

**March 2 - 3:** [Amplify Austin](#)

The CHF Texas Chapter is participating in this online 24 hour festival of giving featuring some of the best nonprofits in Central Texas. You can schedule your donation, sign up to be a fundraiser, or share why you support the CHF Texas chapter [here!](#) More information [here](#).

**March 18:** [Spring Poker Run](#)

Galt, CA  
The 10th Annual Spring Poker Run - Breakin Out starts at Harley-Davidson of Folsom and ends at the Beermann's Brewery, Lincoln. Proceeds benefit the CHF California Chapter. More information [here](#).

**April 1:** [Jacksonville Congenital Heart Walk](#)

Jacksonville, FL  
The 2017 Jacksonville CHW will take place at Arena Plaza at the University of North Florida.

**April 8:** [Trivia Night for Hearts](#)  
St. Louis, MO

### #CHDStories

Last month, during Congenital Heart Defect (CHD) Awareness Week, CHF and the American Heart Association shared #CHDStories on social media. The four stories that were shared featured families impacted by CHDs and one researcher, who is a recent recipient of the [AHA/CHF CHD Research Award](#).

**Meet Noah:** Noah's mom learned shocking news during her 20-week ultrasound that baby Noah had a congenital heart defect. Today, thanks to research funded by the American Heart Association and The Children's Heart Foundation, Noah is an otherwise healthy boy with a contagious smile. Watch Noah's story [here](#).



**Meet Drew:** Drew is one of 40,000 babies born each year with CHDs. His Aunt was born 52 years ago with the same condition, hypoplastic left heart syndrome, but died after birth. Now at age 17, Drew is living proof of the advancements in research made in treating CHDs. Watch Drew's story [here](#).

Join the CHF Missouri Chapter for their annual Trivia Night for Hearts event. It's your standard good time, competitive, laugh-out-loud trivia night, with all the proceeds benefiting CHD research. More information [here](#).

**April 9: [Gainesville Congenital Heart Walk](#)**

Gainesville, FL

The 2017 Gainesville CHW will take place at Flavet Field - University of Florida.



[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!**



**Meet the Smallwoods:** The Smallwood family's reality is one that all too many families know. Their daughter Sophia was born with three heart defects and didn't survive her fight with CHD. Now, her parents honor her by volunteering for [Little Hats, Big Hearts](#). Watch the Smallwood's story [here](#).



**Meet Dr. Kung:** Research is key to life-saving medical advancements. Dr. Ethan Kung, a recent AHA/CHF CHD Research Award recipient, is giving congenital heart defect patients new hope and helping them live longer, healthier lives. Watch his story [here](#).



**Cotton Babies Donates \$14,500 to CHF!**

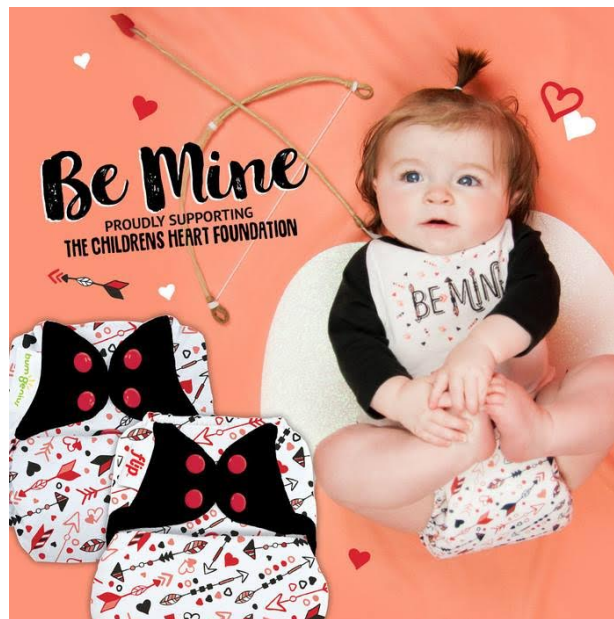
Last month, [Cotton Babies](#), Inc. made a donation of **over \$14,500** from the sales of a new cloth diaper design, called "Be Mine", to

The Children's Heart Foundation!

Cotton Babies' loyal customers were excited to raise money for such a worthy cause. The print was a hit with customers, and most styles sold out within a single day. Be Mine was created in honor of a few special little members of the company's Facebook group who were born with Congenital Heart Defects.

"We're excited to kick off the year with a loveable print. It's been a dream of mine to honor these special heart babies, and February felt like the perfect time. Cloth diapers are no longer just about safety pins and plastic pants, the new designs are stylish, as easy to use as disposable diapers, and easier on parents' wallets," said Jennifer Labit, Cotton Babies founder & CEO. In fact, switching to cloth diapers can save a family up to \$1200 from birth - potty training.

"We are honored to receive such a generous donation from Cotton Babies," said William Foley, Executive Director of The Children's Heart Foundation. "The research this donation will fund will have an impact on the 40,000 babies born each year, in the U.S., with a congenital heart defect. It is through the continued funding of research that we will find the answers to long standing questions about CHDs, the most common birth defect in the world."



## Little Hats, Big Hearts

Last month, the American Heart Association and The Children's Heart Foundation celebrated Heart Month with the [Little Hats, Big Hearts](#) campaign.

Volunteers from around the country participated by knitting and crocheting red hats for babies born in February. Thousands of hats were delivered to participating hospital across the country. The goal of the campaign is to raise awareness about heart health and Congenital Heart Defects, America's most common birth defect.



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