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Upcoming Events

October 12: [Swing from the Heart Golf Outing](#)

Northport, NY

The Swing from the Heart Golf Outing, benefiting the CHF New York Chapter, was rescheduled due to inclement weather. Join them for a day of golf benefiting CHD research. Register [here](#).

October 17: [1st Annual CHF Texas Golf Tournament](#)

Houston, TX

Join the Texas Chapter for their 1st annual Golf Tournament at Bay Oaks Country Club. For information and to register [click here](#).

October 20: [Colorado Chapter Meet and Greet](#)

Centennial, CO

Join the Colorado Chapter for a Meet and Greet meeting to learn more about CHF, meet the CO board, and find out how you can get involved!

October 23: [New York City Congenital Heart Walk](#)

New York, NY

The walk will be held at Riverbank State Park. Registration begins at

CHF's First Event Was 20 Years Ago Today!

The Children's Heart Foundation was [founded](#) in 1996 by Betsy and Steve Peterson after losing their son, Sam, to a CHD at the age of 8. On October 4th, 1996, 20 years ago today, CHF had its very first fundraiser at Navy Pier in Chicago!

Betsy Peterson, says about the event: *"It took a record breaking five months for a core group of 20 friends and family members to plan and execute the first of what would become a wonderful cornerstone family event for The Children's Heart Foundation."*

Over 200 children and adults joined in on a fabulous evening at the Chicago Children's Museum. It was clear that we would need a bigger space for the following year! Our goal was to raise \$100,000 to fund a CHD research project. Although we fell short of that dollar figure we were able to fund our first research project. And the rest is history! Thank you to those original individuals who made CHF take flight!"

Since then, CHF has grown and evolved and now has fundraisers all over the country and has funded over \$8 million of CHD research!

CHF's mission is to fund the most promising research to advance the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of CHDs. Our hope is that advancements will help children live longer, healthier lives, and eventually eradicate CHDs altogether.

9am, walk kicks off at 10am.

October 29: [The Battle of Stoney Hill](#)

Newberry, SC

Come join The Battle of Stoney Hill, a 4 man team charity event to raise money for CHF! Grab 3 friends, form a team, and come join The Battle! For more information and to register [click here](#).

November 4: [Hearts & Vines](#)

Sacramento, CA

Join the CHF California Chapter at the 3rd annual Hearts & Vines wine tasting event! The event includes wine tasting, appetizers, live music, and an auction! Purchase tickets [here](#).

November 6: [Arizona Congenital Heart Walk](#)

Tempe, AZ

The walk will be at Tempe Diablo Stadium. Registration begins at 9am, walk kicks off at 10am.

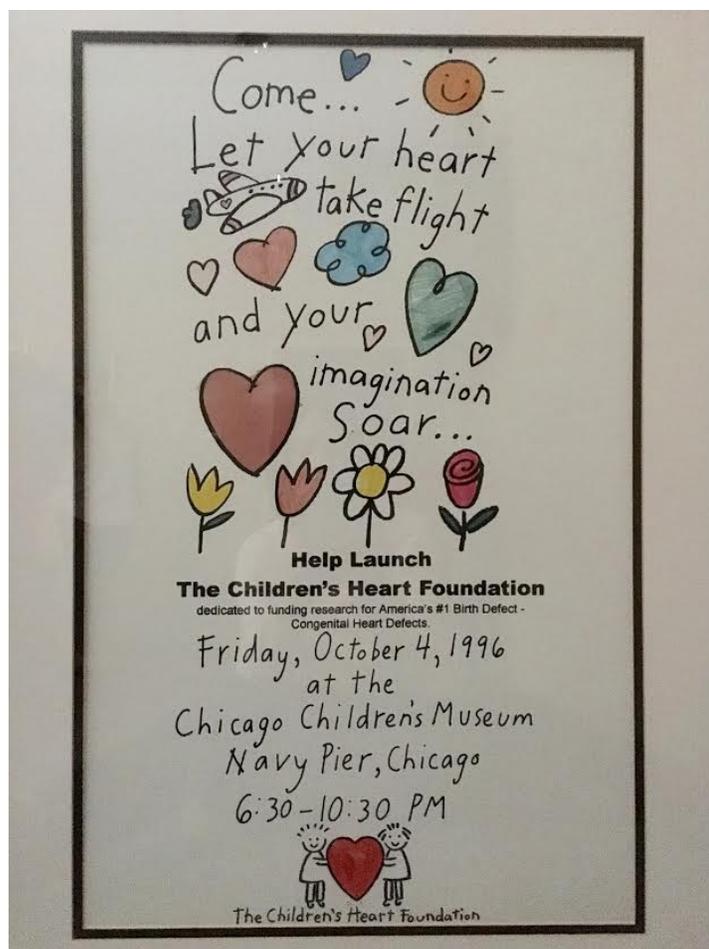
November 6: [Ollie Hinkle's I Love Food and Wine](#)

St. Louis, MO

Join the [Ollie Hinkle Heart Foundation](#) for this annual culinary and beverage tasting provided by St. Louis's most renowned chefs, featuring fine wines and award-winning local brewers. Experience an afternoon of fun, food, drink and philanthropy. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to CHF to fund CHD research.



[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 Reunites College Classmates

Two board members from the CHF Illinois Chapter were featured in Illinois Wesleyan University's Alumni Magazine last month. The two board members, Kelly Wittich and Schweta Stuart, both attended the school and graduated the same year.

"Last year, on a committee for The Children's Heart Foundation's Red Tie Ball, I ran into Shweta (Taswala) Stuart '00. I remembered Shweta from classes we took together at IWU's Center for Natural Sciences. I discovered that she, too, is a heart mom: Shweta's son, Noah, had a problem with development of one of the valves on the right side of his heart. Consequently, that side of his heart had not grown properly and was unable to pump blood to the lungs to get oxygen," Kelly recounted in the article.

In the article, Kelly also discusses how having a child with a CHD changed her life, and how important CHD research is to her family and to other families impacted by CHDs.

"Someday, our children will face complications that don't currently have a treatment. Well-intentioned people tell me that things will be fine because medical science is advancing so quickly. But that is only true if there is adequate funding to support research. I want them to find the answers that Allison, Noah, Blake, Mira and countless others need to survive and thrive well into adulthood.

I want our kids to be able to have kids and grandkids - and right now that is far from a certainty. Volunteering for CHF is my best chance to

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Donate Now!

make those answers a reality."

Read the full article [here](#).



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