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CHF is Proud to Announce Funding over \$1.1 million of Research in 2014!

The Children's Heart Foundation (CHF) funds record-breaking amount and the first time CHF has ever funded \$1 million of the most promising Congenital Heart Defect (CHD) research in a single year!

Lincolnshire, IL (Feb 5, 2015) – Congenital Heart Defects (CHD) are the most common birth defect in the world, affecting about 1 in 100 births. The Children's Heart Foundation (CHF) is the country's leading national organization solely committed to funding congenital heart research.

"Research currently being funded by CHF continues to have an impact on the 40,000 children born in the U.S. with a CHD each year", said William Foley, Executive Director of The Children's Heart Foundation.

Through fundraising efforts and corporate partnerships in 2014, CHF is proud to announce that we funded over \$1.1 million of research! This is a record-breaking amount and the first time CHF has ever funded \$1 million of research in a single year! At year-end, CHF funded four new research projects and granted second year funding to six research projects.

The following new research projects received funding:

Karl Welke, MD - Children's Hospital of Illinois: "Developing a National Model for regionalization of care for children undergoing congenital cardiac surgery in the United States"

Eva Sevick, PhD - The Brown Foundation Institute of Molecular Medicine: "Near-infrared fluorescence imaging of the lymphatic system in children with chylous pleural effusion after heart surgery - a feasibility pilot study"

Mark Rodefeld, MD - Indiana University School of Medicine: "Cavopulmonary assist device development for Fontan circulatory support"

Lisa Martin, PhD and D. Woodrow Benson, MD - Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center: "Genetic underpinnings of isolated Hypoplastic Left Heart"

Since 1996, CHF has funded 62 research projects with over \$7.3 million across the U.S. and Canada.

"CHF is proud to support these investigators representing world class intuitions across the United States and Canada," said Foley. "It is through the continued funding of research that we will find the answers to long standing questions about congenital heart defects."

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About The Children's Heart Foundation

Established by Betsy Peterson in 1996, The Children's Heart Foundation (CHF) is the country's leading national organization solely committed to congenital heart research funding. Since 1996, CHF has funded 62 research projects with more than \$7.3 million. CHF is a national 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization that does not receive any government funding. The goal of the foundation is to bring health, hope and happiness to children and families impacted by congenital heart defects, the most common birth defect in the United States. This objective is accomplished by funding the most promising research to advance the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of congenital heart defects. For more information, please visit: www.childrensheartfoundation.org.