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Upcoming Events

February 6: [Sweet Hearts Ball](#)

Philadelphia, PA
The CHF Pennsylvania Chapter is hosting the Sweet Hearts Ball. There will be dinner, dancing, silent auctions, and raffles.

February 7: [Vinolympics](#)

Portland, OR
Join the CHF Oregon Chapter at their 3rd annual "wine-tasting meets carnival" event that features games that test your palate, wine knowledge, and physical coordination. Purchase tickets [here](#).

February 13: [Thirty-One Fundraiser](#)

Troy, MI
Enjoy shopping for your favorite thirty-one gifts while supporting CHF! Please join the CHF Michigan Chapter on February 13th at 7pm for this special shopping event and heart family get-together! 100% of all Care Ribbon

Dear Friend,

Throughout 2014, countless people like you lent a hand in the funding of Congenital Heart Defect Research by volunteering, spreading awareness, and raising money.

Because of these efforts, CHF is proud to announce that we funded **over \$1.1 million of research** in 2014! This is a record-breaking number and the first time CHF has ever funded \$1 million of research in a single year! At year end, CHF funded **4 new research projects** and granted second year funding to **6 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"*. Generous support provided by the Lauren Elise Memorial Foundation.

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 now funded **62 research projects** with over **\$7.3 million** across the US and Canada.

100% of all Care Ribbon embroidery items AND Red Wave Cinch Sacs sales will be donated to the CHF MI chapter. [Event info here.](#)

See all upcoming events in our February Events email (sent on Feb. 2)



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!

Thank you for being part of making 2014 such a successful year for The Children's Heart Foundation. Without people like you, we would not be able to fulfill our mission and continue "saving children's lives, one heart at a time".

To see more research projects funded by CHF, [click here.](#)

Colby Red Partners with CHF

To help further CHD awareness and lifesaving research, the Colby Red wine brand and CHF are joining forces. Colby Groom was born with a congenital heart defect. He is one of the 40,000 babies born each year with a 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. Today, Colby Red is one of the largest cause-marketing wine brands in the U.S., donating over \$550,000 to heart health charities across the nation.

Throughout the yearlong partnership, Colby - now age 17 - will work with CHF as a national spokesperson along with being a keynote speaker, sharing his story and enlisting support at various CHF events across the country. It is Colby's goal to raise awareness and donations for research so as Colby says, "no kid ever has to go through what I went through".

More information [here.](#) Hear more of Colby's story in [this video.](#)

