

# About Congenital Heart Defects

Congenital heart defects (CHDs) are problems present at birth that affect the structure and function of the heart.

CHDs are America's most common birth defect and the most common cause of infant death related to birth defects. Each year, nearly 40,000 babies are born with CHDs; this equates to 1 child every 15 minutes.



**25%**

Percentage of babies born with a CHD who will need surgery or other interventions in their first year of life to survive

**40,000**

Approximate number of babies born with a CHD each year



**2-3 Million**

Children & adults living with CHDs in the U.S.

**85%**

Percentage of babies born with a non-critical CHD now live to at least **age 18** thanks to medical advancements that have been made through research.

For additional resources and to learn more about CHDs visit  
[www.ChildrensHeartFoundation.org/about-chds](http://www.ChildrensHeartFoundation.org/about-chds).



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## Placing Children at the Heart of Research



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# About Us

The Children's Heart Foundation is the country's leading organization solely dedicated to funding congenital heart defect (CHD) research.

Our mission is to advance the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of congenital heart defects by funding the most promising research.

To date, through 2021, The Children's Heart Foundation has funded \$15 million of CHD research and scientific collaborations – driving breakthroughs that have improved survival rates, longevity, and quality of life for individuals living with CHDs in dramatic and life-changing ways.



# Our Impact

The Children's Heart Foundation funds ground-breaking research that allows all of those impacted by CHDs – from birth to adulthood – to live longer, healthier lives. From helping prevent CHDs, to improving diagnostics and treatment, to seeking how to shorten hospital stays or utilize less invasive procedures, The Children's Heart Foundation facilitates the scientific investigations that are changing outcomes for Heart Warriors everywhere.

**Because of continued research into CHDs, scientists are:**

**UNCOVERING**  
the role genetics play in CHDs

**LEARNING MORE**  
about the causes of CHDs



**DISCOVERING**  
less invasive treatment options for certain types of CHDs

**KNOW MORE**  
about the life-long issues those born with CHDs face

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# Make a Difference

The profound impacts achieved by CHD research are the result of thousands of individuals working diligently year-round to make a difference – from fundraisers, to donors, to scientists and medical professionals. To learn more about how to get involved and help drive our mission, please visit [www.ChildrensHeartFoundation.org](http://www.ChildrensHeartFoundation.org).

When you support The Children's Heart Foundation, you are *Placing Children at the Heart of Research*.



## Congenital Heart Walks

The Children's Heart Foundation's Congenital Heart Walk series directly supports our mission of funding CHD research. Our walks include an exciting event design featuring family-friendly walks, entertainment, family games and activities, community connections, research updates, refreshments, peace and memorial areas, and more. Please join us in the nation's largest walk series dedicated to raising CHD research funds.

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