



Heartfest 2010

What we fund

This year the Mend a Heart Foundation will fund a research project at the University of Utah evaluating the effect of the drug Sildenafil on the exercise capacity of children with a single ventricle. This drug has been shown to positively improve the quality of exercise endurance in adult patients.

If we meet our fundraising target, we also plan to fund a project at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin that will study the causes of brain injury occurring during and after open-heart surgery in infants who undergo cardiopulmonary bypass.

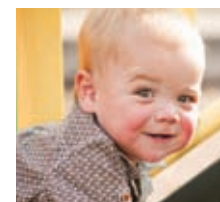
We also would like to fund the cost of 10 children to attend Camp Odayin, the only summer resident camp in the Midwest for children born with heart disease.

Please help us make these goals a reality.

The Mend a Heart Foundation is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit, charitable organization. The foundation has no paid employees; it is run completely by volunteers.



There are approximately
35 different types
of congenital
heart defects.



What if **you** could mend a heart?

Congenital heart defects are the **most common** type of birth defect. Their cause is **unknown**.



Congenital heart defects are the **#1 cause** of birth-related deaths.



Please join us for the 4th annual
Heartfest
 2010



When

Saturday, October 16
 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Where

Notre Dame School Gymnasium
 66 Norfolk Avenue
 Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

Ticket price

\$50 per person
 Includes beer, wine, and food

Attire

Casual

Evening entertainment

Silent auction, raffle and live music by the Captain Miller Band

RSVP today!

Please send back the enclosed reply card. Or, reserve your spot online by visiting www.mendaheart.org and clicking on "Upcoming Events."

Be sure to visit our newly redesigned website for up-to-date information and to read the stories of many of the children pictured on this invitation.

www.mendaheart.org

2010 planning committee

- Bridget & Brian O'Meara
- Jim Arenz
- Ray Bikulcius
- Kathy Brown
- Veronica Burk
- Jill Chmielewski
- Tiffany & Chris Ferguson
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- Dietre & Pat Hayford
- Carl Leader
- Jennifer & Scott Marshall
- Sue O'Meara
- Laurie Siebert
- Stacy Vitallo
- Mary & Mike Ward

Every **15 minutes** a child is born with a congenital heart defect.



Mend a Heart Foundation
Our story

Brian and Bridget O'Meara were inspired by their son, Liam (pictured above), to start the Mend a Heart Foundation. Liam was born with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS) and has successfully undergone three open-heart surgeries.

Liam is a medical marvel. He lives because of the many heart babies that came before him and the great medical minds and compassionate caregivers who reconfigured his heart to function with a single ventricle.

In support of all children born with congenital heart defects and medical practitioners and researchers who advance congenital heart defect research, the Mend a Heart Foundation supports initiatives that extend and enrich the lives of heart kids.

The number of people living with congenital heart defects **increases** by **5 percent** every year.