

MLH Events:

MLH Montana: Families will be preparing a meal for the Billings area Ronald McDonald House 04/05/18. Contact Lindsay at lindsey.bona@yahoo.com

MLH Coastal VA: Norfolk Fire Station/CHKD Transport Truck tours, Flight paramedic talk, and potential Nightingale flight demonstration 04/14/18 at 10 a.m.

MLH San Diego, CA: Group meeting 04/28/18 from 11 to 12 p.m.

MLH Washington, DC: Will be presenting the CANDO Program with Children's National. Breakfast for heart moms as well 05/12/18 - 10 - 12 p.m. More info to come.

MLH of Western NY: Family Day Picnic at Darian Lake 06/24/18. For more info click [HERE](#).

MH Events:

For chapter contact information, please reach out to Brad at Brad.Totty@mendedhearts.org.

MH Temple, TX: Chapter meeting 03/22/2018 at 6 p.m.

MH Lynchburg, VA: Chapter meeting 03/22/2018 from 1-3 p.m.

MH Morrisburg, NJ: Chapter meeting 03/25/2018 at 1:30 p.m.

MH San Diego, CA: Chapter meeting 03/26/2018 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

MH Wenatchee, WA: Chapter meeting 04/02/18 11:30 to 1 p.m.

MH Richmond, VA: Chapter meeting 04/03/18 at 7 p.m.

MH Stockton, CA: Chapter meeting 04/05/18 at 7 p.m.

MH Bellingham, WA: Chapter meeting 04/07/18 at 10 a.m.

MH Delaware: Chapter meeting 04/09/18 at 7 p.m.

MH San Diego Satellite Meeting 04/10/18 at 10:30 to 12 p.m.

MH Woonsocket, RI: Chapter meeting 04/11/18 at 5:30 p.m.



National Heart News - March 2018

MH & MLH National Education & Training Conference & CHD Symposium in San Antonio

Now is the time to register for our National Education & Training Conference and CHD Symposium being held this summer in San Antonio. Join us in Texas **July 14-18** at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk where we will be steps away from the legendary San Antonio River Walk, restaurants, shops, galleries and museums. For more information and to register for the conference, click [HERE](#).

The 5th annual MLH CHD Symposium will kick-off our program on Saturday, July 14 with MLH Leadership Training continuing July 14-15-16. Mended Hearts and Mended *Little* Hearts will join together on Sunday evening, July 15, for a festive "meet & greet" reception with Mended Hearts regional meetings, educational sessions, concurrent workshops and luncheons continuing Monday through Wednesday. We are currently lining up speakers, but we have confirmed that Dr. Steven Bailey, University of Texas Medical Branch San Antonio, will be our keynote speaker.

All activities will be held at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk hotel. For more information on the hotel, please click [HERE](#). The early bird deadline for hotel reservations is June 15th, so book today. You can reserve your room [HERE](#).



Mended *Little* Hearts Leadership Training

This year, at the site of Mended *Little* Hearts' first ever Leadership Training, we will go back to our roots and focus on how we can support others in a world of a lot of technology and much less face-to-face connection. Based on feedback we received in Houston, we will also have information on marketing, creating awareness, fundraising,

MH San Diego: Chapter meeting
04/14/18 from 10 to 12 p.m.

MH Medford, OR: Chapter meeting
04/17/18 at 5:30 p.m.

MH Oakland, CA: Chapter meeting
04/18/18 from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

MH Bellefontaine, OH: Chapter
meeting 04/26/18 at 6 p.m.

MH Noblesville, OH: Chapter
meeting 04/26/18 at 12 p.m.

MH Lynchburg, TN: Dinner meeting
04/28/18 from 6 to 9 p.m.

MH Temple, TX: Chapter meeting
04/28/18 at 6 p.m.

bereavement, where to find needed resources and so much more!
Perhaps most importantly, M/LH leaders can connect with one another
in person and share ideas and solutions so they can become recharged
and re-energized.

This one-and-a-half day of intensive training immediately following the
CHD Symposium is open to ALL Mended *Little* Hearts leaders and those
who would like to become leaders in the future. Register today [HERE](#).

CHD Symposium 2018



The 5th Annual CHD Symposium is open for registration, and we have already lined up outstanding speakers from around the nation. You won't want to miss this one-day Symposium on innovations in CHD treatment and care in San Antonio, Texas on the lovely Riverwalk. The Symposium will be followed by a fun Fiesta reception for the whole family.

The focus of this year's symposium is on mental health as many of our members told us that this is an area where they need many more resources. The most-watched CHD According to Me panel will focus on mental health as well. All those interested are invited to attend. Register today [HERE](#).

Purchase a Conference Program Book Ad on or before June 1, 2018

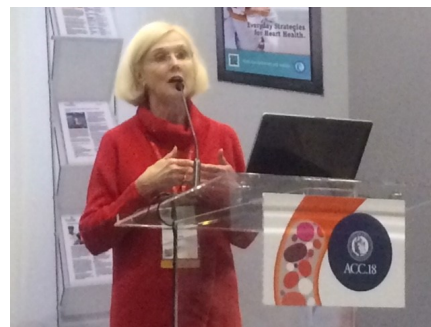
Acknowledge and/or memorialize a special Mended Heart or Mended *Little* Heart family member by purchasing an ad in the 2018 Conference Program book or advertise your chapter by placing an ad in the conference program book. All ads will be in black and white and may be purchased in a variety of sizes. To see prices and sizes click [HERE](#). Ad forms available [HERE](#).

MH Leadership Meet Medical Industry Corporate Partners at ACC18

Mended Hearts leadership and staff recently returned from a successful trip to this year's American College of Cardiology meetings in Orlando, Florida, March 10-12.



Donnette Smith



Millie Henn

Donnette Smith, president and Millie Henn, executive vice-president,
along with Marcia Baker, Director of Development and Corporate

Partnerships and Norm Linsky, Executive Director, participated in over 20 different corporate partner meetings. The team met with both new and current medical device and pharmaceutical companies as well as other nonprofit patient advocacy partners.

The Mended Hearts Corporate Advisory Council (CAC) meeting was held Sunday morning; participants included 16 CAC representatives, three Board members (Donnette Smith, Millie Henn, & Gus Littlefield) and three staff (Marcia Baker, Norm Linsky, & Andrea Baer virtually by phone). Corporate partners contributed valuable suggestions to enhance MH/MLH advocacy efforts at state levels and expand peer support with the changing social and technology environment.

Mended Hearts also had the opportunity to present in the ACC CardioSmart Patient Engagement Pavilion on the *Power of the Patient Voice to Expand Access* on Saturday afternoon. Donnette and Millie shared successes about how the patient voice is powerful in obtaining access to prescribed therapies, along with collaborations with other patient advocacy groups, payers, physicians and medical industry companies.

Mended Hearts and Mended Little Hearts of Orlando and Osceola County chapters' members spread the word about our organization by staffing an exhibit table in the ACC CardioSmart's Patient Engagement Pavilion. Special thanks to Southern Asst. Regional Director, Mike Weber, for recruiting and coordinating the schedule for these 12 MH and MLH members.



We would like to thank the following members who graciously donated their time to talk with cardiologists and cardiac nurses who stopped by our exhibit to learn more about our organization: Linda Burns, Meagan Houpt, Gabrielle King, Claire Jones, Catherine Lobien, Betsy McKeeby, Larry & Joan Sartori, Gary Szasz, Ed Wainwright, and Mike & Corine Weber.

Join Fellow Patients & Caregivers and Celebrate Survivorship at the Regional Connections

April 14 - Rocky-Mountain Regional Program: HonorHealth Shea Scottsdale, Arizona. For more info, contact Bob Oberfield mobile: 408-203-5631

April 14 - Northeast Regional Program, Saint Francis Hospital, Hartford, Connecticut. For more info, contact Bob Hoffman mobile: 860-841-3530

April 28 - Mid-Atlantic Regional Program, Rex Heart Center, Raleigh, North Carolina. For more info, contact Bill Voerster, mobile: 704-310-8354

May 12 - Western Regional Program, Adventist Health, Bakersfield, California. For more info, contact Kerry O'Day, mobile (661) 436-0229

Mended Hearts gratefully appreciates the support for these Regional Connections programs from these sponsors:



Furniture Store Makes Big Donation to MLH

We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Adam's Interiors in Ft. Lauderdale for its \$8,137.00 donation to Mended *Little* Hearts! Every year the company chooses a non-profit organization to donate a portion



of its February sales to; this year they chose Mended *Little* Hearts as the recipient.

Thank you to the owners, employees and customers of Adam's Interiors; we are incredibly grateful for your support!

How your social network can improve your health

"I have been where you are; I know how you feel." That's a powerful statement. The sense of connection and bonding that can happen is soothing and often one of the keys to a successful recovery. Individuals who are going through a medical crisis or learning to change their lifestyle can find success in these connections.

Andrea Baer, Director of Patient Advocacy recently presented a webinar in collaboration with NeedyMeds on this topic. You can watch the webinar [HERE](#) and read the blog post about the topic [HERE](#).

New Webinar: A Future Without Heart Valve Re-operations?

You can still watch this engaging webinar on new possibilities for CHD treatment [HERE](#).

WHY: For children who need Right Ventricular Outflow Tract reconstruction, existing pulmonary heart valve implants are

invaluable life-savers, but not a definitive solution. Are the latest technologies going to improve their future options?

WHO: Professor Gerardus Bennink, University of Cologne.

Please see full bio [HERE](#).

WHAT: Insights on current and upcoming treatment solutions currently in U.S. trials.



Rock the Beat 5K - April 22, 2018

We are excited to announce the first annual *Rock the Beat Fun Run* at Cullen Park in Houston, Texas. Mended *Little* Hearts of Houston has created this exciting new event for families with kids of all ages that is designed after our Rock Your Scar photo contest to not only be fun, but also to empower children, teens and adults with CHD to embrace their CHD and not let it define them.



A fun day of activities is planned for all, and proceeds support Mended *Little* Hearts of Houston's Bravery Bag Program. You can join the fun and support MLH of Houston by registering today [HERE](#).

Stay Strong Campaign-Congenital Heart Public Health Consortium

Mended *Little* Hearts, as a Steering Committee member of the Congenital Heart Public Health Consortium, will be participating in its *Stay Strong* campaign in April 2018. This campaign, like Mended *Little* Hearts' Rock Your Scar campaign, is designed to empower teens and young adults and have them show us how they are thriving with CHD. The goal is to encourage teens and young adults with CHD to stay in care. It has been shown that about 50% of teens over age 13 get lost to care, and the consequences can be devastating. Stay tuned for more details on how you can participate in this campaign.

MLHGuide Lite

Because the previous order of the Mended *Little* HeartGuide Lite has gone so fast and demand from hospitals is high, we are ordering more for our chapters and hospitals. We have been providing these to MLH groups at no charge except shipping and we have already given out over 3,000 of them since September 2017!! That's more than 25% of babies born with critical CHD each year in less than 5 months!!!

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