Mended Hearts & Mended Little Hearts Elections

Have you ever thought about becoming more involved with Mended Hearts or Mended Little Hearts at a National level? Elections for MHI National Officers and Regional Directors (both MH and MLH) will be held January-February 2021 and we are looking for qualified candidates who would like to take on larger role within the organization.

Our organization continues to change and evolve to meet the educational, support and advocacy needs of our members, and to continue to do that, we need talented and motivated volunteers to help guide us. Please read below for more information on the election process.

- All communications, applicant submissions and voting will be done electronically.
- All documents as required in MHI Election Procedures (Candidate Intent to Serve and Consent Form, Candidate Resume) must be received no later than September 14, 2020.
- December 2020: Election ballot packets and candidate resumes sent to Chapter members, Group members, and At-Large members.
- January-February 2021: Chapters/Groups conduct elections. Meet-the-Candidate Webinars. (Information to follow.)
- February 28, 2021: Deadline for Chapters/Groups and Members-At-Large to submit ballots.

Please refer to the documents carefully, as changes have been made:

- MHI Election Procedures (criteria, process, etc.)
- Candidate Intent to Serve and Consent Form (PDF)
- Candidate Intent to Serve and Consent Form (Word)
- Candidate Resume (PDF)
- Candidate Resume (Word)

These documents can also be found in the Officer and Coordinator portals. For questions, please contact Denise Duch Widzgowski at...
Visit Me Program

The last few months has been a time of transformation for the Mended Hearts and Mended Little Hearts Visiting Program. Our team of staff and volunteers have worked diligently to rethink how we connect, support and educate heart patients and families during COVID-19 and beyond with our new virtual visiting program, Visit Me.

Visit Me encompasses a number of new and innovative solutions designed to support and educate the heart community. Visit Me includes:

- A new micro website called 'My Heart Visit' (more info coming soon)
- iPads for our hospitals, clinics and rehabilitation centers
- Training for virtual visiting
- Educational resources

We are currently working with participating chapters/groups and their hospitals to have iPads delivered. If your hospital is interested in participating in our iPad program, please reach out to Mandy at Mandy.Sandkuhler@mendedhearts.org. We will be scheduling another webinar within the next two weeks to answer more questions about the iPad Program.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to one of our sponsors, AstraZeneca, who is donating 500 iPads to our program through a new initiative they have called Our Hearts Are Open.

Our Hearts Are Open is a commitment to offer meaningful support and education to the cardiovascular, renal, and diabetes communities and their loved ones to help navigate the unprecedented challenges posed by COVID-19. For the millions of Americans living with cardiovascular disease, chronic kidney disease, or diabetes, COVID-19 has further complicated disease management, increasing fear and risk among an already at-risk group. To find out more about this important program and how you can participate, please click HERE.

Thank you to the following sponsors who have so generously donated to our Visit Me program.

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Webinar Series on Lipids

Mended Hearts is excited to partner with the National Lipid Association and the Foundation of the National Lipid Association to bring you a new and engaging six-part educational webinar series.

Each webinar features a medical professional who discusses different aspects of lipid education. Recordings of previous sessions can be found on our website HERE. To register for our final two sessions, please see below.

Webinar 5 – The Important Role of Nutrition in Heart Health
July 16, 2020 at 3:00 PM ET
REGISTER HERE

Webinar 6 – Expert Answers to you Frequently Asked Questions about Managing Lipids
July 29, 2020 at 6:00 PM ET
REGISTER HERE

MH & MLH Award Banquet
Save the Date!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate a group, a chapter, a hospital or a person for a 2019 award. We are happy to announce that 99 nominations were submitted! Our National Award Committee will soon begin the process of comparing regional winners in their search for National winners in all categories.

We are excited to share that this year we'll be announcing all of our award winners at a Virtual Award Banquet to be held from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. EST on Saturday, August 29th. We'll be sending out more details in the weeks to come, but please save the date on your calendars! We plan to come dressed up in our MH and MLH finery and we hope you'll do the same.

Heartbeat & NASDAQ Video
Folio Award Winners

Congratulations to the team at Madison Miles Media for the recent Folio Awards they received for two projects they worked on for MH and MLH.

Our NASDAQ video (seen HERE) and the story "Public Health Enemy No. 1: Loneliness" (Heartbeat, Nov-Dec 2019) (found HERE), each won an Award of Excellence in the 26th Annual
Communicator Awards. These pieces were chosen from among over 6,000 entries!

The awards are sponsored by the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts, and this year’s winners also include companies like Amazon, ESPN, PepsiCo and Forbes. For more information about the awards, you can visit www.communicatorawards.com.

Mended Hearts & Mended Little Hearts Leadership Training

In August, Mended Hearts and Mended Little Hearts will be holding virtual leadership training for all Board and Steering Committee members, Assistant Regional Directors, MH and MLH Regional Directors, and one leader from every MJH group and MH chapter. We’ll be sending out specific meeting information in the next few days to all leaders, but we wanted to share the dates with you now. Please note that different chapter and group leaders can attend different training sessions. The same leader does not have to attend all sessions.

Keynote Speaker: Monday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m. EDT

Day 1: Tuesday, August 11
Session 1: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EDT
Session 2: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. EDT

Day 2: Thursday, August 13
Session 3: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. EDT (ARDs & RDs only)
Session 4: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. EDT

Day 3: Saturday, August 15
Session 5: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EDT
Session 6: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. EDT

Day 4: Monday, August 17
Session 7: 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Day 5: Saturday, August 22
Session 8 and Annual Meeting: 3:00 p.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

Joint Policy Statement on Expanding Access to Healthcare Every day and During the COVID-19 Response

Through the National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention’s Value &
Access Steering Committee, which Mended Hearts is represented on, diverse stakeholders work together to improve people’s access to treatment that is right for them. There is strong evidence that patient-centered, team-based care improves patient outcomes, and reduces overall healthcare costs. The evidence shows that pharmacists are key providers in team-based care and improve both health outcomes and cost-effectiveness.

Yet, residents of many states cannot obtain evidence-based care from pharmacists. Reasons include state scope of practice limitations and unsustainable care models. Policy changes can overcome these barriers and meaningfully expand access to care for patients nationwide.

To read more about this and learn what Mended Hearts is doing to protect patients, read HERE.

Please check back for our Mended Hearts and Mended Little Hearts events at a later date.

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