

Stronghearts Pendant

Handmade in Ireland, this sterling silver Stronghearts necklace and pendant are available for donations of \$200.



Grief and Loss Sculptures



A slide show documenting the grief process in sculpture are available to increase CHD awareness and understanding of grief.

Suggested donation: \$50

Congenital Heart Defects

Congenital Heart Defects are the most common birth defect and the leading cause of defect-related deaths. 1 in 125 babies are born with a CHD. Today most heart defects can be corrected or helped. Public awareness is of special concern in rural areas where early diagnosis may result in life-saving, specialized care, often unavailable in the region.

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Supporting Families Caring for Children with Congenital Heart Defects

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Mission

Stronghearts celebrates the lives of children struggling with Congenital Heart Defects and the families caring for these children. This support may include a wide range of activities such as donations for research, education, or financial support for families. Stronghearts also seeks to honor and remember the short and powerful life of Seamus Duffy, a child born with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome.

History

The parents of Seamus, a child born with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS), conceived of Stronghearts after his death. Caring for a child with a CHD can mean moving from home, separation from family members, financial strain, along with the daily ups and downs of caring for a sick child. During Seamus' life, his parents and family experienced a tremendous amount of love and support. Yet, there were many parents who were alone at the hospital, or who were from far away states and countries. Some children required lengthy stays resulting in significant financial pressure. Caring for a child with a CHD requires such "strong hearts". We want to be a part of supporting these families.

Annual Fundraisers



Winter Sports and Fun

In February of each year we sponsor "Winter Sport and Fun" at the Pottle Tree Farm in Perry Maine in honor of CHD Day and in memory of Jim Pottle and Seamus Duffy.



Around the Lake for Stronghearts

In October of each year we get around Boyden Lake (13.5 miles) some way some how to raise funds for Stronghearts.

Beneficiaries

Camp Meridian

Stronghearts sponsored two campers. This is a special camp for children with heart disease located in New Hampshire. Camp Meridian's mission is to provide a challenging adventure of self-discovery through a series of unique, fun-filled, guided activities.

Precious Hearts

Stronghearts provided funds to Precious Hearts, a support group for parents of children with congenital heart defects.

Local Support

We provide local support in Maine for families caring for children with heart-related problems through the Deacon Fund at Christ Church.

Heart Heroe Capes

Stronghearts is supports "Heart Heroes", a group that distributes superhero heart capes to children with congenital heart

Devon Nicole House

We donate to the Devon Nicole House small grant fund to provide financial support for families.