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C.S. MOTT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HEALTH

Save A Heart

Advancing care, research, and support for congenital heart families



THE NEED

Nearly 1 in 110 babies is born with congenital heart disease — the nation's most common birth defect. In an instant, a family's dreams for the future can be replaced by questions no parent is prepared to ask: Will my child need surgery? Will they be able to play, go to school, and grow up? Will they survive?

Because congenital heart disease often requires lifelong care, these families may face complex procedures, lengthy hospital stays, and years of uncertainty. They need more than exceptional medical care. They need answers, hope, and a team that will stand beside them — from a prenatal diagnosis and their child's first days through adulthood and every milestone along the way.

That's why we fundraise year-round through our **Save A Heart Campaign**, with our biggest push during American Heart Month in February. Every gift supports lifesaving research and essential patient and family programs at the Congenital Heart Center at University of Michigan Health C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

CREATING HOPE FOR HEART FAMILIES

The Congenital Heart Center is one of the nation's largest and most experienced congenital and pediatric heart programs. Ranked No. 1 in Michigan and No. 19 nationally by *U.S. News & World Report*, the center provides advanced, comprehensive care for infants, children, and adolescents with all forms of heart disease, as well as adults born with congenital heart defects. Through 13 clinic locations across Michigan and northern Ohio, it has cared for patients from all 50 states and 60 countries.

Every day, physicians, surgeons, nurses, researchers, psychologists, social workers, and other specialists work together to improve outcomes and quality of life. Each year, the center:

- Facilitates or administers over 12,800 clinic visits and conducts roughly 20,550 echocardiograms annually
- Is a top program in the nation with the highest complexity (STAT 5) surgical cases, and one of the shortest cardiac ICU lengths of stay
- Performs over 700 cardiac surgeries annually, regularly exceeding the benchmark of 250 cases which is used to identify high-volume programs
- Conducts over 800 catheterizations and performs 8 to 10 heart transplants each year

Save A Heart helps the Congenital Heart Center remain at the forefront of care by providing flexible funding for its highest-priority needs — from building interdisciplinary clinical programs and advancing research, technologies, treatments, and devices to strengthening social work and family-support programs and training the next generation of specialists. Together, we can help children with heart disease celebrate more birthdays, reach more milestones, and build futures filled with possibility.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Generous donors, volunteers, and community groups help us give children with heart disease the best possible chance to grow and thrive. There are many ways to participate in the Save A Heart Campaign:

Make a Donation

- Every dollar counts. Your support advances medicine and improves lives.
- Support Save A Heart at one of our sponsorship levels, launch a point-of-sale campaign, build a fundraising team, create an employee engagement initiative, or bring your own creative idea to life.

Buy Limited Edition Gear

- Buy T-shirts, onesies, hats, and more and wear them proudly all year long!

Fundraise

- Create your own online fundraising page and share the donation link with your network.

Host an Event

- Plan one-day events like a bake sale or jean day at school, or set up a 5K run, golf outing, or gala.
- Download our community fundraising toolkit for tips to start planning your event

Spread the Word

- Follow us on social media (@MottChildren), share your story, and encourage others to get involved.

For more information, visit victors.us/saveaheart, scan the QR code, or contact saveaheart@umich.edu

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