



Dear valued supporter,

We have a lot of information for our huge Faith's Walk event coming up and some summaries on past and future events. We appreciate all your past support and hope you continue to get involved to help change the fate of heart children and adults.

Paper Hearts Summary

Faith's Angels just wrapped up our 3rd Annual Paper Hearts campaign. We ended up with *40 participating locations, raising nearly \$3,800!* This is over a 300% increase from our first year! Choice One Bank is issuing a press release regarding their involvement in our campaign so keep a look out in your local newspaper! We couldn't be happier with all the efforts of everyone involved in this campaign.

5th Annual Faith's Walk

Why is Faith's Walk so important to us? Approximately 40,000 babies will be born this year with congenital heart disease in the United States alone! Nearly half will need invasive surgery in the first year of life to survive. One in 10 will not live to the age of one. There is no prevention and no cure for congenital heart disease. Faith's Walk is our major fundraiser to support research for congenital heart disease.

In the last year Faith's Angels invested \$30,000 into the medical research listed below.

Therapeutic Ultrasound Technology

- Ultrasound has been widely known for diagnostic imaging. The most recent studies suggest that it also has potential to be developed as a non-invasive therapy tool. Ultrasound has the ability to focus energy deep within the human body without damaging the overlying tissue.
- We are working on ways to use ultrasound to modify tissue in the heart. The benefit of this would be to open up walls and potentially valves.

Genetics Research

- Figuring out if there are ways you can predict how a patient will respond based on genetics
- The hope for the future here is that a simple blood draw upon birth will let physicians know what medications/procedures will result in forward momentum during treatment, based on genetics, as opposed to any steps backwards due to adverse reactions.
- The genetic database with patient outcomes is currently being compiled from hospitals nationwide.

Faith's Angels takes every dollar received and gives eighty percent directly to research! All donations to Faith's Angels are tax deductible and greatly appreciated by our board of directors and the families affected by congenital heart disease (CHD.)

Have A Heart? Change A Child's!

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