

The Children's Heart Program Volunteer Council (CHPVC) charter members began their Patient- and Family-Centered Care partnership with pediatric cardiology in 1995 to

provide volunteer and financial support for patients with special hearts and their families. CHPVC, a Georgia nonprofit organization, makes possible a variety of family support programs, such as peer support hospital visitation, educational family forum, William A. Lutin Spirit of the Heart Award, Social Work Services financial assistance, Camp Strong Heart, therapeutic heart surgery pillows, inspirational ceramic heart surgery mementos blessed by a local church, Happy Hearts Family Fun Day, and other projects associated with regional Pediatric Cardiology programs.

The Children's Heart Program Volunteer Council also supports other vital community organizations, such as the Ronald McDonald House Charities, and is well known for our award-winning fundraising event, Doctors Who Cook®.



For more information, visit our website:

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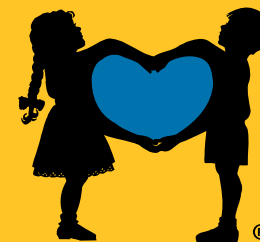
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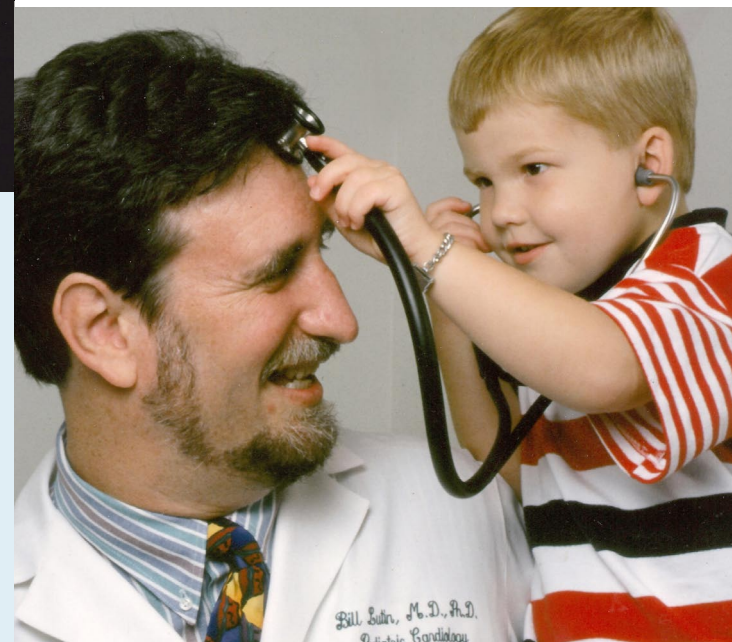
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## Family Support



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*Supporting children with special hearts, their families, and those who care for them.*





Learning of their child's heart disease and possible need for heart surgery leaves parents shocked and overwhelmed. Our goal is to help these families during this uncertain and stressful time.

The CHPVC members understand the concerns and fears of other parents affected by childhood heart disease. Family support volunteers are here to help parents because they have been there... right where thousands of other families have sat as their child was in surgery. They have watched the same

monitors and listened to the same beeps. They have looked out the same window as the world busily continues on, anxious about how critical the next several hours and days are for their child.

When a child is in the hospital, particularly with a life-threatening heart problem, the dynamics of the entire family are sorely interrupted. No one knows this better than the volunteers with the Children's Heart Program Volunteer Council.

## Has your child been diagnosed with a Congenital Heart Defect, in utero or post-birth?

Does your child have acquired heart disease? The Children's Heart Program Volunteer Council is here to listen and talk with you about what you, your child, and your family are going through.

Members of our Family Support Team offer hope to parents and families – not a false hope that everything will be fine, but instead, living proof that families do survive and that others really do understand.

Families of children with special hearts can be in direct contact with a Family Support Team member and request hospital visitation, parent to parent matching, sibling support, and bereavement support by phone or email.



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