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**American Heart
Month
February 7-14, 2012**

Mended Hearts and Mended *Little* Hearts Exhibiting at the STS Annual Meeting

Mended Hearts and Mended *Little* Hearts will be exhibiting at the Society of Thoracic Surgeons 47th Annual Meeting, in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; January 28 - February 1. This is the first time MHI and MLH will be present at the prestigious meeting.



**The Society
of Thoracic
Surgeons**

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons is a not-for-profit organization representing more than 6,300 surgeons, researchers and allied health care professionals worldwide who are dedicated to ensuring the best possible outcomes for surgeries of the heart, lung, and esophagus, as well as other surgical procedures within the chest.

Medtronic Foundation Sponsors National Radio Campaign for MHI

Mended Hearts would like to offer a special thank you to the Medtronic Foundation. For the second year, the Medtronic Foundation has provided support to Mended Hearts to run public service announcements (PSA's) during nationwide during Heart Month. As a result of last year's run, National received several calls and inquiries from patients who heard the radio announcements in their cities.





CHD Lobby Day
March 1, 2012
Register Today!
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These PSA's not only create visibility for the Mended Hearts organization, but also raises awareness about MHI programs on a national and local scale in communities across the U.S. Be sure to listen for MHI spots on your local radio station during the month of February!

Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week



Mended *Little* Hearts

A program of The Mended Hearts, Inc.

Congenital Heart Awareness week is February 7-14. Alongside Mended *Little* Hearts, Mended Hearts members will be helping to raise awareness. CHD is the number one birth defect in the United States. The more we educate and raise awareness, the better our chances of getting major donors to give more money to CHD research. We need your help! For more information on how you can help, please visit the the Mended *Little* Hearts site. www.mendedlittlehearts.org

Awards Program for Mended Hearts/Mended *Little* Hearts - Key Nomination Deadlines Around Corner



In September 2010, chapters were sent new Awards Manuals highlighting a number of enhancements and expansion of our program to include more recognition of volunteers and valuable allies. The Awards Manual and nomination forms are now available on the Officers Login section of www.mendedhearts.org located in the "Manuals and Forms" section.

The Manual includes a full explanation of the awards and a brief summary of the eligible awards and key deadlines. There are increased regional awards with opportunities to recognize outstanding services provided by members and hospitals.



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"Its great to be alive -- and to help others!"



Deadlines are as follows:
March 19 for Regional Nominations
April 2 for National

Upcoming Cluster Meetings



At the regional level, gatherings of multiple chapters are held at scheduled intervals to train members and chapter officers as well as keep members up to date on the latest medical advances in heart disease. Cluster meetings are excellent opportunities to network for fellow Mended Hearts members, and share chapter best practices. Plan to attend the next cluster meeting nearest you. This [schedule](#) is updated continually as dates are made available.

February Cluster Meetings

- February 4 -- Covina/Los Angeles hosted by chapter #304
- February 11 -- Charleston, SC hosted by chapter #266
- February 18 -- Sugarland/Houston hosted by chapter #362

Heart Month Sale 20% Off On All Red Items



February is American Heart Month, and in preparation for it the Mended Hearts Market Place is having a 20% off sale. During the month of February receive 20%* off any item in Market Place that is solid red. This includes Mended Hearts and Mended Little Hearts merchandise and souvenirs! Hurry while supplies last! **(Prices already marked with discount on website. Sale applies to online orders only)*

<http://mendedhearts.org/marketplace.htm>

Mended *Little* Hearts Hoodies and MHI Vests Now Available

Get them while they are hot! These fleece hoodies are 100% cotton with full length zipper and attached hood. Available in black only. [Order Hoodie Now](#)

\$23 (Youth XS-L)
\$26 (Adults S-XL)

Back View

Front View



Visitor Vest
\$25 (S-3XL)



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