



The Children's Heart Foundation™

Texas Chapter



# 2013 ANNUAL REPORT



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Supporters,

We are overwhelmed by the support you provided during 2013, our inaugural year! We are grateful for your ongoing investment in our organization and for helping the Children's Heart Foundation Texas Chapter fulfill our Mission: *To fund the most promising research to advance the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of congenital heart defects, the **number one** cause of infant death in America.*

Our organization is thriving in large part because of the kindness and can-do spirit of the people living and working in this great state. We are blessed with resources to help us achieve our goals. Texas is home to world-class cardiovascular surgeons and medical pioneers who work in some of the finest medical institutions in the world. We owe our past and future successes to these medical professionals who are committed to improving the lives of children living with congenital heart defects and to discovering ways to better diagnose, prevent, and treat congenital heart defects.

The possibilities are endless and we will ultimately beat congenital heart defects because of these medical pioneers and your generous contributions and commitment to the Children's Heart Foundation Texas Chapter.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Berg', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Berg, President and Founding Board Member  
Mom to Trevor, Age 7, living with Truncus Arteriosus

### Children's Heart Foundation Mission Statement:



*The Children's Heart Foundation dedicates itself to bringing health, hope and happiness to children and families impacted by a congenital heart defects. Our mission is to fund the most promising research to advance the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of congenital heart defects.*

## TEXAS CHAPTER CREATION & BOARD OF DIRECTORS



CHFTX was formed in November 2012. The founding board members are Sarah Berg, Ashley Forbes, Heather Roell Oshman and Christie Salazar. The 2013 Board of Directors was comprised of parents of children born with Congenital Heart Defects (CHD) and adults living with CHD.

### Board of Directors

*\*as of December 31, 2013*

**Sarah Berg**  
*President*

**Anna Jaworski**  
*Vice President*

**Christie Salazar**  
*Secretary*

**Heather Roell Oshman**  
*Treasurer*

**Ashley Forbes**  
*Director of Fundraising*

**Carl Wolford**  
*Board Member*

**Katie Cataldo**  
*Board Member*

**Heidi Cruz**  
*Honorary Chair*

## TEXAS MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD



**Dr. Joseph Forbess**  
**Chairman**

In addition to our core mission of raising funds for CHD research, the Children's Heart Foundation Texas Chapter endeavors to engage the Texas medical research community to raise awareness about the need for more CHD research, and to encourage scientists working in Texas research institutions to apply for grants from the Children's Heart Foundation.

To help the organization raise awareness in the research community and to help the Children's Heart Foundation award grants for the most promising research, the Texas Chapter has a Medical Advisory Board (MAB) which includes some of Texas' leading cardiologists and cardiovascular surgeons.

### Texas Medical Advisory Board

*\*as of December 31, 2013*

**Dr. Joseph Forbess - Chairman**  
*Children's Medical Center of Dallas*

**Dr. Charles Fraser, Jr.**  
*Texas Children's Hospital, Houston*

**Dr. Vasum Peiris**  
*Texas Tech University, Lubbock*

**Dr. Daniel Penny**  
*Texas Children's Hospital, Houston*

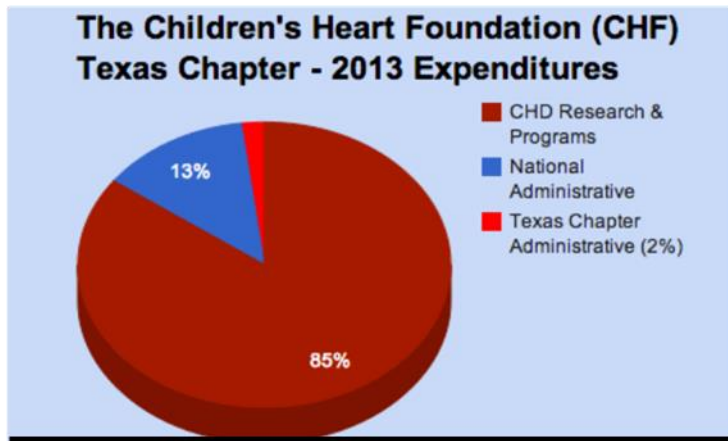
**Dr. Steven Neish**  
*Children's Heart Network, San Antonio*

## RESEARCH GRANT AWARDS

The following list details congenital heart defect research grants awarded by the Children’s Heart Foundation. For more information about the grants awarded with Children’s Heart Foundation funds, including a complete list of all grants awarded to date, please visit: <http://www.childrensheartfoundation.org/research/chf-funded-research>

<p><b>Christopher Kane Breuer</b> The Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital</p>	<p>Development of an Improved Vascular Graft for use in Congenital Heart Surgery Amount awarded in 2014 – \$50,000</p>
<p><b>Caroline E Burns, PhD</b> Massachusetts General Hospital, Charlestown</p>	<p>“Genetic Analysis of Tbx1 in Disorders Involving the Great Vessels of the Heart” Amount awarded in 2013 – \$100,000</p>
<p><b>Christopher Caldarone, M.D.</b> The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto</p>	<p>“Understanding Right Ventricular Physiology of Tetralogy of Fallot” Amount awarded in 2013 – \$71,000</p>
<p><b>Steven Colan, M.D.</b> Boston Children’s Hospital, Boston</p>	<p>“Novel Cardiac Biomarkers &amp; Echocardiographic Modalities for Rejection Surveillance after Pediatric Heart Transplantation” Amount awarded in 2013 – \$99,040</p>
<p><b>Arash Kheradvar, M.D.</b> University of California – Irvine</p>	<p>“A Self-regenerative Hybrid Heart Valve” Amount awarded in 2013 – \$100,000</p>
<p><b>Robert Levy, M.D.</b> The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia</p>	<p>Oxidate Damage to Bioprosthetic Heart Valves – Mechanisms &amp; Prevention” Amount awarded in 2013 – \$91,049</p>
<p><b>Lisa Paquette, M.D.</b> Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles</p>	<p>“Brain Development in Children with Congenital Heart Disease: From Fetus through Childhood” Amount awarded in 2013 – \$68,635</p>
<p><b>Andrew C. Glatz, M.D.</b> The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia</p>	<p>“Efficacy and durability of embolization of systemic-to- pulmonary collateral vessels in superior cavo-pulmonary connection patients prior to Fontan completion” Amount awarded in 2012 – \$72,719 Amount awarded in 2014 – \$76,677</p>
<p><b>Douglas Cowan, B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D</b> Children’s Hospital Boston</p>	<p>“Development of a Cell-based therapy for Congenital Complete Heart Block” Amount awarded in 2012 – \$100,000 Amount awarded in 2014 – \$100,000</p>
<p><b>Conrad Epting</b> Northwestern University</p>	<p>“Transcriptional Profiling of Pediatric Cardiac Stem Cells” Amount awarded in 2012 – \$100,000 Amount awarded in 2013 – \$100,000</p>

## FINANCIALS



**\$23,753.94**  
was raised directly by the  
Texas Chapter in 2013

**\$91,985.00**  
was raised at the Texas  
Congenital Heart Walks\*

The Children's Heart Foundation Texas Chapter expended funds in the following manner:

- \$6,845.48 on fundraising expenses
- \$575.00 on administrative expenses
- \$309.73 on volunteer and donor outreach
- \$293.39 on CHD awareness

The affiliation agreement the Texas Chapter has with the Children's Heart Foundation's national organization allows the Texas Chapter to retain up to 15% of funds raised for chapter-specific expenses. The Texas Chapter sent **\$14,398.97** to The Children's Heart Foundation's national organization in 2013, in addition to the amounts sent directly to the national organization from the Texas Congenital Heart Walks. The audited financials for the Children's Heart Foundation's national organization can be accessed at: <http://www.childrensheartfoundation.org/about-chf/tax-info>

\* Funds raised at the Congenital Heart Walks are divided equally between Adult Congenital Heart Association and the Children's Heart Foundation's national organization. More information about the Congenital Heart Walks can be found at: <http://www.congenitalheartwalk.org>

***In 2013, 85% of the funds raised by the Children's Heart Foundation Texas Chapter went toward CHD research and related programs***



## FUNDRAISING EVENTS



In February 2013, at the Children’s Heart Foundation Texas Chapter’s debut fundraising event, the board honored world-renowned medical pioneer Dr. Denton Cooley, the surgeon who performed the first successful human heart transplant in the United States, for his career of significant life-saving contributions to congenital heart defect research. Heidi Cruz, the

Honorary Chair of the Texas Chapter, was the keynote speaker.

*The event raised \$17,363!*

***The Debut Event was generously underwritten by:***

The Lindquist Family Foundation; Paul L. & Alejandra Foster;  
McDonald Public Relations; and Locke Lord LLP

***In kind sponsors:***

The Austin Toros	The Driskill Hotel	Dana Prewitt with Thirty-One Gifts
Massage Envy	Texas Stars Foundation	Jessica Barber with Scentsy
Lonestar Riverboat	Shady Grove (Chuy’s)	Bekki Van Ryn with Mary Kay
Avant Salons & Spas	Round Rock Express	Kaoni Norris Photography
Onion Creek Country Club	Spa Re’veil	Hopdoddy Burger Bar
The Salt Lick	Sarah Bertram	Andrea Griffin with Rodan & Fields
The Alamo Drafthouse	Merilyn Hully	Diamonds Direct Foundation
	Max’s Wine Dive	Russell Korman Fine Jewelry

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS



The First Annual Olivia's Special Heart CHD Week Balloon Release raised CHD awareness and funds for the Children's Heart Foundation Texas Chapter.

3rd Annual Central Texas and Rio Grande Valley Congenital Heart Walks

**Rio Grande Valley raised \$20,788!**

**Central Texas raised \$71,197!**



In May 2013, CHFTX was the chosen charity for the First Annual SJRA Jump for Charity. A group of skydivers jumped out of airplanes to raise awareness for CHD research. Thank you to San Jacinto River Authority for hosting such a great event.

**The event raised over \$4,100!**



## VOLUNTEERS



Throughout the year, the Children's Heart Foundation Texas Chapter raised funds by partnering with restaurants for Dining Out nights, bookstores to offer gift wrapping for donations, and online shopping through Loveable Labels and Zazzle. The Texas Chapter continues to grow online shopping opportunities and has many more fundraising events on the horizon.



The Children's Heart Foundation™

Texas Chapter

*The Children's Heart Foundation Texas Chapter is 100% volunteer driven.*

*We have **zero** full-time employees. We are always looking for volunteers and donors to help with our annual fundraising events, to host new fundraising events, and to serve on our board. Please contact us at [CHFTX@childrensheartfoundation.org](mailto:CHFTX@childrensheartfoundation.org) for more information.*

*On behalf of children living with congenital heart disease, the Board thanks all of our donors and volunteers whose generosity and hard work have not only made the Texas chapter a huge success, but also have helped fund life-saving congenital heart defect research. 2013 beat all of our expectations!*





*The Children's Heart Foundation Texas Chapter dedicates its first annual report to the loving memory of Joaquin Salazar, a brave heart warrior who lost his battle with CHD.*

