



What is CHERUBS?

No one knows what life is like with a child born with CDH like the other parents who have walked this path. It is a very emotional, stressful, and physically demanding time. Just knowing you are not alone can make all the difference in the world. CHERUBS was founded so that no family has to go down this path alone.

Our Organization

CHERUBS is an international organization for families and care-givers of children and adults who are diagnosed with Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH). As of November, 2008, we have over 2600 members in all 50 states and 38 countries. Our Board Members include the founding father of in-utero surgery, genetic counselors, epidemiologists, nurse practitioners, parents of CDH survivors and non-survivors, and some of the best pediatric surgeons in the world. We are a volunteer-run organization and a United States Internal Revenue Service recognized 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization.

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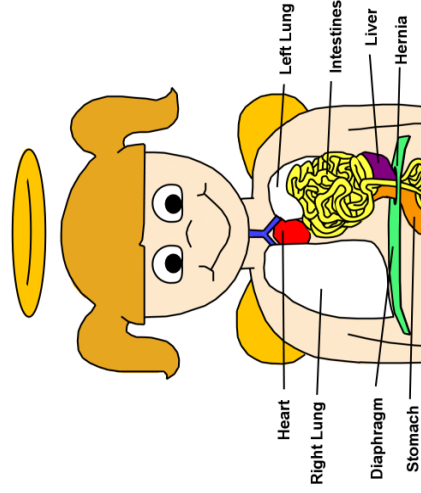
*The Association of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia
Research Awareness, and Support*

Change for CHERUBS



Over 1600 babies are born each year in the United States with C.D.H. 50% of these babies do not survive. 50% win the CDH war but many still fight battles. Help us to fight this war against Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia.

Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia



What is CDH?

Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH) occurs in approximately 1 in every 2,500 births (1,600 cases in the U.S. each year). The cause of CDH is not yet known. The diaphragm is formed in the first trimester of pregnancy and controls the lungs' ability to inhale and exhale. CDH occurs when the diaphragm fails to form or to close totally and an opening allows abdominal organs into the chest cavity. This inhibits lung growth.

Every patient diagnosed with CDH is different. Survival rates depend on the types and number of organs involved in the herniation and the amount of lung tissue available. There are many surgical procedures and complications that may or may not occur with each individual, including in utero surgery.

Roughly 50% of babies born with CDH do not survive. Of the 50% that do survive, most will endure long hospital stays, feeding issues, asthma and other problems. A few of the survivors suffer from severe long-term medical issues.

CDH occurs as frequently as Spina Bifida and Cystic Fibrosis, yet there is very little research being done and virtually no media coverage.

Trick-or-Treat for CHERUBS!



This is an easy and FUN way to raise CDH Awareness and to fundraise for CHERUBS!

Type of Event / Fundraiser: Change for CHERUBS

About the Event: Collect change through donation jars displayed in businesses or by asking people to donate change from their piggy banks.

Items Needed: A decorated container(s) advertising your mission to collect coins. 1 per location if you want to put them in businesses, schools, etc. Or just 1 large enough to collect change bought to you from piggy banks.

Media Needed: Possibly, to raise awareness. Call your local newspapers and news to see if they are interested in this story.

What is Tax Deductible: All donations are tax deductible.

How Do I Set A Date: A great fundraiser to hold any time of the year!

Who Can Participate: Anyone who would like to collect change for CHERUBS and to raise awareness for CDH. Ask friends and family. Ask churches, schools or clubs to participate.

Do I Need Permission: Check local ordinances/laws if this okay to do in your neighborhood.

How Do I Advertise: Post flyers, ask friends and family. Ask churches, schools or clubs to participate.

What I Do I After The Event: Take all the change to a coin machine or bank to exchange it for dollar bills. Send CHERUBS the final amount raised (by check or money order please). You can mail it in or send it in on-line.

What Else Do I Need To Do: Take photos for CHERUBS newsletter and web site.



As with all fundraisers and events, ALWAYS make sure to follow all local, state and federal laws and always be safe!

CHERUBS On The Web
<http://www.cdhsupport.org>

Donate On-Line
<http://www.cdhdonations.org>