



## OUR VISION

Every adult with congenital heart disease receives specialized cardiac care.

## OUR MISSION

To empower the congenital heart disease community by advancing access to resources and specialized care that improve patient-centered outcomes.

### WE ARE A TRUSTED PARTNER

The Adult Congenital Heart Association (ACHA) is the trusted partner of those living in the United States with congenital heart disease (CHD), bringing together patients, family members and medical professionals to create a community and support network.

### WE ADVOCATE FOR LIFELONG CARE

CHD is a chronic illness that needs to be monitored over the course of a patient's life, and ACHA helps to facilitate and educate this lifelong care continuum from childhood to adulthood.

### WE BRING TOGETHER THE CHD MEDICAL COMMUNITY

ACHA brings together top physicians and healthcare providers in the CHD medical community as part of our Medical Advisory Board (MAB) to provide expert input and oversight of all ACHA activities involving medical and scientific content. The MAB offers expert opinions on research and medical developments in CHD, and advances the standards of care for all CHD patients.

**NEARLY 1**  
OUT OF  
**100**  
**BABIES**  
ARE BORN WITH  
HEART DEFECTS  
EACH YEAR



**THERE ARE NOW NEARLY 2 MILLION ADULTS IN THE U.S. LIVING WITH CHD WHICH MEANS THERE ARE MORE ADULTS THAN CHILDREN LIVING WITH CHD**



**HAVING CHD REQUIRES LIFELONG SPECIALIZED CARE AND MANY MAY REQUIRE SURGICAL INTERVENTION IN CHILDHOOD AND ADULTHOOD**



### WE SUPPORT THE CHD COMMUNITY YEAR-ROUND

ACHA implements year-round initiatives to support both the patient and professional CHD community.

- **Heart to Heart Peer Mentors** – ACHA connects CHD patients and family members with trained peers who give critical support, guidance and resources needed.
- **ACHA ACHD Accreditation Program** – Together with adult congenital heart disease (ACHD) providers, ACHA is able to identify critical needs for consistency and standardization of care through the development of accredited ACHD Centers nationwide. There are more than 40 accredited centers.
- **Regional Conferences** – ACHA organizes patient education events each year in different cities and participates in various conferences reaching hundreds of people in communities across the country.
- **Advocacy** – ACHA puts forth critical advocacy efforts, mobilizing our volunteers on both local and federal levels to educate legislators on the crucial issues affecting people with CHD.
- **Ongoing Patient Education** – Through our website, discussion forums, webinars and social media channels, ACHA provides 24-hour access to relevant, up-to-date information and resources.
- **Regional Development** – Collaborating with local pediatric and adult congenital heart cardiologists, ACHA provides regional CHD education and social programs for patients and their families, fosters outreach and awareness, and fundraises within communities across the country.
- **Research** – ACHA funds research to improve the lives of CHD patients and future generations in partnership with medical professionals. These grants are awarded to proposals most likely to advance ACHA's goal of achieving best possible outcomes for people with CHD.
- **ACHD Clinic Directory** – By offering information about more than 300 ACHD clinics and satellite clinics in the United States and Canada, the easily searchable ACHD Clinic Directory is facilitating crucial access for the CHD community to get appropriate care.



ACHA hosts walks in communities to raise money for outreach, education, research and more. Our events were created to empower all of those who were born with a heart defect, their loved ones, and the medical community that cares for them.

For more information about the Adult Congenital Heart Association, call 888-921-ACHA or visit [www.achaheart.org](http://www.achaheart.org).