



HeartKids is the only health charity in Australia dedicated to improve the lives and futures of those affected by Childhood Heart Disease. They provide high quality support to families with children affected by childhood heart disease, spread awareness and drive world class research to unlock the mysteries of Childhood Heart Disease.

Some startling statistics you may not know about Congenital Heart Disease:

- Approximately 1 in 100 kids are born with heart disease – That is six babies every day across Australia – Over 2000 per year.
- Heart disease is one of the most common birth abnormalities
- CHD is one of the greatest killers of infants under the age of one
- Each week more than 4 children pass away as a result of CHD
- Approx half of the children diagnosed with heart disease require surgery to correct the defect

With the help of its members, sponsors and donations HeartKids has been able to fund many initiatives only some of which include:

- The ongoing purchasing of much needed cardiac equipment for our Children's Hospitals
- Provide ongoing funding for research grants
- Employ Family Support Coordinators in each of the major children's hospitals throughout Australia
- Run activities like Family Camps, Teen Camps and Days Out for children and families affected by CHD around Australia.
- Assist families with travel and accommodation needs
- Fund the Heart Beads Program to enrich the experience of cardiac patients throughout Australia. Children are rewarded with distinctive beads specific to each procedure and treatment. The children feel a sense of achievement for their courage and the beads help them tell their story.

For more information head to www.heartkidswa.org.au