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VISIONS OF THE HEART

Children's Heart Institute Fund Helps Little Hearts Heal

(La Jolla, CA – October 20, 2009) – Approximately one out of every 100 newborns suffers from congenital heart defects. As a true gift of the heart, Children's Heart Institute Fund celebrates its 6th annual "Helping Little Hearts Heal" Gala event this Saturday, October 24, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla benefiting the Children's Heart Institute at Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego.

"This event represents the tireless hours and commitment of our volunteers to assist children and their families with the funds necessary to ensure life-saving surgeries, research, equipment and support for children born with heart defects," said Wendy Robinson, Chairperson, CHIFund. "As a mother of a child with a heart condition, I am proud to be part of such a heart-warming organization dedicated to ensuring that all children are given a fighting chance."

To date, Children's Heart Institute Fund and its dedicated volunteers have raised over \$500,000 and assisted over 50,000 children treated by the Children's Heart Institute. Proceeds from the event will go to benefit Children's Heart Institute at Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego by funding support groups, important research and equipment purchases for children born with heart defects.

The event will feature dinner, dancing, live and silent auctions, and a special presentation honoring current and former CHIFund heart patients celebrating their journey and accomplishments. For more information about CHIFund and its upcoming events, log on to www.chifund.org or call 818.522.7849.

Five years ago a group of four "heart moms" banded together and held a fundraising event to raise money for Children's Heart Institute at Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego. CHIFund has since evolved into a thriving, active organization with countless supporters and dedicated volunteers who have helped raise more than \$500,000 in goods and services, all of which benefit the nearly 9,000 children treated annually by Children's Heart Institute. Through the generosity of its donors, CHIFund continues working to ensure life-saving surgeries and the highest quality of care and services are available to the littlest hearts served by Children's Heart Institute. For more information, log on to www.chifund.org.

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