



Children's Hospital Boston

HEALING little HEARTS

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your consideration in supporting the third annual event of **Healing little Hearts**, with all proceeds to benefit **Children's Hospital Boston** and pediatric cardiac research. Over the last two years **Healing little Hearts** has raised over \$200,000 for **Children's Hospital Boston** and pediatric cardiac research.

Did you know that one in every one-hundred babies born have some form of a congenital heart defect? In fact, congenital heart defects are the most common birth defect and the leading cause of birth-defect related deaths worldwide. In many of these defects there are one or more valves that are absent or malformed. Often within hours of coming into this world infants are undergoing risky open-heart surgery to place valves in their tiny hearts. They will then face repeated open-heart surgeries throughout their lives as they grow to replace these outgrown valves. It's a long and difficult journey for the children and the families involved...we're on that journey now...

Our son, Brady, is four years old and has undergone 17 procedures, including seven heart surgeries and four days on life-support. Many, many children face the fear and risk of these repeated procedures. With the help of some special friends and family members we are organizing the third annual **Healing little Hearts** event to bring awareness and raise valuable dollars for a very important medical research project being conducted by doctors and scientists at **Children's Hospital Boston**. Brady's surgeon, Dr. John Mayer, is directly involved in the research and creation of a valve that will grow with the child. They are continuously striving to achieve success, however, like all medical research, it takes money and that is where we are trying to help.

As part of this third annual fundraising event we are asking businesses to sponsor our event and we're offering many different levels of sponsorship. We will also be holding a live and silent auction and welcome a donation of goods or services. Would you consider helping **Children's Hospital Boston** reach the next level of care for these children? Your generous contribution could make the difference in the lives of so many children.

Thank you for giving hope to little hearts...

Marc & Kelly Weglowski