



Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week and Heart Month 2025!

The graphic features a blue background with a white dog wearing a green vest with the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta logo. The text "HEART WARRIORS ARE PAWS-ITIVELY AWESOME" is written in a circular path around the dog. To the right, the text "PROUD TO BE A HEART WARRIOR" is written in red, followed by five red paw prints. Below the paw prints, the text "Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week" and "February 7-14, 2025" is written in white. The Children's Healthcare of Atlanta logo is at the bottom right of the graphic. At the bottom of the graphic, the website "WWW.CHOA.ORG/CHDAWARENESS" is written in white on a dark blue background.

Each year, the week of February 7-14 is celebrated as “**Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week**” and entire month of February is celebrated as Heart Month! Congenital Heart Disease is the lifelong complication of being born with structural or electrical heart problems.

During this week, children and adults living with congenital heart disease (CHD) are honored and encouraged to share their stories. Even though having a CHD can be hard sometimes, this week we are excited to celebrate how far we’ve come!

In celebration of CHD Awareness Week 2025, I’m sharing some personal facts about me as well as some general facts about CHD/Heart disease. My hope is that you will **join me on February ____ by wearing red** and telling others about this special heart week!



Dear classmates,

**In honor of Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week/Heart Month,
I'm sharing a little bit about my heart story.**

**Hi, my name is _____ and my family learned about
my heart defect when I was _____.**

**The name of my heart defect(s) is
_____.**

**Kids with Heart Disease have all kinds of stories. In order to help my
heart work best, so far, I've had

_____.**

**I'm most proud of _____
_____**

**and want other people to know

_____.**

Thank you for listening to my story and wearing **RED!**



1% of newborns are born with a **congenital heart defect (CHD)** every year.



A baby's risk of having a CHD is at least three times more likely if their parent has a CHD.



15-20% CHDs are related to genetic conditions.



CHD treatment helps kids live into adulthood.



About 1 in 4 babies with a CHD have a critical CHD. Infants with critical CHDs generally need surgery or other procedures in their first year of life.



More than 2.4 million U.S. children and adults are living with a CHD.



Visit choa.org/chd to learn more about congenital heart defects.