



WE JUMP. WE SHOOT. WE SAVE.

"If it wasn't for the American Heart Association, we don't know what would have happened to Nicholas. If this had been 10-15 years ago that he would probably have had to have countless surgeries. The technologies that are so advanced now a day's because of the [American] Heart Association. It's remarkable how fantastic they have done. It helps out a lot—a great deal."

~ Connie, mother of Nicholas, Age 10, heart disease survivor

Help Your Child Save Lives and be a Heart Hero!

HOW: Support your child in the American Heart Association's Hoops For Heart program

WHAT: A life-saving and educational community service program

WHY: Your child will help kids with special hearts, learn about how to be heart healthy and feel good!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are thrilled to share our school is supporting the American Heart Association's Hoops For Heart program! When your child participates in Hoops For Heart he/she:

- **Learns about the importance of the heart – how it works, and how to take care of it:** Through classroom exercises and educational information provided by the American Heart Association.
- **Helps kids with special hearts:** Our *safe* online tool makes it *easy* for your child to set-up a web page and send emails to invite friends and family to support their fundraising efforts and to share life-saving information. Please see instructions on the back of this letter.
- **Feels good for making a difference in people's lives!** Funds raised support American Heart Association research and education initiatives that save lives in our community. Congenital heart defects are the most common cause of infant death from birth defects. Many children are alive today because of treatments not available even 10 years ago. *Funded research and advancements have changed and saved their lives!*

We hope you are as excited as we are to support our students in this important experience! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please let me know. We jump. We shoot. We save!

Visit www.heart.org/hoops to get started today!

Please return your child's donation envelope by:

Special Notes:

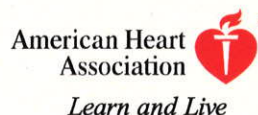
**Please make checks payable to American Heart Association.*

**For the safety of our children, we ask that your child not go door-to-door or ask strangers for donations.*

**Our school also has the opportunity to earn free physical education equipment.*



Students – How to SIGN UP to Make Your Web Page!



Make a Hoops For Heart Web Page and YOU will have the power to raise more life-saving donations & save lives! To get started - you will need to **Sign Up** and Join your School Team. Here's how...

Step 1: Visit www.heart.org/hoops and click on the button that says 'Students Sign Up'.



Step 2: Click on the state you live in and follow the screen instructions to find your school team. When you find your school, click '**Join This Team**'.

Step 3: Set your fundraising goal! You can also kick-start your fundraising efforts by making a personal donation when you sign up!

***For NEW students who did not make a fundraising web page last year, select the option that says this is your first time making a web page. If you are a RETURNING student, select the option that says you made a web page last year.*

Step 4: Fill out your information. Next, come up with your own **Username and Password**.

***Be sure it's easy to remember. A Username is like a code name. You will need a Username and Password to get into your HeartQuarters.*

* User Name: 5 to 60 characters
* Password: 5 to 20 characters
* Repeat Password:

Step 5: Have your parent or guardian sign off on the online waiver.

Step 6: Double check your information. Click the button '**Complete Registration**' to finish signing up.

CONGRATULATIONS! You are done joining your school team. Now, you can go make your fundraising web page in your very own HeartQuarters and send out emails to friends & family! Write your Username and Password below so you don't forget.

MY USERNAME: _____

MY PASSWORD: _____