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## **Mended *Little* Hearts Launches ‘Adventures with Stitch’ Campaign**

Dallas, TX – August, 17, 2015 – Mended *Little* Hearts (MLH) is excited to announce its first ever ‘Adventures with Stitch’ campaign. The digital campaign is designed to raise awareness of congenital heart disease (CHD) throughout the year and highlight MLH’s national mascot, Stitch the CHD Lion.

“Every stitch has a story and our Stitch the CHD Lion empowers heart warriors to be confident with who they are during their journey with CHD, stitches and all,” explained Melanie Toth, MLH National Visiting Chair and one of the drivers behind the campaign.

In an effort to bring attention to the many children and families that are affected by CHD, parents, friends and families of congenital heart patients around the country printed out pictures of Stitch the Lion and then posted photos of themselves with Stitch on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Stitch the Lion is one of the featured items of the MLH Bravery Bag. The bags are given to families who have a child in the hospital with a congenital heart defect.

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**About Mended *Little* Hearts:** Mended *Little* Hearts is a program of the Mended Hearts, Inc. Mended Hearts has been providing hope and support to heart patients and their families since 1951, when four heart patients in Boston, Massachusetts came together to discuss their heart surgery experiences. They quickly realized their shared stories provided both hope and healing in spite of their circumstances. In 2004, Mended Hearts local and national leader, Tita Hutchens, recognized the unique need for children with congenital heart defects and their families. The earnest desire to provide support to the "littlest heart patients of all" led to the formation of the first two Mended Little Hearts groups – one in Fresno, California and one in Hollywood, Florida. Today Mended Little Hearts has over 85 groups