

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**



When **Marty V.** was born, two valves in his heart were not formed and the center of his heart didn't finish developing. This made eating very difficult for the infant, who's now a preschooler in Darien, Ill.

By the time he was 7 months old, Marty had two surgeries to surgically repair his heart with gortex patches. In addition, his mitral valve was in need of replacement but in infants there is only a 5% chance of success so his parents wanted to put it off as long as possible.

Marty had a recent check up, and the doctors are optimistic he won't need surgery this year. Proper nutrition has helped greatly. He had a feeding tube since he was 7 months old, but was able to stop using it last February.

Marty will need his mitral valve replaced someday, but for now he's growing, laughing and living like any other 5-year-old. His parents are grateful for research and treatment advances made possible by the American Heart Association and hope new advances will help Marty in the future.

**St. Isidore school is proud to partner  
with the American Heart Association and the Chicago Bears  
to help heart disease & stroke survivors like Marty!**

**Mark your family calendars NOW for our Bears Football For Heart event on:**

**OCTOBER 26th, 27TH, AND 28TH**

**4th—8th Grade students will receive a thank-you gift from the Chicago Bears  
when they bring in donations:**

**(They can choose one item at or below their donation total)**

**\$10 - Laser Photo**



**\$25 - Sling Bag**



**\$40 - Bears FFH T-Shirt**



**\$75 - Laser Ball**



**\$150 - FFH Hoodie**



**Kindergarten through 3rd grade will participate in the Jump rope for heart program  
(Thank you gifts are shown on the envelope coming home soon and are cumulative.)**

**Thank you for supporting this life saving work.  
You'll be helping both young and old with heart disease  
live longer, healthier lives!**

