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The newsletter format is designed for viewing on your phone.

Next Support Group Meeting: October 15, 2025 at 11:30AM

Meeting starts at 11:30AM, please arrive ten minutes early.



<u>Professional Building Entrance 4 (Click to open map)</u>
Classrooms A & B

(Lower Level) Use Stairs or Elevator

Please RSVP the number of guests by October 10 to lindakm1951@yahoo.com or by text to 317-407-8300.

Lunch is provided.

Please stay after the meeting for a Medical Information Packets Workshop.

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October Meeting Topic

ATTR Amyloidosis

Heart problems and other health issues it can cause.

RNAi Genetic Technology/ Gene Therapy

Teresa Vaught/ Joanna Pearson

Click on link below.

Alnylam Pharmaceuticals



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September Meeting Highlights: Lisa Kreag of Heart and Soul Free Clinic

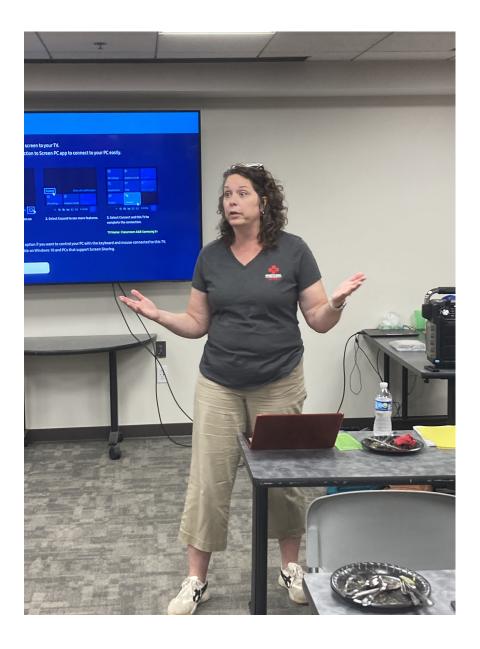




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Larry Lake (Central Region Visitor of the Year)





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Jim Grabowski has four walkers and one leather wheel chair available for members or anyone who needs the equipment. Items are free of charge.

Reminder:

December Meeting:

White Elephant Gift Exchange (\$10.00 Maximum)

Ugly Sweater/Sweatshirt Contest

Games



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Many Thanks

Thank you for helping finish 500 new Packets at the September Meeting.





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Donations:

Unneeded Medications (Unopened/Unused/Not Expired)

Unneeded Walkers/Wheel Chairs/Canes

Contact: Jim Grabowski



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Volunteers Needed:

Volunteering with other members can provide purpose and a sense of accomplishment, enriching experiences, and provide enjoyment and happiness.

Interested members are welcome to attend board meetings or contact a board member.

Fund Raising:

Click on links below.

200 Fundraising Ideas

GoFundMe

Donate your unspent coins/change

Donate to Mended Hearts Chapter #350 via the Riverview Foundation



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Membership:

Click on link below.

50 Ideas to Increase Membership

Photographer: Stan Gurka

Support Meeting Setup/Cleanup:

We need volunteers to help setup the room for the meeting.

Arrive 30 minutes before the meeting starts.



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Seeking Nominees for 2026 Board Members

The desire is to replace the existing board members with new board members.

President:

Vice President:

Treasurer:

Secretary:

Interested members are welcome to attend board meetings.



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VISITING HEART PATIENTS

Trained Volunteers:

- 1. Provide emotional support
- 2. Share information
- 3. Connect patients and families with support groups
- 4. Help visit Riverview heart patients Monday thru Friday
- 5. Visitor Volunteers average 500+ visits per year

It's Great to be Alive...and to Help Others

<u>Visitor Requirements:</u>

- 1. Be a heart patient or a family member of a heart patient
- 2. Be a member of Mended Hearts National and Local Chapters
- 3. Pass Mended Hearts Accredited Visitor Training
- 4. Attend Riverview Volunteer Training Session
- 5. Agree to obey all HIPAA requirements
- 6. Train by visiting patients with Accredited Visitors
- 7. Add patient information to the visitors log



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Present Accredited Visitors

Maureen Price

Larry Lake

Jim Grabowski

Marv Norman

PLEASE: COME HELP US



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Kroger Rewards

If you have a Kroger Rewards card that you would like linked to our Chapter, set up an account at http://www.kroger.com.

Bring your Kroger card to the next meeting along with your Logon ID and Password. I will help you set up the connection.

OR

Visit http://www.kroger.com. Sign in to your account. Once logged into your Kroger account, search for HAMILTONCOUNTYMENDEDHEARTS CHAPTER350 either by name or JFI25 and then click Enroll.

New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.

*Customers must have a registered Kroger rewards card account to link to your organization.

*If a member does not yet have a Kroger rewards card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.



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REMEMBER, purchases will not count for our Chapter until after you register your rewards card. Participants must swipe their registered Kroger rewards card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger rewards card when shopping for each purchase to count.



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Benefits of Mended Hearts Membership

Connection. Being a member offers opportunity for connection with the nation's largest community-based heart patient support organization providing hope and encouragement to heart patients and their families.

Relationships. Membership provides many opportunities to personally connect with fellow heart patients, family members and caregivers in your community and nationwide. When you open your heart to a Mended Hearts membership, you have an opportunity to create life-long friendships at home and across the country with people from all walks of life.

Giving Back. Our accredited visiting program enables survivors and caregivers to "give back" to other patients what they've learned from their experiences.

Chapter Activities. We encourage all members to participate in chapter activities – which can include ongoing informational meetings, support group sessions, social activities, community health events, and a hospital-based visiting program, to name a few.

National Magazine. A digital subscription to the quarterly <u>Heartbeat Magazine</u>, 28-32 pages highlighting organization news, activities and items of interest to the heart-patient community, is available to all members and subscribers.

National Heart Newsletter. A digital newsletter, subscribe here: Heart Newsletter

Educational Information. GoToGuides here: GoToGuides

In the Know. Membership offers internal organizational communications via the Internet – providing the latest organizational updates and important heart-health information.

Web site. Membership offers access to a password-protected members-only site on the Mended Hearts Web site.

Branded Items. Members receive access to a wide variety of Mended Hearts-branded wearables and other items to show off your Mended Hearts pride!

Leadership. As a volunteer organization run by and for volunteer heart patients and their caregivers, Mended Hearts offers many leadership opportunities to impact change for the betterment of the heart patient community at the local, regional and national levels.

Mended Little Hearts. Connection with Mended Little Hearts, the Mended Hearts program in communities nationwide that provides support to the "littlest heart patients of all" and their families.



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Please renew your membership by logging into the Mended Hearts Portal at

Mended Hearts Portal Login

New members can join now online at

Mended Hearts Chapter #350 Membership

or fill out form at

Mended Hearts Chapter #350 Membership Form



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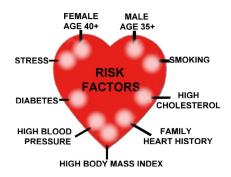
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Mended Hearts Chapter 350 Heart Scan Program

Coordinated to date the Gifting of 807 no cost Heart Scans

CAUTION: POSSIBLE HEART ATTACK!!!



More Factors = Greater Risk

A Heart Attack occurs when the blood flow that brings oxygen to the heart muscle is blocked causing the muscle to be damaged or to die.

GET A HEART SCAN!!!

A HEART SCAN IS PAINLESS, TAKES 15 MINUTES AND COSTS \$49 AT MANY HOSPITALS
HIGH RISK PATIENTS - 65% FAILED AND HAD HEART PROBLEMS.
LOW RISK PATIENTS - 15% FAILED AND HAD HEART PROBLEMS.

FIND BLOCKAGES AND SAVE YOUR LIFE



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Mended Hearts Chapter 350 Heart Scan Program

The Heart Scan program provides a free (no cost) CT test which can detect potential plaque buildup in the heart. A cardiac CT (computed tomography) scan is a painless imaging test that uses x-rays to take detailed pictures of your heart and its blood vessels.

To date over 807 free Heart scans from Mended Hearts Chapter 350 have been provided to individuals. The resulting tests have provided doctors access not only to potential cardiac complications but also other potential health situations.

The program is proactive resulting in lives being saved.

Jim Grabowski



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TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT IT

Medical Information Packet Program

Over 17,000 Medical Packets Donated

Help support the Heart Scan Program and Medical Information Packets Program by donating to Mended Hearts Chapter #350 via the Riverview Foundation.

Click on link below.

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LINK:

donate.riverview.org/products/ DONATE/donate-today

- 1) Choose frequency
- 2) Choose amount
- 3) Dedicate-choose no
- 4) Choose "Mended Hearts" as special campaign
- 5) Choose payment method

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



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Important Dates:

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October 1: Board of Directors Meeting

October 15: Support Group Meeting

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November 5: Board of Directors Meeting

November 19: Support Group Meeting

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Classrooms A & B



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Please forward any ideas for the newsletter or information you would like presented at the next meeting by the 20th of the month to the newsletter editor:

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