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3,000 Newborns to Receive Red Hats in February

(INDIANAPOLIS) – More than 3,000 babies born in Indiana in February will be decked out in reds hats courtesy of the American Heart Association’s “Little Hats, Big Hearts” program.

American Heart Association staff will deliver the tiny hats to more than 40 hospitals across the state beginning this week. The hats were lovingly hand-knitted by volunteers.

February is American Heart Month, and the week of Feb. 7-14 is Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week. Heart disease remains the No. 1 cause of death in the United States and in Indiana, and congenital heart defects are the leading birth defect in newborns. The Little Hats, Big Hearts program raises awareness about both.

Participating hospitals include:

Adams Memorial Hospital	Decatur
Beacon Health System Elkhart General Hospital	Elkhart
Bluffton Regional Medical Center	Bluffton
Cameron Hospital	Angola
Community Health Network	Indianapolis
Community Hospital Anderson	Anderson
Community Hospital	Munster
Community Howard Regional Health	Kokomo
Community Memorial Hospital	Fort Wayne
DeKalb Health	Auburn
Dukes Memorial Hospital	Peru
DuPont Hospital	Fort Wayne
Eskenazi Health	Indianapolis
Franciscan Health Crown Point	Crown Point
Franciscan Health Dyer	Dyer
Franciscan Health Hammond	Hammond
Franciscan Health Indianapolis	Indianapolis
Franciscan St. Elizabeth Health	Lafayette
Goshen Health System	Goshen
Hancock Regional Hospital	Greenfield
Hendricks Regional Health	Danville

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IU Health	Indianapolis
IU Health Arnett Hospital	Lafayette
IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital	Muncie
Kosciusko Community Hospital	Warsaw
Lutheran Hospital	Fort Wayne
Marion General Hospital	Marion
Memorial Hospital of South Bend	South Bend
Methodist Hospitals	Merrillville / Gary
Parkview Health	Fort Wayne
Parkview Huntington Hospital	Huntington
Parkview LaGrange Hospital	LaGrange
Parkview Noble Hospital	Kendallville
Parkview Whitley Hospital	Columbia City
Porter Regional Hospital	Chesterton
Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health	Indianapolis
Saint Joseph Health System	Mishawaka
St. Catherine's	East Chicago
St. Joseph Hospital	Fort Wayne
St. Mary's	Hobart
Wabash County Hospital	Wabash

Volunteers interested in donating materials or knitting hats for next year, or hospitals that would like to participate in the program, should call the American Heart Association at (317) 732-4700.

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About the American Heart Association

The American Heart Association is devoted to saving people from heart disease and stroke – the two leading causes of death in the world. We team with millions of volunteers to fund innovative research, fight for stronger public health policies, and provide lifesaving tools and information to prevent and treat these diseases. The Dallas-based association is the nation's oldest and largest voluntary organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke. To learn more or to get involved, call 1-800-AHA-USA1, visit heart.org or call any of our offices around the country. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).