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## **4,300 Newborns to Receive Red Hats in February**

**(INDIANAPOLIS)** – More than 4,300 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 50 hospitals across the state beginning this week. The hats were lovingly hand made by more than 230 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 while offering new parents information about living a heart-healthy life.

Participating hospitals include:

Adams Memorial Hospital	Decatur
Bluffton Regional Medical Center	Bluffton
Cameron Hospital	Angola
Columbus Regional Health	Columbus
Community Hospital East	Indianapolis
Community Hospital North	Indianapolis
Community Hospital South	Indianapolis
Community Hospital Anderson	Anderson
Community Hospital	Munster
Community Howard Regional Health	Kokomo
Dearborn County Hospital	Lawrenceburg
Decatur County Hospital	Greensburg
DeKalb Health	Auburn
Dukes Memorial Hospital	Peru
Dupont Hospital	Fort Wayne
Elkhart General Hospital	Elkhart
Eskenazi Health	Indianapolis
Franciscan Health Crown Point	Crown Point
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Franciscan Health Hammond	Hammond
Franciscan Health Indianapolis	Indianapolis
Franciscan Health Michigan City	Michigan City
Franciscan Health Mooresville	Mooresville
Franciscan St. Elizabeth Health	Lafayette
Good Samaritan Hospital	Vincennes
Goshen Health System	Goshen
Hancock Regional Hospital	Greenfield
Hendricks Regional Health	Danville
IU Health Arnett Hospital	Lafayette
IU Health Bloomington Hospital	Bloomington
Kosciusko Community Hospital	Warsaw
Lutheran Hospital	Fort Wayne
Major Hospital	Shelbyville
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 Wabash Hospital	Wabash
Parkview Whitley Hospital	Columbia City
Porter Regional Hospital	Chesterton
Saint Joseph Health System	Mishawaka
St. Catherine's	East Chicago
St. Joseph Hospital	Fort Wayne
St. Mary's Medical Center	Hobart
St. Vincent Kokomo	Kokomo
Union Hospital	Terre Haute
Witham Hospital	Lebanon

This is the fourth year the American Heart Association has delivered red hats for newborns in February. More than 12,000 babies have received the hats. Volunteers interested in donating materials or knitting or crocheting 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](http://heart.org) or call any of our offices around the country. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).