

## ***Buddy / First-Timer Session Sign-Up***

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I have attended at least one (1) Mended Hearts Convention.

\_\_\_\_\_ This is my first Mended Hearts Convention.

Sign up to be a “Buddy,” or as a “First-time Attendee”. You will be paired with a Buddy and can start to communicate and get to know one another before the convention starts. You will meet for the first-time during the Buddy / Newcomer Session. Our goal is to help you form a bond that will last far beyond this convention.

Remember: “It’s great to be alive...and to help others!”

Enrollment form for Buddy and/or First-Timer:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_ Retired: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Date / Type of cardiac event: \_\_\_\_\_

Special interests / hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

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We hope you will join us. Please complete and return this form to:

**Mary Maguire  
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## ***The Buddy System***

### ***For First-Timer Attendees...Or...If You Want to Be a Buddy!***

The Buddy System is designed to help first-time attendees at the Mended Hearts annual convention. Unless you are attending with someone who has attended a prior convention, you might feel unsure and not know what to expect. It has proven very helpful to have a Buddy to answer questions and show newcomers around. We want you to feel comfortable and welcome and be able to have an enjoyable convention experience.

Here's how it works. Please fill out the application as a first-time attendee or Buddy, as the case may be, and after the registration period, each newcomer will be paired with a Buddy. Contact information will be sent to each of you and the Buddy will call or email you. Once in touch with each other, you can ask questions, exchange ideas and get to know each other before leaving for Orlando.

Upon arrival, and after you register, you will have a convention schedule. One of the first events will be a Buddy / First-Timer Workshop where you will meet your Buddy in person, if you haven't already. Feel free to ask questions of any convention volunteers or staff as well as your Buddy. Relax, have fun, and enjoy the events. After all, it's your Convention!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Mary Maguire on my cell phone at 304-280-5221, or you may email me at [meddhartmm@hotmail.com](mailto:meddhartmm@hotmail.com).

See you all in Orlando!  
Mary Maguire