

Be a Buddy!

WE NEED YOU, OUR MEMBERS, AND FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES

Several years ago we brought back a buddy system concept that matches first-time attendees with a buddy, usually an experienced Mended Heart member who is a convention veteran.

The buddy system has been highly successful and well-received by first-timers who appreciated the support of one who's 'been there' – and Mended Hearts members can relate to that -- as well as veteran attendees who made new friends in the process of graciously helping guide others.

Here's how it works: Sign up below as either a first-timer buddy or as a veteran buddy. I will try to match buddies by the profile information provided. The information will then be shared with matched buddies after advance registration closes (May 2). This way, you can begin to communicate and get to know one another ahead of time and this has worked well in the past.

At the convention, there will be a First-Timer/Buddy Orientation where you will meet in person. Our goal is to help form a common bond that experience has shown often lasts beyond the convention. After all, sharing is what Mended Hearts is all about. Remember, "It's great to be alive – and to help others!" Let's truly make a special effort and make our newcomers feel welcome. We want to introduce them into a group that will make them feel included and they will know we are here for genuine support. 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.

MEMBERS:

_____ YES, I have attended at least (1) Mended Heart Convention

Name: _____ Age: _____ Chapter #: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Phone #: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ Email: _____

Profession: _____ Heart Event: _____ Date: _____

Caregiver: _____ Special Interest/Hobbies: _____

FIRST TIME ATTENDEE:

_____ This is my first Mended Hearts Convention

Name: _____ Age: _____ Chapter #: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Phone #: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ Email: _____

Profession: _____ HeartEvent: _____ Date: _____

Caregiver: _____ Special Interest/Hobbies: _____

For the program to be most effective, we encourage buddies and first timers to complete and return this form to Mary Maguire no later than May 2, 2008.

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