



HEART HERO Sophia

Survivor, 8th Grade

By the time Sophia was three years old, she had over a dozen heart procedures and two open heart surgeries. Recently, she had her third open-heart surgery where surgeons reconstructed her pulmonary arteries and patched a small hole in her heart. Although Sophia has been through a lot, that doesn't stop her from enjoying her favorite things like reading, baking, and playing the violin! Sophia and her family are forever grateful for her doctors, nursing staff, and the American Heart Association for helping to keep hearts like hers healthy.

THE **KIDS HEART CHALLENGE** AND **AMERICAN HEART CHALLENGE** FUNDS RESEARCH THAT HELPS KIDS, LIKE **SOPHIA**, HAVE LONGER AND STRONGER LIVES. YOUR SUPPORT HELPS FAMILIES HAVE HOPE AND FOR THAT THEY ARE SO GRATEFUL.

TOGETHER, WE ARE CREATING A WORLD OF LONGER, HEALTHIER LIVES.