



## Second Chance Heartline:

...is an organization whose members have had cardiovascular surgery and other types of cardiac treatment.

### History

In 1972, St. John Hospital's Dr. Phillip Feringa noticed the positive psychological effect of a recovered coronary bypass surgery patient's visit with a post-operative patient. Because of this, Dr. Feringa wrote to all his former patients to see if they would be interested in forming a heart patient-related organization, geared toward helping cardiovascular surgery patients both pre- and post-operatively.

The response was overwhelming and in October 1973, Second Chance Heartline became a reality. Officers were elected and a visitation committee was formed.

### What We Do

We visit cardiovascular surgery patients to offer support and answer non-medical questions. We also meet bi-monthly in the auditorium at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Guest speakers provide our members with information about heart disease, medical and surgical treatment, counseling and insight on various health-related subjects.

This volunteer group is part of Cardiology-Cardiovascular Services of St. John Hospital and Medical Center. They are supported by the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program. The annual summer picnic and the annual fall dinner awards banquet are a few of our major events.

### Membership

All Cardiovascular surgery and cardiac patients and their spouses are welcome to become members of Second Chance. Membership dues are \$12 per year. If you'd like to join us, just send the completed form below to:

*Second Chance Heartline Unit  
c/o St. John Hospital and Medical Center  
Cardiac Rehabilitation Program  
22101 Moross Road  
Detroit, MI 48236-2172*

For more information, please call  
**313-343-3157**

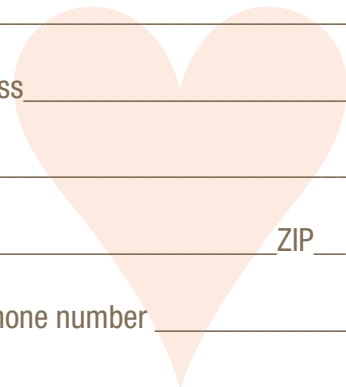
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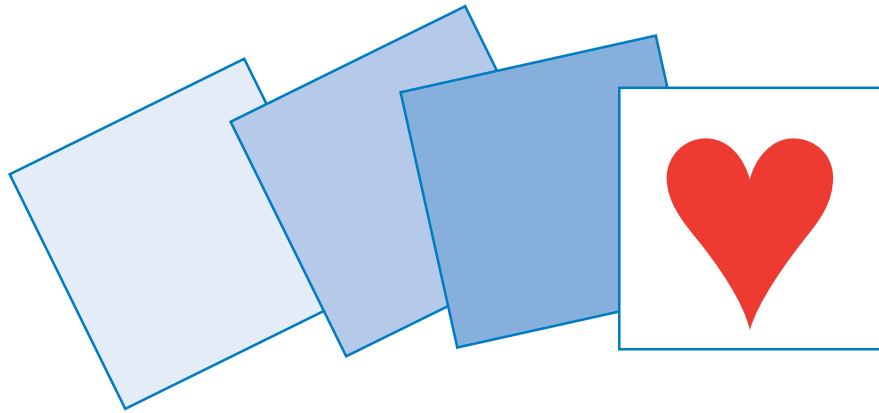
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