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**December 10th 2013: Genetics in Congenital Heart Defect Community**

Congenital heart defects, the #1 birth defect, affect at least 1 in 100 babies born throughout the world yet when asked what causes heart defects, most doctors have had to admit they don't really know. Many doctors tell parents that their children's heart defects are "flukes of nature." Occasionally heart defects are linked to particular diseases mothers were exposed to while pregnant, drugs they took or common to a family, but most of the time, doctors have had no clue what has caused complex congenital heart defects . . . until now. Finally, thanks to the advent of new tests and dissatisfied

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**Featured Guests**



**Jennifer Reed**  
Jennifer Reed is the Coordinator at Mended Little Hearts of Dallas, Texas. Jennifer Reed is currently a senior at the University of Texas at Tyler and a special education instructional aide at Canton High School, in Canton, TX.

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**Dr. Angela Scheuerle**  
Dr. Angela Scheuerle is a Medical Geneticist: she fell in love with genetics as a sophomore in high school and never looked back. She received her bachelor's degree from Sewanee: The University of the South and her M.D. from the University of South Florida College of Medicine.

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**Ben Weisbuch**  
Ben Weisbuch suffered his first episode of sudden cardiac arrest or SCA on July 18, 2010. His wife Miranda saved his life. Ben spent five days in a coma and underwent heart surgery, but managed to walk out of the hospital under his own power.

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**Dr. Dudley Woodrow Benson**  
Dr. Benson, Professor of Pediatrics and Director of Pediatric Cardiac Research at Children's Hospital of WI, Medical College of WI, attended medical and graduate school at Emory University.

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