

Million Hearts® is a national initiative to prevent 1 million heart attacks and strokes by 2017. [Million Hearts®](#) brings together communities, health systems, nonprofit organizations, federal agencies, and private-sector partners from across the country to fight heart disease and stroke.

Million Hearts® now has an online community for you to connect, collaborate, and highlight the work you're doing in support of the initiative! Since the launch of Million Hearts®, we've heard your requests for an online space where you can share resources and ideas with others in your state, community, or sector. We believe we've created such a space on the mapping and networking site [Community Commons](#) and invite you to register and join the Million Hearts® Group page.

By joining the Group, you can:

- Highlight the work your organization is doing to prevent heart disease and stroke
- Connect and collaborate with organizations in your state, community, or sector
- Learn about other organizations' successes to guide your organization's work
- Share heart disease and stroke prevention resources and best practices

Our ability to make the Million Hearts® community on Community Commons a success depends on you! As we prepare to promote our Group page in August, we ask you to join the Group now and help create a strong Million Hearts® presence on the site. We need your feedback on what works and what doesn't. You can help by taking these important steps:

1. Register and create an individual profile on Community Commons. After registering with a user name and password, you will immediately be sent an email with a link to activate your account. Once you click on the link, your account is activated; you will need to wait and receive an email that you've been approved before you can join the Group.
2. Join the Million Hearts® [Group page](#).
3. Identify yourself, your organization, and who you would like to meet in the Activity section.
4. Create or respond to a post in the Activity or Forums section.
5. Explore Million Hearts® Group and Community Commons to gain a better understanding of the site and its functions.
6. Ask questions and provide feedback in the Activity section to let Community Commons know what works and what doesn't.
7. Work with your organization to create an Initiative Profile so that your organization is recognized as part of the Million Hearts® cohort on the [Map of the Movement](#). (See the attached FAQs to learn more about how to do this.)

8. In addition to the FAQs don't forget to check out the attached Million Hearts® Connections document to learn more about the benefits for your organization of being part of the Million Hearts® Group and Community Commons site.

Please register today. Your active participation on the Million Hearts® Group page will inspire others to join and make Community Commons a fantastic place to team up to promote cardiovascular health.

If you have questions about how to join Community Commons and the Million Hearts® Group page please email millionhearts@cdc.gov.

As always, thank you for the work you are doing to support Million Hearts®!

Sincerely,

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