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CUTLINE: JACKSON, Miss. - Mississippi's First Lady, Marsha Barbour, center left, presents Mended Little Hearts of Mississippi with a state proclamation for Congenital Heart Awareness Week, February 7-14. Mended Little Hearts members are, from left, Barbara Marshall, Erin and Caylen Ayscue, all of Clinton, Angee, Riley and Lindsey Brock of Brandon, Kristi and Christopher Pena of Richland, Lauren and Abbygale Roberts of Brandon, Heather and Joshua Koziol of Florence, and Jennifer Chance of Brandon.

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The Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children, part of University of Mississippi Health Care, is located on the campus of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. It is the only hospital in the state devoted exclusively to the care and treatment of sick and injured youngsters. More than 150,000 children from all of the state's 82 counties come to Batson Hospital each year. The spectrum of care ranges from well-child care for healthy newborns to care for cancer, birth defects, epilepsy, cystic fibrosis, sickle cell anemia, neurological disorders, pulmonary disease, trauma, allergies, diabetes and numerous other childhood illnesses.