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Favorite Time of Year!



*We just celebrated our favorite time of the year! **Cooper's Cause Foundation** gave grant awards to **3 amazing families!** We also reached an exciting milestone: **Cooper's Cause Foundation** has given **more than \$100,000 to 22 families!** We could not have done it without you! We are so thankful for all of our volunteers and our donors.*

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

Sponsor Spotlight: Meet Terry M. Garrett!

Cooper's Cause Foundation Treasurer

Terry is a long time resident of Lawrence with more than 15 years of professional accounting experience. His firm, Terry M. Garrett CPA, has served individuals, families, and businesses throughout the area with their tax preparation needs since 2004. The firm specializes in business and individual tax planning/preparation and small business start-up consulting. In addition, the firm helps businesses with financial statement compilations and payroll and bookkeeping services. There are 2 convenient office locations to serve clients (Lawrence and Lenexa).

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GRANTEE HIGHLIGHT: ~ Makalyn Aubert ~



It was during a routine ultrasound at 20 weeks in 2012 that the Aubert family was told “there is something wrong with your baby’s heart”. After medical opinions, appointments, and meetings they decided to deliver Makalyn (Ma-K-Lynn) at St. Louis Children’s Hospital (SLCH). On March 4, 2013 she was born emergency C-section. Makalyn weighed 5 lbs, 14 oz, and was 17” long. The heart defects she has are known as Dextrocardia, Tricuspid Atresia, VSD, and D-TGA. The easiest way to explain her heart is that it is backwards, on the right side of her chest, her right ventricle did not develop (she only has 1 pumping chamber), the 2 great vessels of her heart were transposed, and her aorta had severe narrowing. Four short days after delivery she had her first major heart surgery called the “Norwood”. Her surgery went well and there were only a few hiccups during recovery. At 6 months old the family returned to SLCH for a Cardiac Cath. On August 29, Makalyn had her second open heart surgery called the “Glenn”.

The Auberts were a **Copper's Cause** recipient in 2014, and the money they received that year helped pay for an overseas net coaching feeding program called NoTube. It was successful and they got Makalyn off an NG feeding tube (from her nose to stomach) within 9 days from starting the program. She was 9 months old at the time and had become 100% dependent of her feeding tube. Their insurance did not cover it as it was outside the United States.

Makalyn’s other medical diagnosis include a duplex right kidney, a hemangioma on her liver, and congenital hypothyroidism. Makalyn’s baby teeth are hypoplastic, because of no enamel on her teeth, 4 of her molars had decay in them and had to be extracted due to her heart defects, 4 other molars have silver crowns on them, and 2 front teeth have fillings. She also got ear tubes the same time as she was under for the dental procedure. Makalyn has astigmatism in 1 eye and wears glasses. Currently Makalyn takes 5 daily medicines twice a day for her heart function and thyroid.

From everything mentioned Makalyn is doing very good! She turned 4 last month. Makalyn started preschool this year and absolutely loves spending time with her friends and teachers. Makalyn’s best buddy is the kids’ (she has 2 siblings) dog named Pickles. Weight gain is still a struggle for Makalyn as she currently weighs about 25 lbs. She still needs a third heart surgery called the “Fontan” for her heart to be considered “repaired”. Her heart surgeon wants her to weigh 35 lbs for the best possible surgery outcome, so the Auberts are waiting and enjoying life every day with her.





Piggy Bank Fundraiser a Success!

A special thank you goes out to the following businesses:

- Orange Leaf • J&S Coffee • LOL
- HyVee Gas Station on 6th
- T Loft • Eccentricity

**ANNUAL
COOPER'S CAUSE
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Friday, July 21
Eagle Bend Golf Course, Lawrence
9:00am**



More info to come at

<http://www.cooperscause.com/events-golf-tournament-2017.html>



9th Annual Cooper's Cause

- 5K
- 10K
- 1 Mile Fun Run

**Saturday, May 6
Rock Chalk Park, Lawrence
8:00am**

Run (or walk!) to
<http://www.cooperscause.com/events-funrun-2017.html>
to register today!



See you next month!



**Cooper's Couture:
a fashion event to benefit
Cooper's Cause Foundation**

**Tuesday, October 10
The Oread Hotel, Lawrence
6:00pm-9:00pm**

We hope you can join us for Cooper's Couture! Monies collected will help families that have health insurance but do not qualify for many of the programs designed to aid in the unexpected and substantial financial burden related to pediatric heart conditions.

Please visit <http://www.cooperscause.com/events-coopers-couture-2017.html> for further details!



Cooper's Couture
A FASHION BENEFIT FOR
COOPER'S CAUSE FOUNDATION
Tuesday, Oct 10th, 2017, 6 - 9 PM, The Oread



If you, or know someone who, would be interested in volunteering on a committee for upcoming events, or interested in sponsorship, please contact COOPERSCAUSE@SUNFLOWER.COM.

