



Cooper's Cause Foundation

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the First Annual Cooper's Cause Foundation Newsletter. Cooper's Cause Foundation was founded in October 2008 to benefit pediatric heart patients and their families with their mounting medical costs. When the foundation was established our vision was to provide financial assistance to families of pediatric heart patients. We imagined not only providing assistance but to completely meet the financial obligations after insurance for all hospital and doctor bills incurred by the family. We wish to make a bold impact on lives one family at a time. Due to the amazing support we have received from volunteers and donations, we will be carrying out our vision. On January 15th we will select the first family or families that will receive benefits from Cooper's Cause Foundation! This is what it is all about.

Thank you for taking time to support our cause and know we could not be doing this without each and every one of you!

Coins for Cooper's Cause

2009 began with a wonderful fundraiser all about children. First Presbyterian Church Preschool students brought spare change to school for a little over 1 month. The teaching staff not only used this opportunity to teach generosity but also to further the children's math development and much more. This fundraiser brought more the monetary donations to our foundation but also a warmth that is hard to explain as we heard these preschoolers tell us why they raised this money. It was a day we will not forget.

This fundraiser is starting again in a few weeks for 2010. If there are any other schools that would like to challenge FPC Preschool, they are ready for the challenge!

LAWRENCE GIVE BACK

GET THIS FREE CARD....



....AND COOPER'S CAUSE FOUNDATION WILL GET DONATIONS!

Cooper's Cause Foundation has been a recipient of the wonderful Lawrence Give Back program. If you do not yet have a card, please let us know and we will be happy to deliver one to you! If you are not familiar with the exciting program, please visit

www.lawrencegiveback.com



New and Improved Website soon!!!
www.cooperscause.org

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St. Patrick's Day Parade

Cooper's Cause Foundation participated in the 2009 Lawrence St. Patrick's Day Parade. It was a fun day for all. We are excited to have a float again in 2010!

Keep an eye out for our 1951 Ford Pickup named "John Henry".

Special points of interest:

- Our website address:
www.cooperscause.org
- February is Heart Health Month
- Lawrence Give Back program. We strongly encourage you all to pick up a card and select Cooper's Cause Foundation as the charity of your choice.

Cooper's Cause Bowl-A-Thon

Cooper's Cause 1st Annual Bowl-a-thon was held last year at Royal Crest Lanes in Lawrence. It was a great time for the entire family!

We are looking forward to this year's 2nd Annual Bowl-a-thon to be held on April 17th at 1pm again at Royal Crest Lanes. We hope you all can join us!

Cooper's Cause 5K

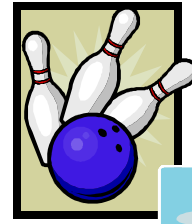
Another great year for our 5K and Fun Run. With the support of various running groups and an amazing community, this fundraiser is growing in popularity. We are proud to say our race is now officially timed and we will continue to make it a fun and worthwhile race.

Our 3rd Annual 5K and Fun run will be held on September 18th. Please watch our website for registration information.



Cooper's Cause Golf Tournament

Cooper's Cause Golf Tournament is another popular fundraiser. This tournament is full of fun with fantastic prizes, drinks and a perfect way to spend a Friday afternoon. This year's tournament will be held on July 10th. Watch our website for more details.



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"I don't think we could honor Cooper any better than to be doing what we are now!"

Thank you!

COOPER'S BIRTHDAY BASH

We celebrated Cooper's 2nd Birthday in a big way. Henry T's, Set 'em Up Jacks, On the Border, Applebee's and Wheat State Pizza all helped us celebrate by donating 10% of their proceeds from 6pm to 9pm on Cooper's Birthday, November 28th. We look forward to continuing this tradition and adding additional restaurants yearly.



Our foundation has been blessed with community support. We have been fortunate enough to have been selected as recipients of monies raised by Allen Press in 2009 in the months of July, August and September as well as them providing volunteers and participants for many of our fundraisers. Again in 2010 we have been a selected charitable group for their support.

We greatly appreciate what you are doing for us!

Our local Domino's Pizza selected Cooper's Cause Foundation as the recipient of a portion of the proceeds from campaigns ran for their company. Troy Green and his staff have supported us through donations and participation in our events since we began our journey.

A huge thank you to Dominos Pizza.

In Scott City, KS the family of Kristi Keefer has helped raise money through a night of dining at their local Pizza Hut and Trick or Treating for Cooper's Cause. Their efforts have been outstanding!

We cannot tell you the number of spontaneous donations we have received from individuals and groups. One group donated a sizeable amount after holding a "swap meet" to raise money for the foundation. We were pleasantly surprised by their thoughtfulness. This is only one example of the many wonderful offerings we have been blessed with!

You are part of something very big here, don't underestimate the power of a dream!

RAELYNN'S ROCK STARS

Raelynn's Rock Stars has not got much attention, yet. This portion of Cooper's Cause Foundation was founded by Sarah Farthing, owner of J&S Coffee. Sarah founded Raelynn's Rock Stars because of the tremendous strength siblings of pediatric heart patients have to endure. Raelynn is Cooper's big sister and deserves a celebration on her behalf just as the other siblings in the

families we benefit will receive. Raelynn's celebration will be held this year at the Cooper's Cause Bowl-a-thon on April 17, 2010. This will be the first of many celebrations held on behalf of such extraordinary brothers and sisters.

Raelynn's Rock Stars is not funded in any way by the money raised for Cooper's Cause Foundation. The money needed to support

this portion of the foundation is raised separately by simple donation boxes placed at J & S Coffee.

Thank you Sarah Farthing for remembering these difficult times are trying for everyone!



NEW FOR 2010

We have 2 new fundraisers to introduce in 2010. The first, Texas Hold em' Poker Tournament will be held on January 23rd at Steve's Place in Lawrence. Please see our website for more details.

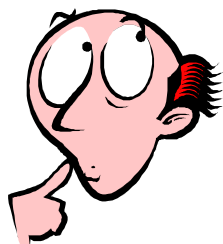
Cooper's Cause Foundation will now be recycling used cell phones at all our events. We will also be placing drop boxes

around town so watch for more details to come. We love that we can help our environment along with helping others!

We are also raising money for the foundation through fundraisers by Send Out Cards! For more information on Sendout Cards, contact Wendi at socwendi@yahoo.com

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Helping pediatric heart patients and their families focus on what's important.



Any new ideas or information let us know!!!

Sometimes life's most difficult challenges inspire us to achieve great things. That's the spirit fueling Cooper's Cause Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to paying forward Cooper William Keefer's blessing by supporting families as they face the strain of unexpected medical expenses related to pediatric heart conditions. Together, we can impact these little fighters' lives and realize the true power of their innocent smiles.

UPDATE ON COOPER WILLIAM KEEFER

Cooper is now 2 years old and doing great. He is a typical 2 year old that seems to get ornerier day by day. He is still facing challenges with poor circulation and inadequate oxygen supply in his blood. He will be undergoing yet another open heart surgery in May of 2010. Your continued thoughts and prayers are so much appreciated. The Keefer Family feels unbelievably blessed to be surrounded with family, friends and a community of compassionate people. They will never forget what has been done for them and will continue to "pay it forward" to other families in their situation.

You can keep up to date on the Keefer Family at www.thekeefefamily.blogspot.com.

