

Cooper's Cause Foundation

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WEBSITE UPDATES

The website looks fantastic! If you have not visited us there yet, please do so at www.cooperscause.org. There are changes and additions daily. We are now able to take online donations, registrations and sponsorships. We will be adding sponsor forms and registration forms to the website as they become available. The website is a great tool to use to help promote our cause.

LAWRENCE GIVE BACK

GET THIS FREE CARD....



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

An exciting program is now being introduced in Lawrence whereby Checkers and 17 locally owned restaurants will donate a portion of every food purchase to the local Lawrence charitable organization or school selected by cardholders. The restaurants will donate 5% of the food purchase and Checkers will donate 1% of food purchases. PLUS, cardholders also get the same percentage rebate in the form of reward points on all purchases loaded onto the card for use with future food purchases at Checkers or any of the participating restaurants! Check out the details at www.lawrencegiveback.com



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

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COINS FOR COOPER'S CAUSE

What a success!!! The FPC Preschool raised \$376.05. The presented us with the check, a large heart with the total money raised and much love with the preschoolers right there. It was a very touching presentation to watch and hear these preschoolers explain the fundraiser, why they did it and what it was for. We cannot thank the church, preschool, children and families enough! This was also the first fundraiser done for Cooper's Cause Foundation directly.

NICE JOB FPC PRESCHOOL!!!!!!

SWAP MEET RAISES MONEY

Terry had been approached by some people wanting to raise money for the foundation through a swap meet. We had been waiting for them to contact us with further details. This month, this group decided to carry out their idea. They raised \$777 during a swap meet they held. We were both very touched and surprised with their efforts. They also wish to be included in other fundraising ideas and hope to raise additional funds throughout the year.

Special points of interest:

- New website address:
www.cooperscause.org
- Cooper's Cause Bowl-A-Thon is our next fundraiser, don't miss it!
- 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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

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The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on March 17, 2009. The parade will begin at 1pm at South Park in Lawrence. This is a fun and exciting way to get our name out there and let people know about our cause. We will be driving "John Henry", a 1951 Midnight Blue Ford F-1 PU. It will be decorated with Cooper's Cause Foundation banners, green four leaf clovers and magnetic jayhawks. We will be decorating "John Henry" at Pat O'Toole's home located at

1032 Stonecreek Dr. Lawrence on Sunday March 15th time TBA. Kelly Ballard and Kristi Keefer will be collecting decorating supplies and candy for the event. We will have the Keefer Family and two board members riding in the back. Pat O'Toole will be driving. There will be room for another up front and then we will need 2 to 4 people walking behind passing out candy. The shirts have been ordered for the event and we should have them within

the week. If you missed your chance to order a shirt we did order a few extras.

Thank you Oats for letting us use John Henry!!!



Watch for our float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade March 17th in Downtown Lawrence

COOPER'S CAUSE BOWL-A-THON

Cooper's Cause Bowl-A-Thon will be held at Royal Crest Lanes 933 Iowa St Lawrence on April 5th 4pm to 6pm. Stephanie Temple and Kristi Keefer are heading the committee for this event. For this event it will be \$10 per bowler, \$5 of which will go to the foundation. We are looking to bring in 200 bowlers. We have begun circulating flyers for the event. If any of you would like a flyer or

have a suggestion of where we should distribute them, please let us know. We will also have a Jackpot Raffle.

ALLEN PRESS RAISES MONEY FOR COOPER'S CAUSE

We met with our contact, Dave Atwell, at Allen Press. We have been awarded the months of July, August and September for Allen Press to hold fundraisers to support Cooper's Cause Foundation. They will also provide us with volunteers during those months for other events when needed. There will be more information to follow as we near

the summer months.

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

Thank you!



July, August and September!!!

COOPER'S CAUSE 2ND ANNUAL 5K

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Cooper's Cause 2nd Annual 5K and Fun Run will be held on September 12th. There will be more information to follow regarding time and location. This event is headed by Tatum Eck. This group is already busy getting sponsors and have already raised over \$1500. This is sure to be a success!.



**Chairman
Tatum Eck**

COOPER'S CAUSE 2ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 2nd Annual Cooper's Cause Golf Tournament will be held on August 14th at Alvarado Country Club. Tom Pollard is the committee head for this event. This group have already started their planning and are looking forward to an even bigger turnout than last year. This was our biggest money raising event for 2008.

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

RAE LYNN'S ROCK STARS

Last month we collected funds at J & S Coffee to raise money to support Raelynn's Rock Stars. We are proud to announce that in one short month in one location we raised \$101.38! Way to go J & S Coffee! We are eager to celebrate our first Rock Star, Raelynn Keefer..



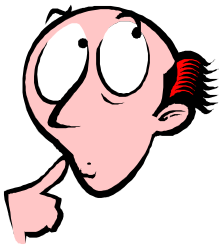
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Helping pediatric heart patients and their families focus on what's important.

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.

OTHER THINGS IN THE WORKS



Any new ideas or information let us know!!!

Cooper's Cause Foundation is also working on a Cooper's Cause Night Out. This will be an annual event on November 28th, Cooper's Birthday, where participating restaurants will give a percentage of their sales for that day or evening to our foundation. We have had some set backs with those heading this event. However, we are thankful to announce that Stephanie Temple will be heading this committee and look forward to its progression.

We now have 2 Cooper's Cause Foundation 3' X 6' banners. If these are needed at any of the events, please contact us. They are here for your use.

Our IRS application for exemption is still pending. Upon checking, they are extremely backlogged and currently reviewing July applications. Our application was received the first part of December