



Cooper's Cause Foundation

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WEBSITE UPDATES

The website continues to improve. We are now able to register and pay online for our upcoming events. Sponsors are also able to sign up on-line.

We continue to update the website with photos from our previous events.

Coming soon.....Stories from other families with children suffering from congenital heart defects.

If you know of a business or organization that has provided exceptional support to Cooper's Cause Foundation please provide me with their web link and we will add them to "Friends of Cooper's 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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St. Patrick's Day Parade

The St. Patrick's Day Parade was a lot of fun for everyone who participated. We had beautiful weather and an outstanding crowd. This event gave Cooper's Cause Foundation a chance to be noticed and a little publicity. We will participate in the parade again next year.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the float and attended the parade!

Cooper's Cause Bowl-a-thon

Cooper's Cause Bowl-a-thon was another successful event. Although we had hoped for a bigger number of participants, given the weather conditions and other events that weekend, we were pleased. We raised over \$400 with the event.

Special points of interest:

- New website address:
www.cooperscause.org
- Cooper's Cause 2nd Annual Golf Tournament 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.

ALLEN PRESS RAISES MONEY FOR COOPER'S CAUSE

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As previously reported, Allen Press has selected Cooper's Cause Foundation as one of the charities they will be supporting. 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. We are looking for ideas on what fundraiser they will hold for us. Current ideas are a Pancake Feed by

Chris's Cakes, Soup Feed or Hamburger and Hot Dog Feed. We are looking for other suggestions as well. There will be more information to follow as we near



July, August and September!!!

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. Sponsors and participants are now able to sign up and pay on line. Please direct anyone to the website for further informa-

tion. This was our biggest money raising event for 2008.

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

Thank you!

COOPER'S CAUSE 2ND ANNUAL 5K AND 1 MILE WALK

Cooper's Cause 2nd Annual 5K and 1 Mile Walk will be held on September 12th at the Bike Trails at the South Lawrence Traffic Way beginning at the Southwind 12 Theaters. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. and the Run at 8 a.m. 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!.

Sponsors and participants are now able to sign up and pay on line for this event too. Please direct anyone requesting additional information to the website.



Chairman Tatum Eck

Cooper's Cause Foundation helped support a bill introduced to the Senate and House of Representatives. This bill calls for increased funding for research, a national registry and funding for a national awareness and public education campaign. This legislation was introduced on March 17, 2009 and has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. We will keep you posted on the progress.

WE ARE FINALLY A 501(c)(3)

On April 17, 2009 we were officially recognized by the IRS as exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c)(3). We had been working at our non profit recognition since October 2008. We are so thankful for those who helped us get there. A special thanks to the Board of Directors for Cooper's Cause Foundation; Pat O'Toole, Lee Ice, Kelly Ballard, Terry Garrett and John

Johnson. We could not have made it without you!

Now that we are official and our fundraising is well on it's way, we must start focusing on the application process for those requesting funding from our foundation. The board of directors will be meeting this summer to begin compiling the application and criteria. If anyone can be of help with this process, please

notify the foundation at cooper-scause@sunflower.com. Any help will be greatly appreciated!

RAELYNN'S ROCK STARS

Chairman, Sarah Farthing, has elected the first celebration of Raelynn's Rock Stars be held for the original Rock Star, Raelynn Keefer. We will select a date for her celebration and keep you all posted. She is very deserving and we hope you all can make it!

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



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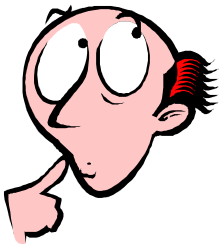
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Helping pediatric heart patients and their families focus on what's important.

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.

Cooper is scheduled for his 3rd Cardiac Catheter on May 21st. His next open heart surgery will be scheduled after that. Please remember he is what started all of this. Thank You Cooper!