



The Children's Heart Association was formed 60 years ago as a charity to benefit and administer contributions generated to assist in the care and treatment of pediatric heart disease.

The Mission of the Children Heart Association is to support and fund special needs of the Cardiac Care Unit of the Cincinnati Children's Hospital. The hospital is the principal beneficiary of The Children's Heart Association. Cincinnati Children's is the second largest Children's Hospital in the United States, treating over 10,000 patients each year. On a daily basis, children receive treatments ranging from diagnostic care to open heart surgery. These efforts are supported by funds raised by The Children's Heart Association.

The Children's Heart Association is a volunteer based organization, consisting of a Board of Directors and a Financial Committee to administer the financial portfolio. Since volunteers perform the work, there is no hidden administration cost like so many other charities. The Children's Heart Association is recognized by the IRS as Tax Exempt under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. FED ID 31-0537129

The Board and the Financial Committee distribute all funds upon request from Doctors in the Cardiac Care Unit at Cincinnati Children's. The request must be directed specifically toward three major areas, equipment, research or training.

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The Goodtimers Foundation is an all volunteer Ohio Non-Profit Corporation recognized by the IRS as Tax Exempt under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. FED ID 90-00367631

The Mission of the Goodtimers Foundation is to engage in activities that demonstrate support for our public servants and raise funds for the benefit of their agencies and other worthy causes in our community.

The Goodtimers Foundation came about as a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on our country. We realized that our true heroes don't hit home runs or throw touchdown passes. We found a new appreciation for the public servant; specifically our Police, Firefighters and EMS personnel. As did other Americans we asked ourselves, "What can we do?" Our response was to organize a motorcycle rally to raise funds benefiting the Police and Firefighters of New York City. This became FREEDOM RIDE, "A Call to Unity". With the help of Clear Channel Communications, and Goodtimers family and friends we managed to bring together nearly 1000 riders for the rally and over 1200 people for the post ride concert. The event raised more than \$35,000, which was donated to the Clear Channel Relief Fund.

Fueled by our success and feeling that patriotism and philanthropy are not just "one time" things we decided to create the Goodtimers Foundation and continue to "do something that makes a difference". FREEDOM RIDE became an annual event recognizing those who 'Serve and Protect' us. The Freedom Ride events have allowed us to donate more than \$95,000 to many of our local law enforcement agencies and charities. The proceeds are given "no strings attached" to help fund the needs of local D.A.R.E. programs, Ohio Special Olympics, Make a Wish, Boys Hope Girls Hope of Cincinnati, and The Michael W. Bany scholarship Fund and others.

In March of 2007 the Goodtimers Foundation held it's first '**Big Hearts Helping Little Hearts**' dinner dance and auction. This event raised \$70,000 for the Children's Heart Association, funding the special needs of the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Cardiac Department.

The Goodtimers Club is a fraternal group that socializes and enjoys sports together. We have been together for more than 40 years. The club began as a way to support a Sunday football team that many of the members played for. Today, the football team is gone, our cleats have been traded for golf shoes and we attend more sporting events than we participate in, but the organization and unity continues. The demographics of our club are as varied as the neighborhoods of Cincinnati. Our membership includes truck drivers and dentists, electricians and printers, home builders and salesmen, small business owners and now even a few retirees. Although we have diverse backgrounds, we share common values. We are fortunate to live as we do, where we do and we have a desire to "**do something that makes a difference**".

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