

Vision Statement

To address the immediate and eternal needs of families facing sudden cardiac death of children caused by viral myocarditis

Our current program is to support two separate issues involving immediate and eternal needs of families whose children have succumbed to sudden cardiac death caused by viral myocarditis.

The first issue we want to address would be the "immediate" need of a child's physical heart. One of our objectives is to support research in the area of sudden cardiac death in children specifically caused by viral myocarditis. Currently, we have assessed and believe that the research being conducted by Drs. Arruda and Boyle, at the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital, is worthy of our support. Their main focus currently is investigating and studying the causes, distribution, and control of Viral Myocarditis in the pediatric community. As it stands now it is a retrospective study, until all the data is able to be collected, collated and analyzed. It is their desire to find and define the early symptoms of Viral Myocarditis that patients might have when they go to emergency rooms. Part of the design of their studies will be a program to help increase awareness to local practitioners about what they should look for and when they should suspect a diagnosis of Myocarditis.

The second issue we plan to address would be the "eternal" need of a child's heart. We plan to accomplish this by providing camp scholarships for school aged children to attend Camp Carl, a ministry of The Chapel in Akron, Ohio. The eternal needs of children's hearts would be addressed by providing Christ-centered hope and healing through the ministry conducted at Camp Carl.

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