

Dear Friends,

On **September 19, 2009**, I will join hundreds of others to help end the devastating effects of viral myocarditis by hiking in the fifth annual *Alyssa's Hike for the Hearts*.

By pledging on my behalf, you are supporting viral myocarditis research at Cleveland Clinic's Children's Hospital and for scholarships for school-aged children to attend The Chapel's Camp Carl.

This hike is in honor of Alyssa Ann Calaway. Alyssa passed away very suddenly on September 12, 2002 from viral myocarditis, a disease without a cure, which is often fatal in young children. Other than flu-like symptoms immediately preceding her death, there was no clue that she was so ill. Alyssa was a bright, happy little girl who loved her family and friends. She is missed and loved by all those who knew her.

This event is at Akron's Goodyear Metro Park where we will hike the 1.8 mile Parcours trail in honor of Alyssa to raise awareness about this disease. My goal is to raise at least (\$) this year. Please help me reach that goal with your tax-deductible pledge. I have an envelope at my desk - please make your check payable to *Alyssa's Hike for the Hearts*. Following the event, I will send out a brief recap of Alyssa's Hike to my sponsors.

Let me know if you have any questions, you can check out the hike's website at <http://www.alyssashike.org/index.php> To learn more about Camp Carl, visit <http://www.campcarl.org/>.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,