

NCCCCHARITY PROGRAM

In 1975, Mr. Roger Clancy, a NCCC member from Youngstown, Ohio, formulated a plan for NCCC to be involved with charity work within our communities by sponsoring a Corvette giveaway. The first raffle car was given away at the 1977 NCCC annual convention that was being held in Dallas, Texas and thus began the NCCC Charity Committee.

This program has grown steadily during the past 28 years, not only in dollar amounts that it has given, but also in its areas of service. During this time period, NCCC, as an all volunteer organization, has donated over \$1.5 million to 3 major charity programs - the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Spina Bifida Association of America and the National Kidney Foundation. In 1996, we began working with the NKF in support of their Transplant Games and the Organ Donor Awareness Program. Each year, for the past 28 years, we have raffled a new Corvette with tickets being sold across the country at car shows, meetings, Corvette events, and among friends and co workers. With the assistance of the Chevrolet Motor Division, NCCC has been fortunate to be allotted a Corvette each year to be purchased for the raffle. During 1981 -83, we were able to purchase the first or second car produced.

Proceeds from the raffle in the last nine years have netted a donation of greater than \$500,000 to the National Kidney Foundation. This donation amount does not include monies earned by local NCCC clubs that are linked with other local charities in their community. It is difficult to have accurate numbers from these extra earnings over the past 28 years, but it is probably safe to say that as an organization, NCCC members have donated over 3 million dollars to charities across the country.

The NCCC Charity Committee expanded its activities in 1990 with the initiation of the disaster program. This program was designed to assist members during times of financial crisis and/or disasters. Monies raised for this program are generated through in house craft sales, a 50/50 raffle conducted at each National Governors Meeting, and the dollar raffle s held at the annual National Convention. Monies from this program have assisted members during disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes and sudden deaths of family members.

In 1990, the NCCC Charity Committee also established a scholarship program for members and their children to assist with educational opportunities at the college level. Funding for these scholarships is derived from special gifts from members, clubs, regions, and sponsors as well as the dollar raffle at the annual NCCC Convention. Volunteer members of NCCC that are educators serve as members of the committee in the selection process.

Over the years, numerous NCCC members have volunteered their time to serve on this committee. However, leadership responsibilities have fallen to just a few. Roger Clancy was the initial

chairman of this group and he was succeeded after his death by Gary Bedra. Gary served as the Chairman of the Charity Committee until 1981 at which time Gary Daugherty began a long tenure in this position. Gary worked tirelessly in this position through 1995. Patrick Dolan was appointed as the Director of the Charity Program in 1996 and under his leadership, the entire program has grown in its activity with the NKF and among the members of NCCC in their support of charity. Having served in several NCCC national offices including NCCC President for 4 years, Patrick brings much experience and knowledge to this committee as well as fiscal responsibility.

This aspect of NCCC is unique among car clubs and is one that we take great pride in. Mr. Clancy is no longer with us but because of his desire to help us see beyond ourselves and to become involved in a greater work, we have a successful charity program that is reaching out to others in the community. In honor of Mr. Clancy, the SBAA established the Roger Clancy Humanitarian Award that is given annually to a NCCC member who has gone the extra miles in their work with the Charity Committee. Thanks Roger for helping us to reach out!